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### **CURRENT POSITION**

Associate Professor, History/Africana Studies Affiliate, Stony Brook University, 2016 to present  
 Assistant Professor, History/Africana Studies Affiliate, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, 2013-2016

### **PAST EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Academic Appointments**

- Visiting Assistant Professor, History, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 2010-13
- Bard High School Early College, New York, NY, 2007-2008
- Assistant Professor, History, Lafayette College, Easton, PA, 2005-07
- Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, History, Barnard College-Columbia University, NY, NY, 2004-05

#### **United Nations, New York, NY**

##### **UNICEF**

- Consulting Writer, Gender Section, Programme Division, Beijing+15: Bringing Girls into Focus, 2010
- Researcher/Contributing Writer/Liaison to Academic and Scholarly Communities, 2008 to 2010
- Consultant, children's studies and co-publishing with academic presses, 2002
- Production Assistant, UNICEF Division of Communication, 1997

##### **UN Secretariat**

- Public Information Assistant, Department of Public Information, 1995-97

#### **Research and Editorial Positions**

- Research Assistant, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, 2002
- Bibliographer/Editor, Tanzania Studies Association Online, 1998-2000
- Coordinator, Institute for the Study of Gender in Africa (Rockefeller-funded), UCLA, 1997-98

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Full year sabbatical, 2019-2020, Stony Brook University College of Arts and Sciences
- Stony Brook Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Individual Grant to conduct research in Ghana on "Ghanaian Hinduism: A Religious Economy between West Africa and India," January 7-22, 2019
- Africa's Asian Options (AFRASO) Fellow, Goethe University, Frankfurt, May-July 2018
- Humanities Institute of Stony Brook, Faculty Fellow, Stony Brook, NY, January-May 2018
- Stony Brook Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Collaborative Grant to host "Africans in India" exhibit, on loan from the New York Public Library, 2017
- Stony Brook Presidential Distinguished Travel Grant, 2016

- Council for American Overseas Research Centers Multi-Country Fellowship, 2014-2015 (for Senegal/West African Research Center and India/American Institute of Indian Studies)
- Stony Brook University Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Individual Grant for research in Ghana and Nigeria, 2014
- Georgetown University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences:
  - Summer Academic Grant, 2012
  - Summer Academic Grant, 2011
  - Spring Competitive Grant-in-Aid
  - Fall Competitive Grant-in-Aid
- American Historical Association, Bernadotte Schmitt Research Grant, 2005
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Fieldwork Grant, 2002
- Fulbright/Institute of International Education, Research Fellowship, Nigeria, 2001
- UCLA
  - Chancellor's Dissertation Year Award, 2002-03
  - Predissertation Research Fellowship, 2001-02
  - International Studies and Overseas Programs Fellowship, 2000-01
  - Foreign Language/Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Swahili, 1998-99, Hausa, 1998
- Stanford University FLAS Fellowship, Swahili, 1999

## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. **University of California, Los Angeles**, African History, August 2003, subfields: South Asia, African-American History, Anthropology. Dissertation: "Children of the Mission in Kano Emirate: Conflicts of Conversion in Colonial Northern Nigeria, c.1899-1953"
- M.A. **University of California, Los Angeles**, African History, with Honors, 1999
- B.A. **Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT**, History: Africa, Asian, Latin America, with Honors, 1995. Thesis: "The Assemblies of God Missions in India and Nigeria"

## **Other Programs**

- Summer Cooperative African Language Institute, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Intermediate Intensive Kiswahili, June-August 1999
- School for International Training/World Learning, Nigeria, February-May 1994

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES:** French (proficient reading, writing; conversational speaking); Hausa (full proficiency); Kiswahili (competency in reading, writing, and speaking); Tamil (fluent speaker), Hindi (basic speaking)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Transforming Africa's Religious Landscapes: The Sudan Interior Mission (SIM), Past and Present.* Coedited with Tim Geysbeek, Barbara Cooper, Musa Gaiya, Gary Corwin, and Tibebe Eshete. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2018.

