

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACDEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph. D. African History, Minor in World History, Designated Emphasis in African Studies, University of California, Davis, 2011

M.A. Liberal Studies, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, 2005

B.A. History and Political Science, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, 1991

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early modern to modern Sub-Saharan African history and contemporary society with a focus on West Africa, Ghana; colonial encounters; nationalism and decolonization; the African Postcolony; Leadership Studies; cartoon studies; human rights, press, media and censorship in Africa; Conflict and mediation in contemporary Africa; Catholic Social Teaching, Catholics and social justice in Africa; transitional justice and truth commissions, negotiation and conflict resolution.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Inaugural [Roger D. Fisher Fellow](#) in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Harvard Law School, 2023 – 2024

Executive Secretary, Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC)
The Gambia, February 2018 – February 2022

- Headed and oversaw the day to day administration of the truth commission secretariat
- Established and oversaw the work of the various units of the secretariat, including research and investigations, victim and psychosocial support, women's affairs, reconciliation, youth and children's outreach, translation, transcription and proofreading, publications and communications
- Supported the commission and legal team in the execution of their functions
- Kept all records of the commission, including research findings, witness statements and testimonies, publications, and finances

- Maintained contact and correspondence with both national and international partners, including media, educational, civil society and other institutions
- Served as the point of contact for all external commission engagements, including site visits and media appearances

Visiting Professor, Graduate Program in African History, University of The Gambia, 2017 – 2018

- Taught graduate (Masters) level courses in African history including Oral History and Methods, South Africa since 1652, African Historiography, and Leadership in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa
- Supervised Masters level thesis projects

Assistant Professor, Department of History, La Salle University, fall 2015 – fall 2017

- Taught various Undergraduate level courses in African and Global history including Historical Perspectives, The African World, South Africa: The Politics of Race, Topics in African History, Global History to 1500, and Global History Since 1500

Faculty Coordinator, La Salle University Student Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA, 2015 – 2017

- Oversaw and supervised Student Historical Society research and social activities
- Helped plan monthly campus wide lecture events at which university faculty shared their research with the university community
- Facilitated Society outings and any other activities related to historical research by students

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Creighton University, fall 2011 – spring 2015

- Taught various undergraduate level courses and seminars in African history including The Novel as African History (Honors Class), the African World, Globalization and Leadership in Africa, Origins of Modern Africa, Southern Africa: The Politics of Race, Women and Gender in Africa, Witchcraft in Africa, Nationalist Movements in Colonial Africa, Freedom and Unfreedom in Africa, and Introduction to Collegiate Life (Honors Class)

Director, African Studies Program, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, 2012 – 2015

- Oversaw and administered the affairs of the university's African Studies Program
- Coordinated the Africa-related research of faculty in different departments of the university
- Facilitated regular meetings of Africanist scholars from different departments of the university

- Organized and facilitated campus-wide lectures, film shows and other activities related to sharing research on African issues, ranging from religion, to anthropology to politics

Book Series Co-Editor, *Palgrave Studies in African Leadership*, 2014 - 2017

- Assisted in soliciting, reviewing and recommending proposals for books on African leadership to Palgrave Macmillan
- Soliciting manuscripts from selected authors
- Sending out manuscripts for peer review
- Participating in all relevant processes leading to eventual publication of titles on African leadership

Editor-in-Chief, *The Independent Newspaper*, Banjul, 1999 – 2006

- Co-founded and served as Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Media Company
- Served as the paper's editor-in-chief
- Recruited reporters, sub-editors and editors for the paper
- Oversaw the production of each issue of The Independent newspaper from story assignment to proofreading, editing, layout and printing
- Supervised company staff and assigned tasks to journalists and other staff as necessary

Editor-in-Chief, *Daily Observer Newspaper*, Banjul, 1996 – 1999

- Headed the newsroom and served as the paper's editor-in-chief
- Supervised all editorial staff and assigned tasks to reporters and editors as necessary
- Oversaw the production of each issue of the paper from story assignment to proofreading, editing, layout and printing

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Prison Letters of Dr. J. B. Danquah. Banjul, Gambia: Art Kunda, 2020

Defying Dictatorship: Essays on Gambian Politics, 2012 – 2017. Banjul, Gambia: Center for Media and Development Research, 2017

The Catholic Voice in Ghana: Speaking the Spirit of Vatican II. Accra, Ghana: Sub-Saharan Publishers (2015)

Leadership in Colonial Africa: Disruption of Traditional Frameworks and Patterns. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

Leadership in Post-Colonial Africa: Trends Transformed by Independence. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

The Kwame Nkrumah Cartoons: A Visual History of the Times, 1961-1966. Accra, Ghana: Woeli Publishing, 2014

Rambler's Chats: Ghanaian, African and Global Histories through the eyes of a Nkrumahist Columnist. African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2012

