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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. Candidate, African History, June 2005-present
A.M. received May 2005

Dissertation title: "Diaspora, Gender, and Identity: Remaining Hausa in the Cameroon Grassfields, c.1890 to recent times," supervised by Emmanuel Akyeampong, Caroline Elkins, and Suzanne Preston Blier
Examination Fields: Sub-Saharan Africa to 1800, Sub-Saharan Africa since 1800, Expansion of Europe since 1492, Anthropology and Africa

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN
B.A., History and International Studies, May 2001
History Honors and *magna cum laude*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External Funding

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, U.S. Department of Education (2006-07)
Foreign Area Language Scholarship (FLAS), Boston University (Summer 2004)

Internal Funding

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University (2008-09)
Term Time Fellowship, Harvard University (Spring 2008)
Frederick K. Sheldon Research Fellowship, Harvard University (2006-07)
Jennifer Oppenheimer African Studies Research Grant, Harvard University (Summer 2006)
History Department Travel and Research Grant, Harvard University (Summer 2005, Summer 2007)

Undergraduate Funding

Wallace Research Grant, Macalester College (Summer 2000)
Alexander International Education Scholarship, Macalester College (Fall 1999)
Sumasil Foundation for Women Grant, Stillwater, Minnesota (1998)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Nominee, Marquand Award for Exceptional Advising and Counseling, Harvard University (2008)
Phi Beta Kappa, Macalester College (2001)
Ernest R. Sandeen Memorial Prize for History, Macalester College (2001)
Presidential Leadership Award, Macalester College (2001)
Commencement Address Student Speaker, Macalester College (2001)
Phi Alpha Theta, Macalester College (2000)
Servant Leader Award, Macalester College (1999)
Academic Dean's Honor List, Macalester College (1998-2001)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Honors Thesis Adviser, 2007-2008

Harvard University, Department of History

Supervised the high-honors senior thesis, “‘La question de chefs’: Canton chiefs, contested authority, and rebellion in Colonial Upper Volta, 1934-1946.”

Head Teaching Fellow, Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Americas (Professor Emmanuel Akyeampong)

Harvard University, Core Program and Department of History, Fall 2007

Led a staff of seven teaching fellows in developing course instruction and evaluation of student work while teaching one section. Maintained course website.

Teaching Assistant, Colonialism in African History (Professor Heidi Gengenbach)

Harvard University, Department of Continuing Education, Summer 2006

Provided individual and group tutoring sessions on text analysis and written work for high school, undergraduate, and non-traditional students. Evaluated student papers and examinations, maintaining an emphasis on individual improvement.

Teaching Fellow, Colonialism in African History (Professor Heidi Gengenbach)

Harvard University, Department of History, Spring 2006

Taught two sections and created weekly reading guides on all course texts.

Head Teaching Fellow, Africa and Africans: The Making of a Continent in the Modern World (Professor Caroline Elkins)

Harvard University, Core Program and Department of History, Fall 2005

Taught three of five sections for this survey course designed to enhance undergraduate skills in writing and critical historical analysis while introducing them to the major themes of modern African history.

Course Preceptor, Europe in the World (Professor Peter Weisensel)

Macalester College, Department of History, Fall 2000

Developed first-year students’ writing and analytic skills through individual and group tutoring sessions.

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Freshman Yard History Adviser, 2008-present

Harvard University, Department of History

Act as liaison between the History Department and freshman students interested in history as a major concentration. Organize and participate in recruiting and advising events for freshmen.

Freshman Proctor, 2007-present

Harvard University, Freshman Dean’s Office, Harvard University

Provide academic and social guidance to first-year students of Harvard College in entryways comprised of more than two dozen students. Implement the regulations of Harvard College and work with college administration to balance appropriately disciplinary responsibilities with counseling and student advocacy.

Freshman Academic Adviser, 2007-present

Harvard University, Board of Freshman Advisers

Guide first-year students in course selection, academic and career planning, and balancing academic work with extra-curricular and social activities.

Workshop Coordinator, 2005-2006

Harvard University, African Studies Workshop

Organized monthly workshop events that featured guest speakers and presentations of graduate student works-in-progress.

International Student Mentor, 2000-2001

Macalester College, International Center

Provided leadership and counseling services to first-year international students in their academic and cultural adjustment to life and work at the college.

Residential Assistant, 1998-1999

Macalester College, Residential Life

Served as liaison between college administration and hall section of 48 students. Developed community-building and educational programs.

GUEST LECTURES, PAPERS, AND CONFERENCES

“Distance, Dependence, and Authority: Contesting marriage and identity among the Muslim Hausa on a Cameroonian frontier, c.1930 to c.1955,” Harvard University Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Workshop, Moderated by Professors Helen Hardacre and Afsaneh Najmabadi, Cambridge, MA: December 3, 2008.

“Socio-Economic change and a new African political agenda: Peasants, Urban Workers, and Soldiers,” presented for Professor Emmanuel Akyeampong’s course *West Africa since 1800* at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA: November 13, 2008.

“Diasporas and Knowledge Systems: Changing Notions of Cleanliness, Health and the Body in the Cameroon Grassfields, c.1860-1961,” Harvard University Department of History Graduate Conference, Cambridge, MA: January 15, 2006.

“Appearance, Performance, and Colonial Transformations in the Cameroonian Grassfields, 1884 – 1950,” Boston University Graduate Conference in African Studies, Boston, MA: March 19, 2004.

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Project Coordinator, 2001-2003

Chemonics International, Inc., Washington, DC

Managed multi-million-dollar contracts of USAID-funded projects in Africa focusing on private sector development, trade promotion, and food security issues. Supervised staff, recruited consultants for technical assistance, managed subcontracts, and monitored project budgets.

Evaluator, Cotton Sector Enterprise-Linked Extension Program, March 2003

Chemonics International, Inc., Support for Private Enterprise and Expansion Development (SPEED), USAID/Uganda

Assessed impact of extension program in the cotton sector in two regions of Uganda, analyzed survey results, determined level of continuing donor commitment, and recommended adjustments to ensure sustainability of the program. Filed the following report with USAID: “Impact Analysis of Enterprise-Linked Extension Program: Nyakatonzi Growers Cooperative Union and North Bukedi Cotton Company.”

Field Project Administrator, August 2002

Chemonics International, Inc., Eritrea Private Sector Development and Food Security Assessment, USAID/Eritrea

Coordinated start-up logistical activities by recruiting local technical consultants and by hiring, training, and supervising local administrative staff. Edited final assessment report.

Intern, Summer 2001

Georgetown University, Women In International Security (WIIS)

Edited for publication leading women scholars' occasional papers on international security issues.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Visiting Scholar, Département Evangélique Français d'Action Apostolique, Paris: Summer 2007

Visiting Scholar, Archives d'Outre Mer, Aix-en-Provence: Summer 2007

Visiting Scholar, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, Mill Hill, London: Summer 2007

Visiting Scholar, National Archives, Kew, London: Summer 2007

Visiting Scholar, Court of the Alkali, Ndop, North-West Province, Cameroon: Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

Fieldwork, North-West and West Provinces, Cameroon: Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

Visiting Scholar, National Archives, Buea, Cameroon: Fall 2006

Visiting Scholar, Archives Nationales, Yaoundé, Cameroon: Fall 2006, Spring 2007

Research Assistant, Harvard University, for Prof. Emmanuel Akyeampong. Assisted in the editing of Emmanuel Akyeampong (ed.), *Themes in West Africa's History* (Oxford: James Currey, 2006)

Visiting Scholar, Basel Mission Archives, mission 21, Basel, Switzerland: Summer 2005

Research Assistant, Macalester College, for Prof. David Chioni Moore. Assisted in the research and editing of David Chioni Moore, *From Harlem to Johannesburg: The Letters of Langston Hughes, Peter Abrahams, Es'kia Mphahlele, and Richard Rive* (forthcoming)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, West African Research Association: Fall 2008 – present

Member, African Studies Association: Summer 2008 – present

Member, American Historical Association: Summer 2008 – present

LANGUAGES

Hausa and French (proficient reading and speaking), German (elementary reading)

REFERENCES

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