*Who Shall Enter Paradise? Christian Origins in Muslim Northern Nigeria, c.1890-1975.* Ohio University Press, 2014. Reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *Journal of African History*, *Africa*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *African Studies Quarterly*, *Social Sciences and Missions*

*Religions on the Move: New Dynamics of Religious Expansion in a Globalizing World*. Coedited with Afe Adogame, in International Studies in Religion and Society Series, edited by Peter Beyer and Lori Beaman. Leiden: Brill, 2012.

### **Books in progress**

India in the Black Atlantic: Racial Reckoning in Postcolonial Africa, proposal under review, submission of full manuscript, May 2020

Health and Disease in Africa: Perspectives on Global History, proposal under review, anticipated submission of full manuscript, December 2022

### **Peer-Reviewed Research Articles and Essays**

“Gender Activism in the Obama Age: The “Bring Back Our Girls” Campaign as Nigerian-American Détente,” in *Connections and Disconnections: Africa, Africans, and America in the Age of Obama*, edited by Damaris Parsitau and Ebenezer Obadare (submitted, to be published by Indiana University Press).

“Haji Humanitarianism: Nigeria’s Representation of Africa in the Modern Muslim World, c.1945 to the present,” submitted for peer review

“Slavery, an African-Indian Conceptualization,” in *Africans in India: (Re)presentation, Perception and Affinities*, edited by Ibrahima Diallo and Kusum Agarwal (Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press, forthcoming 2019).

“An Invisible Factor in Islamic Reform in Northern Nigeria: Non-Muslim Women,” submitted for peer review

“Precolonial Christianity and Missionary Legacies,” in *Oxford Handbook of Nigerian Politics*, edited by Carl Levan and Patrick Ukata (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

“The SOAS School of African History,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*, editor in chief Thomas Spear (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

“Race, Ethnicity, and Assimilation: Anthropology, American Missions, and Christian-Muslim Politics in British Northern Nigeria,” *Social Science and Missions* vol. 29, nos. 1-2 (2016): 37-65.

“Blurring Relief and Development: Religious and Secular Politics of International Humanitarian Intervention During Decolonization in Sub-Saharan Africa,” in *Dilemmas of International Humanitarian Aid in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Johannes Paulmann, Oxford University Press, 2016.

“Parchman Women Write the Blues?: What Became of Black Women’s Prison Music in Mississippi in the 1930s,” *American Music* 31, no. 2, Special Issue “Women’s Prison Music,” edited by Benjamin Harbert (2013): 183-202.

“Medical Missionaries and Modernizing Emirs in Colonial Hausaland: Leprosy Control and Native Authority,” *Journal of African History* 48, no.1 (March 2007): 45-68.

### **Book Chapters**

“A Tale of Two Gandhis: Complicating Ghana’s Indian Entanglements,” *Afro-South Asian in the Global African Diaspora*, edited by Omar Ali, Kenneth X. Robbins, Beheroze Schroff, and Jazmin Graces (forthcoming 2019).

“Lessons Learned from Lassa and Ebola Fevers: Missionaries and Epidemics in West Africa, 1969 to the present,” in *Breaking Barriers: SIM and African Pioneers Remaking Missions in the Sudan*, co-edited by Geysbeek et al. (Trenton: Africa World Press, 2018).

“Islam in Africa,” co-authored with Sean Hanretta, *African History Handbook*, coedited by Nwando Achebe, Charles Ambler, and William Worger (New York: Blackwell, 2018).

“Civil Society and Religion in Africa,” in *Handbook of Civil Society in Africa*, edited by Ebenezer Obadare (Springer, 2014), 25-41.

“A Fifty-Year Muslim Conversion to Christianity: Religious Ambiguities and Colonial Boundaries in Northern Nigeria, c. 1910-1963,” in *Muslim/Christian Encounters in Africa, Islam in Africa Series*, ed. Benjamin Soares (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006).

“The Social Dimensions of Christian Leprosy Work among Muslims: American Missionaries and Young Patients in Colonial Northern Nigeria, 1920-1940,” in *Healing Bodies, Saving Souls: Medical Missions in Africa and Asia*, ed. David Hardiman, Clio Medica/The Wellcome Series in the History of Medicine Vol. 80 (Rodopi: Amsterdam, 2006).

