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Bowman's early research focused on the Senegambia in the nineteenth century, especially the region that the Portuguese claimed. More recently, her research has focused on American engineers in South Africa during the early twentieth century. She is working on a manuscript with John Higginson, *Engineering Empire: American Engineers and the Expansion of South Africa's Deep Level Gold Mines*. Her publications include a monograph, *Ominous Transition: Commerce and Colonial Expansion in the Senegambia and Guinea, 1857-1919* and articles on Guinea-Bissau, which have appeared in the *Journal of African History*, *Current Bibliography of African Affairs*, *History in Africa* and the *Revista Internacional de Estudos Africanos*.