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**EDUCATION**

University of Virginia, 1989-1993, Charlottesville, VA

Ph.D. African History, August, 1993.  
Concentration: West African History.  
Unpublished Dissertation: "Alcohol, Social Conflict and the Struggle for Power in Ghana, 1919 to Recent Times", 1993.  
Recipient: August 1989 - May 1991, Commonwealth Fellowship Award;  
Summer 1991, Du Pont History Award.

Andover Newton Theological School, 2011-2014, Newton, MA

Masters in Divinity (MDiv), May 2014.  
Recipient: Gabriel Fackre Award for Excellence in Constructive Theology (2013-2014)  
Recipient: Russell Chase Tuck Biblical Studies Award (2013-2014)

Wake Forest University, 1988-1989, Winston-Salem, NC

M. A. European History, August, 1989.  
Concentration: English Labor History.  
Unpublished Thesis: "The Foreign Community and English Working-Class Politics, 1870-1890", 1989.  
Recipient: Wake Forest University Graduate Fellowship Award.

University of Ghana, Legon, 1980-1984, Accra, Ghana

B. A., Second Class Upper Division, History and Religions, August, 1984.  
Unpublished Seminar Paper: "Nana Ofori Atta I and Land Reform in Akyem Abuakwa", 1986.  
Recipient: Ghana Government Scholarship.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Appointed Ellen Gurney Professor of History and of African and African American Studies, July 1, 2016.  
Appointed Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Center for African Studies, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Reappointed July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.  
Appointed Minister for Worship and Faith Formation, Harvard Memorial Church, September 2019.  
Appointed Loeb Harvard College Professor (for distinguished teaching), July 2005 – June

2010

Appointed Joint Professor of History and African and African American Studies, July 2003 to the Present

Full Professor of History, July 2000 to the Present

Appointed Hugh K. Foster Associate Professor in African Studies, July 1998 – June 2000

Associate Professor of History, July 1997 – June 2000

Assistant Professor of History, August 1993 to June 1997

Courses taught at Harvard University:

Hist 1901 Nationalism, Political Independence, and Economic Development in Africa (Conference Course)

Hist 1902 Alcohol in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1850 to the Present (Conference Course)

Hist 1906 West Africa from the Earliest Times to 1800 (Survey Course)

Hist 1907 West Africa from 1800 to the Present (Survey Course)

Hist 1908 (Rethinking Gender in African History (Conference Course)

Hist 1910 Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa, 630 C.E. to the Present (Conference Course)

Hist 1912 Health, Disease and Ecology in African History (Conference Course)

Hist 2908 Sources, Methodology and Themes in African History (Graduate Seminar)

Hist Study B-52 Slavery and Slave Trade in Africa and the Americas (Core Course)

Hist 1924 (With Arthur Kleinman) Violence, Substances and Mental Illness: African Perspectives (Conference Course)

Hist 2707 (With Alejandro de la Fuente) Comparative Slavery and Law: Africa, Latin America, and the United States.

Hist 1700 History of Early Africa to 1860 (Survey Course)

Hist 97a What is History of Medicine? (Sophomore tutorial)

Doctoral Dissertations Supervised, Harvard University (Completed)

Tsitsi M. Mangosho, “Flight to the Informal: A History of the Informalization of the Zimbabwean Economy 1965-2009” (May 2023)

Amsale Alemu, “Revolution Beyond Redemption: U.S. Empire, Student Struggle, and Ethiopian Coloniality” (August 2021)

Sarah Balakrishnan, “Anticolonial Public: From Slavery to Independence in Southern Ghana, c.1500-1957” (November 2020)

Mark Duerksen, “A Hold on the City: Housing, Landscape History, and Human Security in Lagos, 1885-1985” (November 2018)

Chambi Chachage, “A Capitalizing City: Dar es Salaam and the Emergence of an African Entrepreneurial Elite (c.1862-2015)” (November 2018)

Jody Benjamin, “The Texture of Cotton: Cloth, Commerce and Social Change in West Africa, 1700-1850” (May 2016)

Emmanuel Asiedu-Acquah, “Youth Culture and Popular Politics in Ghana, c.1900 to Recent Times” (May 2015)

Meghan Healy Clancy, “A World of their Own: African Women’s Schooling and the Politics of Social Reproduction in South Africa, 1869 to Recent Times” (June

2011)

- Harmony O'Rourke, "Diaspora, Gender, and Identity: Remaining Hausa in the Cameroon Grassfields, c. 1899 to Recent Times" (June 2009)
- Myles Osborne, "Changing Kamba, Making Kenya, c.1880-1964" (June 2008)
- Poppy Fry, "Allies and Liabilities: Fingo Identity and British Imperialism in South Africa's Eastern Cape, 1800-1935" (June 2007)
- Sara Byala, "Thinking in Three Dimensions: John Gubbins, MuseumAfrica, and the Making of Modern Johannesburg" (June 2006)
- Caroline Elkins, "The Struggle for Mau Mau Rehabilitation in Late Colonial Kenya" (June 2001)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

- Patricia Tang, "Masters of the Sabar: Wolof Griot Percussionists of Senegal" (PhD in Ethnomusicology, Harvard University, 2001)
- Abena Osseo-Asare, "Bitter Roots: African Science and the Search for Healing Roots In Ghana, 1885-2005" (PhD in History of Science, Harvard University, 2005)
- David Amponsah, "(Un)Desirable Customs: A History of Religion in the Making of Modern Ghana, c.1800-1966" (PhD in the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2015)
- Erin Mosely, "The Future of Rwanda's Past: Transnational Justice, Archival Practices, and the Remaking of History after Genocide" (PhD in African Studies, History, Harvard University, 2016)
- Liang Xu, "Sewing the Edge of Global Capitalism: Developmental State, Chinese Family Firms and the Making of Industrial Zulu Women" (PhD in History, Harvard University, 2017)
- Safia Aidid, "Pan-Somali Dreams: Ethiopia, Greater Somalia, and the Somali Nationalist Imagination" (PhD in History, Harvard University, 2020)
- Mariam Goshadze, "The Noise Silence Makes: The Ghanaian State Negotiates Ritual Ban on Noise Making in Accra" (PhD in the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2020)

Committee Work at Harvard University:

- Chair, Search Committee for Tenured Full Professor in History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Sub-Saharan Africa (AAAS Department, 2023-24)
- Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Modern African History (History and AAAS, 2023-24)
- Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Modern African History (History and AAAS, 2022-23)
- Chair, Gross Dissertation Prize Committee (History Department, 2022-23)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (History Department, 2018-19)
- Chair, Board of Examiners (History Department, 2017-18)
- Planning Committee African and African American Studies (2017-18)
- Executive Committee Hutchins Center (2016-2023)

Executive Committee Harvard Global Health Institute (2017-2021)  
Chair, Fellowships Committee (History Department, 2014-15)  
Planning Committee African and African American Studies (2013-15)  
Graduate Admissions Committee (African and African American Studies, 2013-16)  
Graduate Admissions Committee (History Department, 2013-14)  
Chair, Committee on African Studies (July 2002 to 2006)  
Standing Committee on African Studies (1993 to the Present)  
Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Population and Development Studies (2001-04)  
Executive Committee Member, Du Bois Institute  
Steering Committee Member, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
Executive Committee Member, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
Co-Chair, Search Committee for African Anthropologist (2004-05)  
General Education Committee, Harvard College Curriculum Review (2003-04)  
Chair, History Department Board of Examiners (July 2002 to June 2003)  
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in African History (2000-01)  
History Department Fellowships Committee (1999-2000)  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowships Committee (1998-99)  
History Department Board of Examiners (1993-96)

#### Center Affiliations

Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
Faculty Associate, Harvard University Center for the Environment  
Faculty Associate, Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability. PI, faculty climate research cluster on Climate Change in the Gulf of Guinea.  
Board Member, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute (2002-2006)  
Executive Committee Member, Center for African Studies  
Executive Committee Member, Harvard Global Health Institute

#### International Institute for the Advanced Study of Cultures, Institutions and Economic Enterprise

Co-founder (2006) and director in Absentia (2012-18)  
International House  
Annie Jiagge Road  
University of Ghana  
Legon, Accra  
Website: [www.interias.org.gh](http://www.interias.org.gh)

#### African Public Broadcasting Foundation (US)

Co-founder and President  
Website: [www.apbf.tv](http://www.apbf.tv)

#### University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

##### Instructor, Fall 1992

Offered undergraduate seminar on "A History of Alcohol in sub-Saharan Africa, 1850 to

the Present" (HIAF 401).

Teaching Assistant, August 1989 - May 1991

Assisted Professor in African History course. Conducted discussion sections for three groups on African History up to 1800 AD during the Fall semester and African History from 1800 to the present during the Spring semester. Graded and supervised student research papers.

Library Assistant, Alderman Library, August 1990 - May 1991

Assisted the Africa Bibliographer, Mrs. Mary Alice Kraehe. Responsibilities included: evaluating our holdings on African studies, ordering new material, preparing lists of recent acquisitions for a university caucus interested in African studies, and collaborating in the preparation of a guide to research resources available in the libraries of the University of Virginia.

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Library Assistant, Micro-text Collection, 1988-89

Responsibilities included: assisting researchers, inventory, filing old and new material, and training new assistants.

University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana

Teaching Assistant, 1984-1986

Conducted tutorials for first year History students taking: "The Study of History"; and "Africa and the Wider World Since 1800". Conducted tutorials for second year students taking the "History of Ghana". Graded and supervised student research. Assisted in departmental research, and in gathering material on "Fante States", now taught as a special elective for final year history students.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Fellow, Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Studies (STIAS), January-June 2021.

July 2018-June 2021: Weatherhead Center Research Cluster Grant for "Religion and Public Life in Africa."

August 2009-August 2011: Recipient of Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Initiative Grant with Robert Bates, James Robinson and Nathan Nunn on "Understanding African Poverty over the Longue Durée."

August 2009-August 2010: Recipient of Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Faculty research grant for "Akan Societies and the Culture of Power in Ghana, c.1650 to Recent Times."

August 2005-August 2006: Recipient of Research Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the Du Bois Institute (Harvard University).

July 2005-July 2008. Religious co-existence in Ghana and Senegal. Collaborative research project between Michigan State University and Harvard University, funded by the U. S. Department of Education. Principal Investigator for Harvard and Ghana component.

Summer 2004: Recipient of Clark Research Grant and Faculty Research Grant from the Center for Population and Development Studies.

July 2001-June 2002: Recipient of Research Fellowships, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (Harvard University) and the Du Bois Institute.

July 1999 – July 2000: Recipient of Research Fellowship, William Milton Foundation, Harvard University Medical School.

January 1999 – December 1999: Recipient of Clark Research Grant.

January 1997 - September 1997: Recipient of Research Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities.

July 1996 - June 1997: Recipient of Clark Research Grant.

June 1996: Recipient of Travel Grant from the American Council of Learned Societies.

June 1994 - August 1994: Recipient of William F. Milton Research Grant.

August 1992 - May 1993: Dissertation Fellow, Commonwealth Center for Cultural and Literary Change, University of Virginia.

September 1991 - August 1992: Doctoral Research Fellow, African Development Foundation.

## **HONORS**

Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lectures, October 19 and 20, 2023. University of Cape Coast. Theme: “Diaspora, Pan-Africanism, and Spiritual Awakening: Nkrumah’s Years Abroad and as Head of State.”

“Diaspora and Intellectual and Spiritual Awakening: Nkrumah’s Years Abroad.” Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lectures, University of Cape Coast, October 19, 2023.

Awarded Honorary Doctor of Letters, University of Cape Coast, October 20, 2023.

Commencement speaker, American International School in Cape Town, June 11, 2021.

“Spirituality, Culture, and Political Power in Early Independent West Africa.” Stephen Ellis Memorial Lecture, African Studies Center, University of Leiden, December 3, 2019.

“African Socialism; or the Search for an Indigenous Model of Economic Development in Ghana?” Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lectures, March 16, 2018. University of Ghana.

“Nkrumah, Cocoa, and the United States: The Vision of an Industrial African Nation-State.” Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lectures, March 15, 2018. University of Ghana.

Awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws, University of Ghana, March 16, 2018.

Gave LEAP Lecture, Stellenbosch University, October 25, 2017. “African Socialism; or the Search for an Indigenous Model of Economic Development?”

Cornille Distinguished Visiting Professor, Newhouse Center for the Humanities, Wellesley College, Spring 2017.

Offered the Rhodes Chair in Race Relations at the University of Oxford, October 2015. Declined.

Appointed Ellen Gurney Professor of History and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University, September 2016.

Member of International Visitation Committee that reviewed the University of Ghana, 2007.

Corresponding Fellow, Royal Historical Society (United Kingdom)

Council Member of the International African Institute

Fellow of Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences

Member of Jonathan Edwards Society

Visiting Professor, Bayreuth University, Germany, November 2005.

Appointed “Loeb Harvard College Professor” (July 1, 2004-June 31, 2009) for distinguished teaching and mentoring.

Appointed Hugh K. Foster Associate Professor for African Studies, Harvard University, July 1998 – June 2000.

Zora Neale Hurston Fellow, Program in African Studies, Northwestern University, August 1993 - May 1994.

## **DATABASE PROJECTS**

Visual interpreter for the Basel Mission Archive (Switzerland) in cataloguing and introducing over 28,000 photographs taken and/or collected by Basel Missionaries in West Africa and Asia between 1860 and the 1950s ([www.bmpix.org](http://www.bmpix.org)).

Ghana director in Michigan State University/Harvard University project on “Religious Tolerance in West Africa’s Islam: Senegal and Ghana” (<http://aodl.org/islamictolerance/>).

## **RADIO INTERVIEWS, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“The Pan-Africanist Nkrumah and Africa’s Triple Heritage: Christianity, Islam, and Africa’s Indigenous Religions.” Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Lectures, University of Cape Coast, October 20, 2023.

Commencement speaker, American International School in Cape Town, June 11, 2021.

“Pandemics, Commodity Markets and Recessions: Africa and the Corona Virus.” Thys Visser Memorial Lecture, University of Stellenbosch, May 27, 2021.

“Early Independent Africa’s Abortive Attempt at Industrialization: The Case of Ghana under Kwame Nkrumah.” Public Seminar, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies, May 13, 2021.

“African and African American Relations, c.1960 to Recent Times: Transformations in Global Blackness.” African and African American Workshop Seminar, University of Oregon, December 1, 2020.

“Spirituality, Culture, and Political Power in Early Independent West Africa.” Stephen Ellis Memorial Lecture, African Studies Center, University of Leiden, December 3, 2019.

“Nkrumah and the Making of the Ghanaian Nation-State.” Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lectures, University of Ghana, March 15-16, 2018.

“African Socialism; or the Search for an Indigenous Model of Economic Development?”



LEAP Lecture, Stellenbosch University, October 25, 2017.

“The Opioid Crisis in New England: A Global Perspective.” First Church in Nashua, New Hampshire, May 9, 2017.

“Nkrumah, Cocoa, and the United States: The Vision of an Industrial African Nation-State.” Columbia University, April 20, 2017.

“Electricity and the Promise of Modernity in Africa.” Keynote lecture, Edison Electricity Institute Conference, April 6, 2017.

“Global Health, Medical Citizenship and Madness in Contemporary Africa.” Cornille Distinguished Lecture, Newhouse Center for the Humanities, Wellesley College, March 7, 2017.

“Religion, Culture and the Arts in the Making of the African Nation-State.” African Studies Center, Michigan State University, February 23, 2017.

“The Social Sciences and Humanities in Africa: A Research Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Keynote lecture, College of Humanities Second International Research Conference on Promoting Humanities Research for Development in Africa, University of Ghana, June 15, 2016.

“Towards a Research Agenda in the Social Sciences and the Humanities for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Africa.” CODESRIA Workshop, Nairobi, October 15, 2015.

“Renewing Higher Education: The Role of Innovation in Sustainable Development.” Commencement Address, All Nations University College, Ghana, May 16, 2015.

Emmanuel Akyeampong and David Owusu-Ansah, “Wealth in Knowledge: Spiritual Service and Political Power in Precolonial Ghana.” African Studies Association panel on “Mystical Agency as a Problem of Knowledge,” Indianapolis, November 20-23, 2014.

“The Body and Discourses of Power in Colonial Ghana.” Harvard Africa Workshop, September 8, 2014.

“Competing Political and Economic Ideologies Shaping Africa”; and “Political and Economic Growing Pains: Ghana.” International Workshop on “History didn’t end in Africa: Ideas and Ideologies Shaping Africa’s Future.” Brenthurst Foundation and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Lake Como, Italy, July 20-23, 2014.

“China in West Africa’s Regional Development and Security Plans.” Panel on Regional Cooperation and Conflict from a Multicultural Perspective, Beijing Forum, November

2013.

“Moral Panic? Religion and the Public Debate over Ethics in Contemporary Ghana.” First Anniversary Lecture, Center for the Study of Christianity in Africa, Trinity Theological Seminary, Accra, Ghana, October 29, 2013.

“Culture, Religion and the Making of the Ghanaian Nation-State under Nkrumah.” Public lecture co-sponsored by the International Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS) and Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (GAAS), Accra, July 2013.

“Diaspora and Spiritual Awakening: Religion and the Politics of Race and Empire in the Life of Kwame Nkrumah.” African Studies Center Annual Lecture, Oxford University, May 17, 2012.

“Remittances, Consumption and Investment in Nsawam, Southern Ghana.” IDRC Workshop on International Remittances, Poverty and Inequality: The West African Case.” Abidjan, July 2-3, 2012.

“Threats to Empire: Illicit Distillation, Venereal Diseases and Colonial Disorder in British West Africa, 1930-1948.” Keynote lecture, International Conference on “Fighting Drink, Drugs and Venereal Disease,” Ascona, Switzerland, April 1-4, 2012.

Africa expert interviewee in BBC Documentary, “Why Poverty?” (2012)

“Breweries, Distilleries and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Ghana, Kenya and South Africa.” Harvard Business School Economic History Seminar Series, November 21, 2011.

“Archaeology and the Reconstruction of Early Akan History.” Harvard Archaeology Seminar Series, Peabody Museum, April 20, 2011.

“Changing Dynamics of Entrepreneurship in Nineteenth Century West Africa.” WCFIA-IIAS Conference on “Understanding African Poverty over the Longue Durée,” Accra, July 15-17, 2010.

“Africa, the Arabian Gulf and Asia: Changing Dynamics in Contemporary West Africa’s Political Economy.” Distinguished Public Lecture, NYU-Africa House Conference on “Africa and the Indian Ocean,” Abu Dhabi, March 15, 2010.

“Social History in West Africa: Addiction to Alcohol and Drugs in Urban Environments.” Public Lecture at the University of Ibadan, January 28, 2010. Sponsored by IFRA, the Institute of African Studies, and the Department of History.

“Chiefs, Priests and Power in Early Akan Societies.” University of Michigan Conference on “Heritage Matters!” Accra, December 15-17, 2009.

“‘Diasporas,’ Mobility and the Social Imaginary: Getting Ahead in West Africa.” Keynote Lecture for the Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Elmina (Ghana), November 23, 2009.

“For Prayer and Profit: West Africa’s Religious and Economic Ties to the Arabian Gulf, 1960s to the Present.” Paper presented at NYU Abu Dhabi Institute’s Conference on “Africa and the Gulf,” Abu Dhabi, March 3-4, 2009.

“Colonialism, Images and the Politics of Submission: Asantehene Agyeman Prempeh I, 1896-1931.” Paper Presented at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, November 13, 2008.

With Irene Odotei, “Gendered Labor and Household Incomes in the Artisanal Marine Fishing Industry in Ghana.” IIAS Conference on Agriculture and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, Accra, September 5-6, 2008.

Emmanuel Akyeampong and David Owusu Ansah. “Religious Pluralism and Peaceful Coexistence: Cultivating Interfaith Tolerance in Ghana.” Paper Commissioned by Trust Africa, Dakar, 2008.

“Diaspora, Trans-Nationalism and Nation-Building: the Case of Ghana.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, October 18-21, 2007.

“Slave Routes, Slave Roots and Nation-Building: Ghana, Ghanaians Abroad and the African Diaspora in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Launch Lecture for the International Institute for the Advanced Study of Cultures, Institutions and Economic Enterprise, Accra, August 21, 2007.

“The Legacies of Slavery and the Slave Trade: Africa and its Diaspora in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Abolition of the African Slave Trade, University of Aberdeen, May 28, 2007.

“Culture, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Ghana: Public Education and Societal Response.” Paper presented at International Symposium on HIV/AIDS in Africa, Kampala (Uganda), December 17-20, 2006.

With David Owusu-Ansah, “Priests, Diviners, Mallams and State Power in Asante.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 19, 2006.

“Cannabis and Madness in Ghana”. Paper presented at Harvard University Workshop on African Psychiatry, Cambridge, December 14, 2006.

“STDs and HIV-AIDS: Gender, Sexuality and the Production of Medical Knowledge in Twentieth-Century Urban West Africa.” Public Lecture, Indiana University, Bloomington, November 8, 2006.

“Alcoholism and Narcotics Use: Changing Perspectives of Mental Illness in West Africa.” History of Psychiatry Series, Cornell University Medical School, October 18, 2006.

“An Unusual Kind of Town: Cattle Disease, Zoonosis and Public Health in Colonial Salaga (Northern Ghana).” African Studies Seminar Paper, Oxford University, May 25, 2006.

“Alcoholism and Narcotics Use: Changing Perspectives of Mental Illness in Africa.” Keynote Lecture for Oxford University Workshop on Alcohol and Drugs, May 24, 2006.

“Race, Political Identity and Citizenship in Ghana: the Example of the Lebanese.” Inaugural Lecture, Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences, Accra, April 12, 2006.

“Globalization and Slave Roots Tourism in Ghana”. Colloquium in the Department of Religions, Bayreuth University, November 23, 2005.

“Indigenous Knowledge and Maritime Fishing in West Africa: the Case of Ghana.” Paper presented at International Conference on Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Africa and their Relevance for Sustainable Development, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, November 21-23, 2005.

“African Studies in the United States.” Africa Discussion Forum, Bayreuth University, November 16, 2005.

Seminar presentation on life histories of the Lebanese in Ghana and the politics of belonging. Bayreuth University, November 10, 2005.

Chaired World Bank Ghana Review of Millennium Development Goals as part of an International Video-Conference Workshop, September 12-14, 2005.

Two TV Panels on the Millennium Development Goals and its Relevance to Ghana, Ghana Television, September 2005.

“Race, Identity and Citizenship in Black Africa: the Case of the Lebanese in Ghana.” Lugard Lecture of the International African Institute and Keynote Address for the AEGIS Conference, University of London, July 1, 2005.

“Slave Routes, Tourism and Historical Memory in Ghana.” Conference on the Precolonial Past in Contemporary Africa, University of Wisconsin at Madison, March 2005.

“The Power of Constructed Identities? Thinking through Ethnicity in Africa.” Teagle Working Group, “Rethinking the Pedagogy of Ethnicity,” Washington University, April 29-30, 2005.

“Memories of Place and Belonging: Identity, Citizenship, and the Lebanese in Ghana.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, November 2004.

“Ties that Bind, Ties that Divide: Reconceptualizing the African Diaspora.” Workshop on the African Diaspora, Northwestern University, November 2004.

“An Unusual Kind of Town: Zoonosis and Public Health in Twentieth-Century Salaga (Northern Ghana).” Paper presented at the Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University, October 7, 2004.

“Widener Library and Africa.” Seminar as part of the rededication of Widener Library, Harvard University. October 1, 2004.

“Seizing Modernity: Migrant Aspirations and Social Conflict in Early Colonial Keta (Gold Coast).” Paper presented at the Conference on “The Role of Tradition and Modernity in African Political Cultures and Urban Conflicts,” Center of African Studies, University of Copenhagen, April 29-May 1, 2004.

“Probing the Social Context of Addiction: Drug Addicts at the Accra Psychiatric Hospital.” Paper presented at the Workshop on “Health in African Studies,” Harvard University, March 31 – April 1, 2004.

“Towns, Townlife, and Disease in Colonial West Africa.” Keynote Address for Conference on Townlife in Modern Africa, University of Cambridge, March 13, 2004.

“Partnerships in Africa’s Development – Africa and the West.” Keynote Address for Conference on “Developing Others, Developing Ourselves: Issues and Perspectives on African Development,” Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, February 7, 2004.

“The African Voice in African Studies Today.” Keynote Address for African History Conference on “Listening (Again) for the African Past,” Smith College, October 24, 2003.

“Diaspora and Drug Trafficking in West Africa: A Case Study of Ghana.” Paper presented at ASWAD Conference on “Affirmations and Contestations: Interpreting the Connections

between Africa and the African Diaspora,” Northwestern University, October 2-4, 2003.

“Chiefs and Socio-Political Change in the Gold Coast: Insights from Reports on Liquor Consumption, 1919 to 1934.” Paper presented at the Conference on “Chieftaincy in Africa: Governance, Culture and Development,” Accra, January 6-10, 2003.

“Comic Opera, Comic Relief! Concert Party, Popular Culture and Urbanism in Twentieth Century Ghana.” Paper presented at Tufts University Workshop on Popular Arts and Performance from Ghana, Medford, November 14, 2002.

“Folk Environmental Wisdom Versus Scientific Knowledge: Producing and Contesting Knowledge in Anlo, Southeastern Ghana.” Paper presented at the West African Research Association Workshop on Doing Fieldwork in Africa, Dakar, June 12-15, 2002.

Interview on Choice FM, Accra. Special Program funded by Harvard University. The Legacy of Slavery and Slave Trade in Ghana. March 20, 2002. Host: Christopher Lyden.

“Dutch Schnapps and Ritual in Ghanaian History.” Conference on Dutch-Ghanaian Relations: Past and Present. The Hague, November 5-7, 2001.

“The Lebanese in West Africa and the Politics of Integration: A Historical Perspective.” Paper presented at the Center for Democracy and Development, Accra, November 1, 2001.

“African-Lebanese Relations in West Africa: A Historical Perspective.” Paper presented at the CASAS Workshop as part of the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, August 30, 2001.

Teaching African History. Workshop for High School Teachers as part of the Teachers as Scholars Program, Harvard University, October-November 2000.

“Itinerant Gold Mines? Mobility, Sexuality and the Spread of STD’s and HIV/AIDS in Twentieth-Century Ghana.” Open Lecture, Medical Research Council, Fajara, The Gambia, August 4, 2000.

“Historicizing Belief in African History.” Paper presented at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago, January 2000.

“History, Memory, Slave Trade and Slavery in Anlo, Ghana.” 14<sup>th</sup> Annual O. Truman Driggs Distinguished Lecture. University of Minnesota at Morris, September 14, 1999.

“An eco-social history of southeast Ghana.” Work in progress seminar, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, March 4, 1999.

“Sports, Spectatorship and Politics in the 1930s: Bukom and the Social History of Boxing in Colonial Ghana.” Paper presented at SOAS, London, February 10, 1999.

“Sports, Spectatorship, and Leisure in Twentieth-Century Africa.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, October 1998.

“Ghana: Reflections on 40 Years of Independence.” Distinguished Africanist Address, Boston College, April 15, 1998.

Interview on “The World,” March 31, 1998. An assessment of President Clinton’s Trip to Africa, especially for Ghana.

Interview on “The World,” National Public Radio/BBC (WGBH). On the importance of President William Clinton’s impending trip to Africa. March 20, 1998.

"Knowledge, Belief and Moral Ecology: Explaining Sea Erosion in Twentieth Century Keta (Ghana)". Paper presented at the Africa Colloquium, Frankfurt University, June 19, 1997.

"Drinking with Friends: Popular Culture, Political Quiescence and the Working Poor in Independent Ghana". Paper presented at the African Studies Center Workshop on Alcohol in Africa -- Multiple Utilities and Meanings, Leiden, June 1997.

“Unstable Ecology: Belief, Knowledge, and the Enigma of Sea Erosion in Colonial Keta (Ghana), 1907-1929.” Paper presented at the University of California at Los Angeles, January 28, 1997.

"The Image of Africa in the Twenty-First Century: A Challenge for Responsible Intellectual Partnership". Keynote address presented at the German African Studies Association Conference, Berlin, October 3, 1996.

"Wo pe tam won pe ba (you like cloth but you don't want children): Urbanization, Individualism, and Gender Relations in Colonial Ghana, c.1900-1939". Paper presented at the SOAS Conference on the African Urban Past, University of London, June 1996.

With Obeng, Pashington. "Spirituality, Gender, and Power in Asante History II: The Twentieth Century". Paper presented in the Walter Rodney Seminar Series, Boston University African Studies Center, April 1996.

"Constructing and Contesting Sexuality: 'Prostitution' in Colonial Gold Coast". Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Orlando, November 1995.

"C. C. Reindorf on the Cultural Articulation of Power in Precolonial Ghana: A View from

a Social Historian". Paper presented at the International Reindorf Conference, Basel, October 25-27, 1995.

With Obeng, Pashington. "Spirituality, Gender, and Power in Asante History". Paper presented in the Walter Rodney Seminar Series, Boston University African Studies Center, February 1995. Published as Working Paper No. 198.

"What is in a Drink? Class, Popular Culture, and the Politics of Akpeteshie (Local Gin) in Ghana, 1930-1967". Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Toronto, November 1994.

"Powerful Fluids: Alcohol and Water in the Struggle for Social Power in Urban Gold Coast, 1860-1919". Paper presented at Northwestern University, January 1994.

"Alcohol Use, Abuse, and Rehabilitation in Twentieth-Century Urban Ghana". Paper presented at Workshop on "Alcohol Use, Abuse, and Rehabilitation in Ghana", Accra, July 30-31, 1992.

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