“Religion, State, and Society in Hausaland: History and the Politics of Incorporation in the Kano Chronicle,” in Akinwumi Ogundiran, ed., *Pre-Colonial Nigeria: Essays in Honor of Toyin Falola* (Lawrenceville, NJ: Africa World Press, 2005).

### **In Progress**

Special journal issue, “Africa/India Knowledge Networks,” co-edited with Oliver Coates, with articles by Gerard McCann, Swapna Kona Nayadu, and Geetha Ganga, to be submitted to *Africa*

“Mantras and the Making of a Female Hindu Swami in Ghana,” special issue on Sound and Secularity, co-edited by Margarethe Adams and August Sheehy, for *Yale Journal of Music and Religion* (in progress)

“A View from Inside Evangelical Spaces in Muslim Nigeria: Women and Houses of Worship,” for *Evangelical Christianity and the Transformation of Africa*, edited by Jacoc Olupona

“Sensibilities of Race in Photographs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary Movement in Africa”

“Religion and Society, Pre1900,” for the Oxford Handbook of Nigerian History, edited by Toyin Falola and Matthew Heaton

British Colonial Policies Towards Islam, Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical Essay, 1500-1900, edited by John Chesworth

## Opinion Essays/Blog Posts/Media Interviews and Guest Appearances

Script reviewer for “Distemper,” winner of Science and Tech Script competition, North Fork TV Festival and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Oct 4, 2019, Greenport, NY,  
<https://www.northfork.tv/sci-tech-winner> .

Panelist, “Stolen Daughters: Kidnapped by Boko Haram,” HBO documentary premier, Margaret Mead Film Festival, American Museum of Natural History, New York, October 18, 2018.  
<https://www.amnh.org/explore/margaret-mead-film-festival/archives/2018/films/opening-night-film-stolen-daughters-kidnapped-by-boko-haram>

“What the U.S. Could Learn about Vaccination from Nigeria,” *The Conversation*, June 6, 2019;  
<https://theconversation.com/what-the-us-could-learn-about-vaccination-from-nigeria-117578>

Review of *Women and the War on Boko Haram: Wives, Weapons, Witnesses*, by Hilary Matfess (Zed Books, 2017), for “Africa is a Country;” <https://africasacountry.com/2018/06/the-contradictions-of-boko-haram>

Interview for “Africans and Indians-A History of Black and Brown,” by Lavina Melwani, blog “Lassi with Lavina,” March 30, 2018; <http://www.lassiwithlavina.com/thebuzz/africans-india-slaves-sultans-racism/html>

Interview for “Africans in India: From Slaves to Sultans,” by Lavina Melwani, *Khabar* magazine, August 2017; <http://www.khabar.com/magazine/cover-story/africans-in-india-from-slaves-to-sultans>

“Is There Such a Category as a Biafran Immigrant?” *Africa is a Country*, July 21, 2017;  
<http://africasacountry.com/2017/07/is-there-such-a-category-as-a-biafran-immigrant/>

Comment on Takahashi et al., “Reduced Vaccination and the Risk of Measles and Other Childhood Infections Post-Ebola,” *Science* vol. 346, issue 6227, 13 March 2015, for World Science Festival,  
<http://www.worldsciencefestival.com/2015/03/ebola-measles/>

Interview for Radio Student, Slovenia, among Europe’s oldest independent radio stations, February 8, 2015; podcast: <http://radiostudent.si/družba/zeitgeist/9ja-okrajšava-za-nigerijo-ali-nigerijce>

“Long Before Boko Haram, Dissenters were Driven to the Brink in Northern Nigeria,” *Africa at LSE*, January 14, 2015, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/2015/01/14/long-before-boko-haram-dissenters-were-driven-to-the-brink-in-northern-nigeria/>.

“The Complicated Politics of Conversion in Northern Nigeria,” *Africa is a Country*, May 26, 2014.  
<http://africasacountry.com/the-complicated-politics-of-conversion-in-northern-nigeria/>

Interviewed for NPR online by Scott Neuman, “From Here to Timbuktu: Myth and Reality at the World’s Edge,” January 29, 2013, <http://www.npr.org/2013/01/29/170562921/from-here-to-timbuktu-myth-and-reality-at-the-world-s-edge>.

