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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- African American Ebonics
- Afro-Caribbean Languages
- Afro-Diasporic Social Thought
- Afrocentric Historiography
- Kemetic Language (a.k.a Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics)
- Ancient African Civilizations
- Histories of Race and Racism

## EDUCATION

### *Temple University*

**2021:** PhD, Africology

- Dissertation: “Translation as a Cultural Act: An Africological Analysis of *Medew Netcher* from a Jamaican Perspective”

### *University of Toronto*

**2016:** M.A., Ancient Near Eastern Studies

- Concentration in Egyptology and Nubian Studies

### *York University*

**2013:** Honours B.A. Major/Minor, History and Classical Studies, *Dean’s Honour Roll*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

- Co-authored w/ Solange Ashby. “Nubia as a Place of Refuge: Nile Valley Resistance Against Foreign Invasion.” *Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Nubian Studies Conference in Paris (September 10-15 2018)* (Forthcoming)
- “Undoing the Hottentoting of ‘the Queen of Punt’: A Jamaican Afronography on the Kemetiu Depiction of Ati of Punt.” *Journal of Black Studies* 52.1 (2021), 3-23.
- “Herodotus and the Black Body: A Critical Race Theory Analysis”. *Journal of Black Studies* 46.7 (2015), 723-741.

## Book Reviews

- Review of *The Fourth Cataract and Beyond: Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Nubian Studies*, eds. Julie R. Anderson and Derek A. Welsby (2014), *Rosetta* 18 (2015), 94-100. Web.
- Review of *Immigrant Women in Athens: Gender, Ethnicity, and Citizenship in the Classical City*, by Rebecca Futo Kennedy (2014), *Rosetta* 17 (2015), 167-171. Web. <<http://www.rosetta.bham.ac.uk/issue17/Samuels.pdf>>
- Review of *Race and Ethnicity in the Classical World: An Anthology of Primary Sources in Translation* (2013), eds. Rebecca Kennedy et al. *Rosetta* 16 (2014), 60-65. Web. <<http://www.rosetta.bham.ac.uk/issue16/samuels.pdf>>
- Review of *Egypt in its African Context: Proceedings of the conference held at The Manchester Museum, University of Manchester, 2-4 October 2009*. Ed. Karen Exel (2011). *Rosetta* 15 (2014), 75-80. Web. <<http://www.rosetta.bham.ac.uk/issue15/samuels.pdf>>
- Review of *Race: Antiquity and its Legacy*, by D.E. McCoskey (2012). *Electryone* 1.2 (2013), 39-43. Web. <<http://www.electryone.gr/?p=486>>

## Review Articles

- “E-Racing Identity in Antiquity: Jeremy McNerney, *A Companion to Ethnicity in Ancient Mediterranean*. Oxford, Wiley-Blackwell, 2014”. *Rosetta* 19 (2017), 36-42. Web.
- “The Elephant in the Room: The Difficulties of Confronting Racism in Early Egyptology”. *Eras* 16.2 (2015), 101-06. Web. <<http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/eras/files/2015/01/Eras-162-07-Samuels-Review-Essay1.pdf>>
- “Misreading Black Others in Greco-Roman Antiquity”. *FeRA* 22 (2013), 39-42. Web. <<http://s145739614.online.de/fera/ausgabe22/Samuels.pdf>>

## COURSES TAUGHT

- **AAAS 0829 3.0** History and Significance of Race. Temple University, Fall 2020
- **AAAS 0834 3.0** Representing Race. Temple University, Summer I 2019 (online), Fall 2020
- **AAAS 0857 3.0** Sports and Leisure in American Society. Temple University, Fall 2019 (online)
- **AAAS 1253 3.0** Blacks in World History. Temple University, Fall 2019 (online)
- **AAAS 1271 3.0** Urban Black Politics. Temple University, Spring 2018
- **AAAS 2100 3.0** Special Topics: Introduction to Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics I. Temple University, Fall 2017
- **AAAS 2205 3.0** Black Politics in America. Temple University, Fall 2018
- **AAAS 2242 3.0** Afrocentricity. Temple University, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021
- **AAAS 2251 3.0** Mass Media and the Black Community. Temple University, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

