

**Michael Becker**  
Curriculum Vitae  
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## **Education**

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2018 (expected).  
PhD in Caribbean History  
Certificate in College Teaching

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 2013.  
Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Africana Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*.  
Honors Thesis “‘What Kind of Free Is This?’: The Maroons of Platons and the Political Thought of the Haitian Revolution” under direction of Anthony Bogues.

Normandy High School, Parma, Ohio, 2009  
Honors Diploma, *Summa Cum Laude*.

## **Fellowships and Awards**

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Haitian Creole, 2014

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies/ Mellon Conference Travel Grant (Duke University), 2013.

James B. Duke Fellowship (Duke University), 2013-2017.

Distinguished Senior Thesis Award (Brown University), 2013.

Anna Julia Cooper Award for Best Academic Performance, Department of Africana Studies (Brown University), 2013

W. E. B. DuBois Award for Best Honors Thesis, Department of Africana Studies (Brown University), 2013

Undergraduate Research Grant, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice (Brown University), 2013.

Dean’s Discretionary Grant, Office of the Dean of the College (Brown University), 2013.

Brown International Scholarship Program Fellowship (Brown University), 2012.

Academic Technology Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (Brown University), 2012.

Center for Digital Scholarship Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (Brown University), 2012.

Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (Brown University), 2012

## **Teaching**

Teaching Assistant for “Race: A Global History,” taught by Adriane Lentz-Smith, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2014.

Curricular Advising Program Fellow for “Social Change in the 1960s,” taught by Françoise Hamlin, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 2012.

Tutor for “Intergenerational Memory in US Literature,” co-taught by Ruby Tapia and Joshua Miller, Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 2011.

## **Publications**

“Revolution at the Crossroads: Re-framing the Haitian Revolution from the Heights of Platons,” in *Human Rights, Race, and Resistance in the African Diaspora*, edited by Toyin Falola and Cacee Hoyer (in progress)

## **Conference Presentations**

“Revolution at the Crossroads: Re-framing the Haitian Revolution from the Heights of Platons,” “African Diasporas: Old and New,” University of Texas at Austin, April 4-6, 2014

“This Land Has Not Been For You What It Has For Us”: Thinking the Haitian Revolution from Below,” NC - Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies 10th Annual Consortium Conference, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill/Duke University, North Carolina, February 6-8, 2014

“‘What Kind of Free Is This?’: The Maroons of Platons and the Political Thought of the Haitian Revolution,” Africana Studies Senior Thesis and Research Seminar, Providence, Rhode Island, May 20, 2013

“Mucking Around in the Time Machine: Historians and the Archival Gaze.” “Cruising in the Ruins: The Question of Disciplinarity in the Post/Medieval University,” BABEL Working Group Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, September 21-23, 2012 (by invitation)

## **Conferences Organized**

With Westenley Alcenat, Yesenia Barragan, and Eric Herschthal. "Reworking Freedom: Graduate Student Workshop on Re-Centering the Enslaved in Histories of the Americas," Columbia University, New York City, New York, October 2014.

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, Haiti Digital Library, Duke University, 2013-14.

Research Assistant, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, 2013.

Research Assistant and Dramaturge, "The Earthquake: A Coming of Age Story About Economic Orphans in Haiti", "En Las Manos de La Muerte," Rites and Reason Theatre, Providence, Rhode Island, 2010.

## **Service to the Department and to the University**

History Colloquium Steering Committee, Duke University, 2014-Present.

Student Advisory Council, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, 2012-13.

## **Service to the Community**

Board of Trustees, Telluride Association. 2013- Present.

Co-Facilitator, Providence Africana Reading Collective. 2012-13.

## **Languages**

French, excellent

Haitian Creole, conversational