“Boko Haram Terror Designation Plan Misses the Point,” CNN World, Global Public Square by Fareed Zakaria, December 20, 2012. <http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/20/boko-haram-terror-designation-plan-misses-point/?iref=allsearch>

### **UN Reports and Flagships**

Principal writer (corporate author UNICEF), *Beijing+15: What Has the World Done for Girls*. UNICEF report presented to the UN Committee on the Status of Women 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, February 2010.

Contributing writer (corporate author UNICEF)

- State of the World’s Children 2010: Adolescents
- A Special Issue of State of the World’s Children: The Convention on the Rights of the Child at 20 (2009)
- State of the World’s Children 2009: Maternal and Newborn Health

Editorial and production consultant, UNICEF and UN

- Facts for Life, 2002
- State of the World’s Children 1998: Focus on Nutrition
- UN Secretary-General’s Blue Books Series, 1995-96
- Basic Facts about the UN, 1995-96 (English and French versions)

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

“Christian-Muslim Relations in Nigeria,” *Oxford Islamic Studies Online Regional Update*, edited by Benjamin Soares and Reudiger Seesemann, John Esposito, 2013.

“Women, Girls, and Health Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa,” in Suad Joseph, ed., *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures*, Vol. 3, “Family, Body, Sexuality and Health” (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006).

Biographical Entries, ABC-CLIO ResourceLink CD-Roms, edited by Tim O’Donnell: 18<sup>th</sup> Century World History (May 2000); 19<sup>th</sup> Century World History (Oct. 1999); 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History (June 1999).

### **Book Reviews and Review Essays**

Jon Soske, *Internal Frontiers: African Nationalism and the Indian Diaspora in 20<sup>th</sup> Century South Africa* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2017), *African Studies Review* (in press, 2019).

Mara Leichtman, *Shi’i Cosmopolitanisms: Lebanese Migration and Religious Conversion in Senegal* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2015), *Journal of West African History* 3, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 200-203.

Sana Aiyar, *Indians in Kenya: The Politics of Diaspora* (Harvard University Press, 2015), *Journal of African History* 59, no. 1 (March 2018): 127-9.

Gibril Cole, *The Krio of West Africa: Islam, Culture, Creolization, and Colonialism in the Nineteenth Century* (Ohio University Press, 2013), *Canadian Journal of History* (in progress)

Barbara Mann Wall, *Into Africa: A Transnational History of Catholic Medical Missions and Social Change* (Rutgers University Press, 2015), *Social History of Medicine* 30, no. 2 (2017).

Moses Ochonu, *Colonialism by Proxy: Hausa Imperial Agents and Middle Belt Consciousness in Northern Nigeria* (Indiana University Press, 2014), *Journal of African History* 57, no. 2 (2016): 312-314.

David Chidester, *Empire and Religion: Imperialism and Comparative Religion* (University of Chicago Press, 2013), *Journal of African History* Vol. 57, no. 1 (March 2016): 144-146.

Albert Wuaku, *Hindu Gods in West Africa: Ghanaian Devotees of Shiva and Krishna* (Leiden: Brill, 2013), *Journal of Religion in Africa* (forthcoming, 2016).

Heather Sharkey, ed., *Unexpected Consequences of Christian Missions in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2013), review essay for *Pastoral Psychology* (in progress).

William M. Swartley, *Health, Healing and the Church's Mission: Biblical Perspectives and Moral Priorities* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Press, 2012), *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 38, no. 3 (July 2014): 156.

Amy Stambach, *Faith in Schools: Religion, Education, and American Evangelicals in East Africa* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2010), *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 47, no. 1 (2013).

Felix J. Phiri, *Muslim Associations and the Resurgence of Islam in Zambia* (Faith and Encounter Centre Zambia, 2009), *Journal of Religion in Africa* 41, no. 4 (2011): 451-2.

Heather, Sharkey, *American Evangelicals in Egypt: Missionary Encounters in an Age of Empire* (Princeton University Press, 2008), *Journal of Religion in Africa* Vol. 39, no. 4 (2009): 468-469.