## INVITED LECTURES

- **Nov 20 2020:** “In its Proper Place: Afrocentricity and Kemet”. Everyday Orientalism. Online.
- **Nov 16 2020:** “What Makes a Language “Afrikan”? The Verbal Paradigm in *Medew Netcher*”. UCLA, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Introduction to Middle Egyptian Course. Lecture Series: Part 3 of 3. Online.
- **Oct 21 2020:** “What Makes a Language “Afrikan”? Non-Verbal Sentences in *Medew Netcher*”. UCLA, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Introduction to Middle Egyptian Course. Lecture Series: Part 2 of 3. Online.
- **Oct 12 2020:** “What Makes a Language “Afrikan”? Ebonics Languages in an Afrikan Context”. UCLA, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Introduction to Middle Egyptian Course. Lecture Series: Part 1 of 3. Online.
- **Sept 25 2020:** Co-panelist on “Language as Power”. Africa Fest 2020. Online.
- **Sept 19 2020:** Interview. “Africa and Egypt: Interview with Tristan Samuels”. Digital Hammurabi. Online.
- **Sept 14 2020:** Co-panelist on “The Nubian Past: Scholars Building Community”. NubiaFest 2020. Online.
- **May 11 2018:** “Diasporic Continuity: Ancient Egyptian and Ebonics”, Ohio State University, African-American Community Extension Center, Columbus, Ohio, USA

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Jun. 3 2021:** “Translation A Cultural Ting: An Exercise in Afrocentric Translation”. Caribbean Studies Association 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Online.
- **Feb. 18 2021:** “*Afrika Deh Pon De Translation*: Afrocentric translation with the Jamaican language”. African Philosophies of Language Conference, UCLA African Studies Center. Online.
- **Nov. 6 2020:** “*Kemet Deh-Deh Long Time*: Afrocentric translation in a diasporic context”. ASCAC Midwest Conference 2020. Online
- **Jun. 7 2019:** “*Frum Kemet tuu Jumieka*: An Afrocentric Perspective on Mervyn Alleyne’s Analysis of the Jamaican Language”. The Many Facets of Mervyn C. Alleyne, Society for Caribbean Linguistics, Kingston, Jamaica.
- **Apr. 19 2019:** “From the Nile Valley to the Afrikan Diaspora: Medew Netcher and Ebonics Languages”. 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC). Brooklyn, NY, USA
- **Apr. 12 2019:** “Ancient Egypt in the Jamaican Language”. Ways of Knowing: Scholars of Color Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- **Mar. 8 2019:** “Gender Duality in Afrikan Language”. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCBS Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- **Oct. 12 2018:** “A Invokative Pronoun Dis: An Afrocentric Analysis of ‘A’ in the Jamaican Language”, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheikh Anta Diop International Conference, Philadelphia, PA, USA

- **Sep. 11 2018:** “Nubia as a Place of Refuge – Nile Valley Resistance against Foreign Invasion”, 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Nubian Studies, September 11, Paris, France (co-presented with Solange Ashby)
- **Mar. 17 2018:** “Medew Netcher in an African Diasporic Context”, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual NCBS Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- **Mar. 11 2017:** “Hatshepsut: An Afrocentric Analysis”, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual NCBS Conference, Houston, Texas, USA
- **Apr. 22 2016:** “Hatshepsut in her African Context: A Comparative Analysis”, SSEA: Toronto Chapter Spring-Summer 2016 Lecture Series, University of Toronto, ON, Canada
- **Mar. 17 2016:** “Un-Hottentoting the Queen of Punt”, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual NCBS Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA
- **Mar. 3 2016:** “Westernizing the Ancient Egyptian Afterlife: A Critique of the Democratization Theory”, 20<sup>th</sup> NMC GSA Symposium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
- **Feb. 25 2015:** “Questioning Nubian ‘Egyptianization’”, 19<sup>th</sup> NMC GSA Symposium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
- **Feb. 21 2015:** “Herodotus & the Black Body: A Critical Race Theory Analysis”, New Frontiers Graduate History Conference, York University, Toronto, ON
- **Feb. 8 2014:** “Black Identity and Greco-Roman Slavery: A New Interpretation”, Brock University Graduate Student Conference, St. Catharines, ON

### LANGUAGES

- Jamaican Language Speaker (a.k.a Jamaican Creole, Jamaican *Patwa*)
- Middle and Late Forms of the Kemetic language (a.k.a Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics)

### ACADEMIC AWARDS

- **2020/2021:** Faculty Prize in Kemetic Studies, Africology, Temple University
- **2017/2018:** Outstanding Service Award, Africology, Temple University
- **2015/2016:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s Level
- **2014/2015:** University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science Graduate Admissions Award

### **EXTRA-CIRRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- **2019:** Presenter for the Africology & African American Studies Department at the annual Experience Temple Day Event (Feb 16)
- **2017-2018:** Volunteer in the Cheikh Anta Diop International Conference, Diopian Institute for Scholarly Advancement
- **2017:** Participant, Mendes, Tel el Ruba (Masourah, Egypt) Expedition
- **2013-2014:** Secretary, Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities (SSEA)