Academic Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"The Gambian TRRC: Towards a 'Comprehensive Model' of Truth Commissions" in Bonny Ibhawo et al, *Truth Commissions and the Politics of State Building*. Montreal, Quebec: McGill-Queens University Press, (forthcoming, 2023)

"From Exile with Love" in Nathan Carpenter and Benjamin Lawrance, ed. *Africans in Exile: Mobility, Law, and Identity from Atlantic Slave Trade to Counterterrorism*. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2019

"Ideology and Intention in Ghanaian Political Cartoons" in Limb and Olaniyan, ed., *Taking African Cartoons Seriously: Politics, Satire and Culture*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2017

"Gambian Political Leadership and its Contextualities", Introduction to Jeggan Senghor, ed., *Profiles of Gambian Political Leaders in the Decolonization Era*. Leicester, UK: Global Hands Publishing, 2017

"Postscript" to Jeggan Senghor (Ed). *Profiles of Gambian Political Leaders in the Decolonization Era*. Leicester, UK: Global Hands Publishing, 2017 (with Jeggan Senghor)

"Autocracy, Migration and The Gambia's 'unprecedented' 2016 Election." *African Affairs*, March 2017 (with N. Hutlin, B. Lawrance, and A. Sarr)

"Mobile Codes: Migrations of Colonial Law in Post-Colonial Africa" in Klare Scarborough, ed., *Border Crossings: Immigration in Contemporary Prints*. Philadelphia, PA: La Salle University Art Museum, 2016

"From Saint to Devil: The visual transformations of Kwame Nkrumah in the *Accra Evening News*, 1961-1966." *Stichproben: Vienna Journal of African Studies*, No. 27/2014

"A Sign of the Times: Catholic advocacy for social justice in Nkrumah's Ghana." *Journal of Religion and Society*, Vol. 16, 2014

"African leadership studies and leadership in colonial Africa: an introduction" in Jallow ed., *Leadership in Colonial Africa: Disruption of Traditional Frameworks and Patterns*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

“Leadership in Postcolonial Africa: an introduction” in Jallow ed., *Leadership in Post-Colonial Africa: Trends Transformed by Independence*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

“Gambia: Why Sharia is not an option,” *Research on Islam and Muslims in Africa*, Occasional Papers, Volume 1, Number 5, March 2013

“Guinea: From Democratic Dictatorship to Undemocratic Elections, 1958-2008” in Abdoulaye Saine et al., ed. *Elections and Democratization in West Africa, 1990 – 2009*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2011

Book reviews

A Review of Graham McPhee, *Postwar British Literature and Postcolonial Studies* (Edinburgh University Press, 2011) *Interventions*, Vol. 14 (3) 2013

A Review of Elizabeth Schmidt, *Cold War and Decolonization in Guinea, 1946-1958*; Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2007. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 2, 2012

SELECTED PUBLIC INTEREST PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Adventures of Alkatan: Man of Truth. Banjul, Gambia, Art Kunda, 2021

Childhood Days in Chaku Bantang. Banjul, Gambia: Art Kunda, 2020

The Graveyard Cannot Pray. Leicester, UK: Global Hands Publishing, 2013

Mandela's Other Children: The Diary of an African Journalist. Louisville, KY: Wasteland Press, 2007

The Anatomy of Powercracy and Other Essays. Louisville, KY: Wasteland Press, 2006

Angry Laughter. Louisville, KY: Wasteland Press, 2004

Articles:

“The shift from colonialism to state repression in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *The Atlantic Post*, December 30, 2013

“In South Sudan, the approach of a dictatorial regime,” *The Atlantic Post*, December 16, 2013

“Mandela showed honor, integrity by stepping down,” *Omaha World Herald*, December 9, 2013

"Mandela's political revolution in a racially divided nation," *The Atlantic Post*, December 6, 2013

"Free press under siege in Gambia," *Omaha World Herald*, August, 21, 2013

"Kony is only one part of Uganda crisis," *Omaha World Herald*, March 22, 2012

"Life after Power" *Project Syndicate*, November 27, 2003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Coordinator, Student Historical Society, La Salle University, Fall 2015 – Fall 2017

Faculty Associate, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, 2012 – 2015

Member, African Studies Association

Member, International Leadership Association

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS

Faculty Summer Research Grant, La Salle University, 2015

Summer Research Grant, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, 2014

Summer Research Grant, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, 2013

Dean's Summer Research Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Creighton University, 2012

Summer Research Grant, UC Davis African Studies Committee, 2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of California, Davis, 2009

Hellman-Hammett Award for Persecuted Journalists, Human Rights Watch, 2002

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES / PRESENTATIONS

Participant, Consultative Experts Meeting on South Sudan Transitional Justice Mechanisms. Juba, South Sudan, May 15 – 17, 2023

Participant, Consultative Workshop on Policy Options for Transitional Justice in Ethiopia. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 16 – 17, 2023

Presentation to Malian Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (CVJR), “Victim Participation in The Gambia’s Truth Commission Processes.” Bamako, Mali: February 25 – 28, 2020. Facilitated by Lawyers Without Borders, Canada

Keynote Address, “The Gambian TRRC: Towards a Comprehensive Model of truth commissions”. Round Table Summit, “Truth Commissions in West Africa: Assessing Impacts and Legacies”, University of Ghana, Accra, August 26 – 27, 2019. Organized by McMaster University, Canada.

Panel Organizer and Chair, “Public Leadership in Africa”, 16th ILA Global International Conference, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2014, San Diego, CA

Panel Organizer, “African Leadership: Theory and Practice”, 16th ILA Global International Conference, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2014, San Diego, CA

Presenter, “Globalizing Leadership Studies: Beyond Theoretical Exceptionalism”, 16th ILA Global International Conference, Oct. 30 – Nov. 2, 2014, San Diego, CA

Presenter, “From Saint to Devil: The visual transformations of Kwame Nkrumah in the *Evening News*, 1961-1966”, African Studies Association, 57th Annual Meeting, Nov. 20 – 23, 2014, Indianapolis, IN

Presenter, “Mobile Codes: The migration of colonial law into postcolonial space: the case of Ghana, 1957-1990,” African Studies Association, 56th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 21-24, 2013

Panel Chair, “Re-examining African Elite: Questioning Historical Theory and Practice Through Examining Histories in Four African Countries.” African Studies Association, 55th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 29 – December 1, 2012

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Gambia in Transition: Promise, Challenge, the Role of Africans in the Diaspora and Partnership with the West”, Sponsored by the Madison-Kanifing Sister City Committee, Madison, WI, September 16, 2017

“From Dictatorship to Democracy: The importance of communication in a transition process.” Sponsored by the Initiative for the Promotion of Democracy and Good Governance, Banjul, August 12, 2017

“The Copycat State: Blind mimicry, neo-exceptionalism and the politics of failure in Africa.” Sponsored by the School of Arts and Sciences, University of The Gambia, Banjul, July 6, 2017

“Encountering Climate Change: Moral Considerations, Political Realities, Lived Experience: A Discussion on Climate Change in the Context of the Paris Climate Change Conference” La Salle University, Thursday, December 3, 2015

“The making of modern South Africa” delivered to graduate students in Dr. Ravinder Nath’s study abroad class, BUS 479: Seminar in Business: Discover South Africa – Business, Culture and Sights, Creighton University, Spring 2015

“The making of modern South Africa” delivered to graduate students in Dr. Ravinder Nath’s study abroad class, BUS 479: Seminar in Business: Discover South Africa – Business, Culture and Sights, Creighton University, Spring 2014

“Barriers to Media Development in Africa” delivered to students in Dr. Carol Zuegner’s class, JMC 365: International Mass Communications, Creighton University, Spring 2014

“Africa in the Western Imagination” delivered at Black History Month program, Charles Drew Health Center, Omaha, Nebraska, Spring 2014

“Great Kings and Queens of Africa” delivered as part of Black History Month celebrations, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Nebraska, Spring 2014

Talk on *The Graveyard Cannot Pray* delivered to students in Dean Bridget Keegan’s freshman honors class “RSP 101: Introduction to Collegiate Life”, Creighton University, Fall 2013

“Barriers to Media Development in Africa” delivered to students in Dr. Carol Zuegner’s class, JMC 365: International Mass Communications, Creighton University, Spring 2013

“The making of modern South Africa” delivered to graduate students in Dr. Ravinder Nath’s study abroad class, BUS 479: Seminar in Business: Discover South Africa – Business, Culture and Sights, Creighton University, Spring 2013

“The United States and Africa” delivered to graduate students in Dr. Elizabeth Elliot-Meisel’s class, INR 603: Proseminar in American Diplomatic History, Creighton University, Summer 2012

“Barriers to Media Development in Africa” delivered to students in Dr. Carol Zuegner’s class, JMC 365: International Mass Communications, Creighton University, Spring 2012

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Several interviews with international media visiting the TRRC or calling from abroad, 2018 - present
- Interviewed by BBC World Service on Faraba incident, Monday, June 18, 2018
- Interviewed by BBC World Service on Political Crisis in Gambia, January 18, 2017
- Interviewed by BBC World Service on Political Crisis in Gambia, January 1, 2017
- Interviewed by BBC World Service on Political Crisis in Gambia, December 15, 2017
- Interviewed by BBC World Service on Political Crisis in Zimbabwe, August 26, 2016

- Interviewed by BBC Mundo (Spanish Service) on Gambian president's declaration of the country as an Islamic republic, January 12, 2016

LANGUAGES

English, Fulani, Wolof, Mandinka, Krio