David Maxwell, *Gifts of the African Spirit: Pentecostalism and the Rise of a Zimbabwean Transnational Religious Movement* (Oxford: James Currey, 2006), *Le Fait Missionnaire* Vol. 22, no. 2 (2009).

Janice Boddy, *Civilizing Women: British Crusades in Colonial Sudan* (Princeton University Press, 2007), *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 40, no. 3 (2007): 541-2.

Trica Danielle Keaton, *Muslim Girls and the Other France* (Indiana University Press, 2006), *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* 9, 2 (2007): 324-325.

Jean Boyd and Beverly B. Mack, eds. *Collected Works of Nana Asma'u, Daughter of Usman dan Fodiyo, Ufahamu: Journal of the African Activist Association, Expressive Culture in Africa* XXV, No. 3 (1997).

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Introductory Surveys**

Early Africa; Modern Africa; Health and Disease in African History; West Africa and the World

### **Intermediate-level courses**

Global History of Witchcraft; Conflict and Reconciliation in Africa; Islam and Protest in Africa and the Diaspora; Slavery and Abolition in Africa

### **Undergraduate Seminars**

African-Asian Relation; African Atlantic; Religion and Politics in Africa; Gender, Health, and Healing; City Life in Africa, Missionaries: Saving Souls or Spreading Capitalism

### **Graduate Courses**

Africa between the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds; Core Readings for History Scholars; Society and Politics in Modern Africa,

### **Undergraduate Research Supervision**

- Honors History thesis, Stony Brook, Khondker Hossain, “Power to the People: Education, Revolution, and the Black Panther Party,” 2017
- Honors History thesis, Stony Brook, Ryan Schmitt, “Class Consciousness in Socialist Tanzania,” 2014-2015
- Faculty mentor to Stony Brook History majors-researchers Ryan Schmitt, “Moral Degeneracy in Postcolonial South Africa” and Michael Hoffman, “Traditional Medicine and Temperance: The Complexities of Health Policy in South Africa under British Rule,” both presented at Stony Brook’s undergraduate research symposium URECA, April 30, 2014.
- Georgetown Culture and Politics thesis, Mary Grace Reich, “Christian Institutions in Ghanaian Politics: Social Capital and Investments in Democracy,” 2012
- Georgetown Culture and Politics thesis, Caitlin Collis, “Urbanization as Civilization in the Italian Colonial Mindset,” 2013
- Barnard History/Africana Studies Honors thesis: Kendra Tappan, Migrant Women and Prostitution in South Africa; Vicky Cuellar, Diasporic Connections and Dance in Ghana, 2005

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Consultation, “World Christianity”: Issues, Questions, Debates,” convened by Jehu Hanciles, Candler Theological Seminary, Emory University, October 17-19, 2019.

“An Evangelical Minority’s Gendered Futurism: Christian Household Networks in Muslim Northern Nigeria,” Radcliffe Exploratory Seminar on Evangelical Christianity and the Transformation of Africa, convened by Jacob Olupona, May 22-23, 2019.

Panelist, “Remembering Lamin Sanneh,” World Christianity Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 16, 2019.

Panel organizer and presenter, “African-Indian Religious Imagination: Moving Beyond Secularist Studies of the Global South,” conference “Africa-Asia, A New Axis of Knowledge,” Dar es Salaam, September 20-22, 2018.

“Indians and Pakistanis in African Universities: The Cultural Politics of Postcolonial Knowledge-Production,” AFRASO seminar, June 21, 2018, Goethe University, Frankfurt.

“Nigerian Debates on India’s Muslim Question: African Resistance to Territorial Nationalism,” for the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa conference, “Islam in Global Africa,” Northwestern University, April 23-24, 2018.



“Afro-Dravidianism: A Senegalese-South Indian Muslim-Hindu Enchantment.” University of Florida African Studies Baraza, January 19, 2018.

Commentator, panel on Helon Habila’s *The Chibok Girls: The Boko Haram Kidnappings and Islamic Militancy in Nigeria*,” Columbia University Committee on Global Thought/School of Journalism, Dec. 6, 2016.

Panelist on “West African and Diasporic Religions,” for the international launch of the *Journal of West African History*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, April 7-9, 2016.

“Nigerian Churches of the Reformation in their Social and Political Responsibility for the One World,” Hermannsburg, Germany (with support of Hans Lilje Foundation), June 22-25, 2016.

“Senegal and India: Historical Ties and Future Possibilities,” seminar at Le Centre de Recherche Ouest Africain/West African Research Centre, Fann Resident, Dakar, Senegal, Jan. 14, 2016.

“Globalizing Islam: The Role of Indian Ahmadis and the Importance of West Africa,” Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Public Lecture series, “India and the Wider World,” New Delhi, India, August 19, 2015.

“British Colonial Administrative Policies in Africa,” for the NEH Summer Institute “Africa in World History,” Michigan State University, August 3, 2015.

“On the Rights of Muslim Migrants: Indian Missionaries, West African Converts, and the Charting of a Radical Political Geography from the 1920s, Barnard Forum on Migration, Columbia University, April 26, 2015.

“Ethiopia Shall Stretch Forth Her Hands...to India? Diasporic Imagination in Muslim India from the 1920s,” Cornell University Graduate History Colloquium, March 26, 2015.

“Ebola in Historical Context,” meeting of the History of Medicine and Health Working Group of the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, New York Academy of Medicine, January 16, 2015.

“‘Pagans’ in Northern Nigeria: Colonial Policies and the Death of Pluralism,” for the series “Religion in West Africa: Cosmopolitanism, Faith Communities, and the Social Fabric,” Boston University African Studies Center/West African Research Association, November 13, 2014.

Commentator for panel on Ellen Boucher’s *Empire’s Children: Child Emigration, Welfare and the Decline of the British World, 1869-1967* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), Social Science History Association, Toronto, November 6-9, 2014.

“Religious Nationalism in Northern Nigeria: Reliving the Colonial Past, Producing Histories beyond the British Archive,” Columbia University Seminar on Contemporary Africa, April 22, 2014.

“Christian Women in Muslim Northern Nigeria: Stigma of Mobility, Searching for Respectability, c.1900-1970,” workshop entitled “Beyond Consent and Dissent: Women, Power and Religions in Modern Africa, 1800-Present,” Newnham College, Cambridge University, January 17-18, 2014.

Graduation address, African Studies Program, Georgetown University, May 17, 2013.

“Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa,” U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, VA, Advanced African Area Studies seminar, May 22, 2012.

“Religious Tensions in Nigeria: Unraveling the Conflict,” roundtable with Peter Lewis, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Georgetown University Africa Forum/African Studies Program, March 28, 2012.

“Christian-Muslim Relations in Northern Nigeria: Historical Perspectives,” University of North Carolina, Charlotte, March 26, 2012.

“Muslim and Christian Women in Kano: Invisibility, Mobility, and the Search for Pathways to Peace in Nigeria,” presented at “Women, Religion, and Peace” workshop, U.S. Institute for Peace, January 4-6, 2012.

“Religion and Conflict Resolution in Nigeria,” presented at “A Common Word: Responding to the Challenges of Religious Pluralism & Conflict Resolution,” hosted by the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, April 12, 2011.

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL ORGANIZATION**

“African ‘Intellectual Hunger’ and the Making of Indian Religious Enterprises,” for panel “Capitalism and Africa’s Place in the World Economy,” African Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, November, 23, 2019.

“Public-ising African-Indian Racial Imaginaries,” for Racialisation and Publicness in Africa and the African Diaspora, African Studies Centre, Oxford University, June 27-28, 2019.

Organizer and presenter on panel “African-Indian Religious Imaginations: Moving Beyond Secularist Studies of the Global South,” international conference Africa-Asia, A New Axis of Knowledge, September 20-22, 2018, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Co-organizer of two joint panels, “New Approaches to Islam in Africa,” African Studies Association UK, Cambridge University, 7-9 Sept., 2016.

“Support for Ahmadi Missionaries in Africa: The Politics of Tithing in the Diaspora,” for panel titled, “Trust Networks: Circuits of Religious Philanthropy in South Asia,” organized by Leilah Vevaina, for the Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, Oct. 22-25, 2015.

“Christian Mobility, Muslim Invisibility: Bodies and Difference in Northern Nigeria,” Stony Brook Humanities Institute Workshop on Gender and Religion, April 14, 2015.

“Deporting to Define the Nation: Movements between Africa and South Asia in the Twilight of Empire,” Conable African Studies Symposium: Exile and Deportation in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa, Rochester Institute of Technology, April 3-5, 2015.

“Modern Pilgrims, Potential Marxists: Colonial and Postcolonial Reforms of Sudanese Transport to Arabia, c. 1945-1960,” workshop “Working on Globalisation: Work and Transport in Global History after 1945,” International Research Centre ‘Work and the Human Life Cycle in Global History,’ Humboldt University Berlin, October 25-27, 2013.

Panel organizer, “Gold Coast Histories: Engaging Ray Kea’s Studies of State, Society, and Slavery in West Africa and the Atlantic World,” Centre for West African Studies, University of Birmingham, September 4-6, 2013.

“Christian Conversion Testimonies of History in Muslim Northern Nigeria: Gender and the Politics of Identity,” International Conference on SIM History in Africa, July 9-13, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

“Colonial Missionaries and Jihad: Constructing Muslim Militancy and British Peacemaking in Northern Nigeria’s Struggle for Independence,” Georgetown University History Department, Cultures of Violence Workshop, JNU (India), Georgetown, and King’s College (London), February 20-21, 2013.

“Political Economy of Healing: Tracing Commodities of Trans-Saharan Exchange through Kano Markets,” American Historical Association workshop, In and Out of Africa: Forging Identity through Exclusion, Education, and Healing,” New Orleans, January 3-6, 2013.

“Indian Narrations of Nigerian Jihad: Religion, Violence, and International Norms at the End of British Empire,” presented at “Genealogies of Colonial Violence,” Cambridge University, Centre of South Asian Studies/Centre of African Studies, June 1-2, 2012.

“The Challenge of Historicizing International Health: Evidence of Missionary Conduits for UNICEF in Post World War II,” presented at “Development, Health and Humanitarian Crises in post-Colonial Africa,” Institute of African Studies, Emory University, April 20-21, 2012.

#### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

Co-organizer, African Intellectual History Workshop, sponsored by the Yale MacMillan Center for International Studies, March 31-April 2, 2015.

Selection Committee, International Conference on SIM History in Africa, July 9-13, 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

#### **BOOK/JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEW**

Co-editor, Brill Publishers Studies of Religion in Africa series, 2014 to the present

Co-editor, *Social Science and Missions*, September 2018-

Articles reviewer for *African Studies Review*, *American Historical Review*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *Journal of African History*, *Journal of Religion in Africa*, *Journal of West African History*, *Radical History Review*, *South African Historical Journal*, *Social Anthropology*, *Social Science and Missions*, *Social History of Medicine*

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ADVISING**

Fellowship Committee

Wenner-Gren panel reviewer, May 2017-April 2019

Tenure External Referee

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Oklahoma

Stony Brook University

- Committee on Workplace Culture, History Department, 2018-
- Graduate Committee, Admissions, and Awards/Grants subcommittee, 2014 to present
- Medieval Mediterranean History, Search Committee Member, 2017-2018
- Tenure Committee, Africana Studies, 2017 to present
- Committee to Improve Diversity in History, 2016 to present
- Interdepartmental coordinator for visual art exhibit “Africans in India,” curated by Dr. Sylviane Diouf, Schomburg Center, to be hosted at the Charles B. Wang Center, February to May 2017, with funding from the Stony Brook Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Humanities Institute, Center for India Studies, Departments of History, Africana Studies, and Art
- Academic Success Workshop for Conditionally Reinstated Students, with Professors David Kahn (Math) and J. Peter Gergen (Biochemistry and Cell Biology), organized by Carolyn Stephenson, August 25, 2015
- African history curriculum redesign (in consultation with Africana Studies), 2014 to present
- Workshop for History graduate students, “Careers Outside Academia,” April 1, 2015
- