

# Dr Timo Schrader

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Nottingham

Ph.D. American Studies (no corrections), July 2018

Title: “Loisaida as Urban Laboratory: Pioneering Community Activism in New York, 1964–2001”

Supervisors: Zoe Trodd and Stephanie Lewthwaite

Examiners: Jonathan W. Bell (UCL) and Christopher Phelps (University of Nottingham)

M.A. American Studies (with distinction), December 2014

### Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

B.A. English and Educational Sciences, May 2013

2nd year abroad at Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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09/2019 – **Fritz Thyssen Foundation Visiting Research Fellow, University of Warwick**

- 08/2021
- working on my postdoctoral project “Super Citizenship: American Veterans and the Fight for Human Rights” in the Department of History
  - conducting archival and research trips to the US and interviewing veterans for an oral history database
  - teaching my 2nd year optional module “The Right to the City: United States Urban History in the 20th Century”

01/2020 – **Associate Tutor, School of History, Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester**  
06/2020

- teaching the 3rd year specialist module “The Civil Rights Movement”
- seminars (60 students total), pastoral care, and marking (oral presentations, historiographical essays, and final essays)

03/2019 – **Research Associate (Slavery and Conflict), the Rights Lab, University of Nottingham**

- 08/2019
- researching the relationship between slavery and recent conflicts in Yugoslavia, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Burma, Congo, and Iraq (with special reference to ISIS)

01/2019 – **Associate Tutor, School of History, Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester**  
06/2019

- teaching the 3rd year specialist module “The Civil Rights Movement”
- seminars (60 students total), pastoral care, and marking (oral presentations, historiographical essays, and final essays)

12/2018 – **Global Slavery Index Research Associate, the Rights Lab, University of Nottingham**

- 03/2019
- researching the official response for 14 countries for the 2019 edition of the Global Slavery Index, a critical guide that assesses how nations combat and prevent modern slavery and human trafficking
  - liaising with NGOs and charities in all 14 countries to ensure the data for the GSI is up-to-date

- 09/2018 – **Course Leader, MA Slavery and Liberation, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham**  
01/2019
- managing the MA Slavery and Liberation distance-learning course
  - convening the online module “Research Methods in Human Rights”
  - convening the module “Slavery Since Emancipation”
  - seminars (25 students total), pastoral care, and marking (article reviews and essays)
  - dissertation supervision
- 09/2018 – **Teaching Affiliate, School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies, University of Nottingham**  
01/2019
- 2nd year compulsory module “North American Regions” and 2nd year optional module “Political Communication, Public Relations, and Propaganda”
  - seminars (80 students), pastoral care, and marking (essays and exams)
- 01/2018 – **Research Associate, the Rights Lab, University of Nottingham**  
08/2018
- mapping and analysis of antislavery NGOs and charities in the UK
  - production of a report for the UK’s Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner
- 04/2017 – **Research Associate, AHRC project Antislavery Usable Past, University of Nottingham**  
12/2017
- coordination of the 2017 Historians Against Slavery conference at the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool
  - marketing of the world’s first multi open online course on contemporary slavery
  - creation of a database of slavery trails
- 09/2017 – **Associate Lecturer, School of Heritage and History, University of Lincoln**  
01/2018
- 2nd year compulsory module “New Directions in History”
  - seminars (70 students), pastoral care, and marking (book review and exam)
- 01/2017 – **Teaching Affiliate, Department of American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham**  
06/2017
- 1st year compulsory module “Approaches to American History and Culture 2”
  - seminars (60 students), pastoral care, and marking (essay and exam)
  - design of new 2-week topic and 2-hour lecture on race and the American musical
- 07/2016 – **Research Assistant on the British Academy-funded Rising Star Grant, University of Nottingham**  
03/2017
- creation of a network of early career researchers working on slavery and public history
  - editing of the official website for the ECR network

## **LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- 10/2013 – **Student Representative for the Department of American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham**  
08/2017
- representative of the departmental cohort of postgraduate students at a Learning Community Forum to ensure the views of the student body are taken into consideration at the School and Faculty level
  - chairing of the Learning Community Forum from 2015 to 2017
  - coordination of the School-wide Postgraduate Symposium in April 2015
- 04/2015 – **Co-director of the Centre for Research in Race and Rights (C3R), University of Nottingham**  
03/2017

- work with Professor Sharon Monteith and Professor Zoe Trodd to organize and execute projects relating to race and rights
- building of links with local organizations and collaboration with arts and heritage organizations (for example Nottingham Contemporary, New Art Exchange, Bright Ideas Nottingham, and Five Leaves Bookshop)
- consultant on updating hate crime policies in Nottinghamshire Police
- consultant on the archivization of records that belong to a mural organization in New York (CITYarts) for the New York Historical Society
- coordination of the annual October Dialogues annual conference, October 2015 to 2016

10/2014 – **Founder and Coordinator of the annual American Studies Retreat**

06/2017

- organization of this academic, week-long retreat at a country cottage with up to 20 participants each year
- the retreat is made up of reading groups and career-development sessions specifically designed for American studies scholars
- all sessions are co-run by students and American studies scholars from the UK

10/2013 – **Impact and Outreach Coordinator, Department of American and Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham**

04/2015

- organization and promotion of academic events in collaboration with Nottingham organizations such as Waterstones, Five Leaves Bookshop, New Art Exchange, and Broadway Cinema
- hosting of two former members of the US Congress to give a talk at the University of Nottingham as part of an American Embassy program called Congress to Campus

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Timo Schrader, *Loisaida as Urban Laboratory: Puerto Rican Community Activism in New York* (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2020).

Timo Schrader, “The Colors of Loisaida: Embedding Murals in Community Activism,” *Journal of Urban History* 44, no. 3 (May 2018), 519–532.

Timo Schrader, “Education as a Human Right: the Real Great Society and a Pedagogy of Activism,” *Journal for the Study of Radicalism* 12, no. 1 (Spring 2018), 123–159.

Timo Schrader, “That Special Mess: El Spirit Republic de Puerto Rico and the Decolonization of the Imaginary,” *Anglistica/AION* 20, no. 1 (November 2017), 15–30. <https://doi.org/10.19231/angl-aion.201613>.

Timo Schrader, book review of Sonia Song-Ha Lee, *Building a Latino Civil Rights Movement: Puerto Ricans, African Americans, and the Pursuit of Racial Justice in New York City* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2014), *Journal of American Studies* 50, no. 4 (November 2016).

Timo Schrader, book review of Eileen J. Suárez Findlay, *We Are Left Without a Father Here: Masculinity, Domesticity, and Migration in Postwar Puerto Rico* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2014), *Gender & History* 28, no. 2 (August 2016), 545–546.

## **SELECTED ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- 2020 **Institute of Advanced Studies Award, University of Warwick (£1,880)**  
Awarded to organize a two-day conference on the global history of veterans at the University of Warwick in April 2021
- 2019 **Research Fellowship, Fritz Thyssen Foundation (58,000€)**  
Awarded for my postdoctoral research project “Super Citizenship” at the University of Warwick (includes monthly stipend and a research budget)
- 2018 **Research Grant, Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (550€)**  
Awarded to conduct archival research at the RIAS for the second-book project
- 2016 **Midlands3Cities Doctoral Training Partnership Cohort Development Fund, University of Nottingham (£3,561)**  
Awarded to coordinate the third annual American Studies Retreat
- 2016 **Vice-Chancellor’s Medal, University of Nottingham (bronze medal)**  
Awarded for exceptional achievement in postgraduate leadership to one student each year
- 2016 **Rights and Justice Priority Area Postgraduate Excellence Award, University of Nottingham (£750)**  
Awarded for archival work at the New York Public Library
- 2016 **Cascade Grant, University of Nottingham (£6,179)**  
Awarded to establish a series of impact projects in Nottingham
- 2016 **Historians of Twentieth Century United States Postgraduate Travel Award (£750)**  
Awarded for research at the Loisaida Center in New York to interview activists
- 2015 **Royal Historical Society Conference Travel Award (£500)**  
Awarded to present at the American Historical Association’s annual conference in Atlanta
- 2015 **Economic History Society Bursary Scheme (£2,000)**  
Awarded for archival research trip to the New York Public Library, the Tamiment Library, and the Columbia Center for Oral History
- 2015 **Postgraduate Transatlantic Travel Grant, European Association for American Studies (1,250€)**  
Awarded for archival research trip to the CENTRO Library and Archive in New York
- 2015 **The Elizabeth and Elisha Atkins Postgraduate Travel Award, British Association for American Studies (£750)**  
Awarded for archival research trip to the CENTRO Library and Archive in New York
- 2014 **Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship for Research Excellence, University of Nottingham (£33,200)**  
3-year, full-time PhD award to cover tuition fees and stipend
- 2010 **ERASMUS Scholarship, European Commission**  
Exchange year at Loughborough University to cover tuition fees and stipend

## **SELECTED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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“Joy in Community Activism,” EBAAS 2018, London, April 2018.

“Adopt-a-Building and the Lower East Side Tenant Movement,” Urban History Association, Chicago, October 2016.

“Oral Histories as a Resource for Exhibitions and Digital Archives,” Historians of Twentieth Century United States Annual Conference, Middelburg, July 2016.

“The Right to the City: A Cultural Urban History of Puerto Rican Community Activism,” British Association for American Studies and Irish Association for American Studies Joint Conference, Belfast, April 2016.

“Education as a Human Right: the Real Great Society and a Pedagogy of Activism,” American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 2016.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, since May 2019

Member of the British Association for American Studies, since December 2015

Member of Historian of Twentieth Century United States, since January 2016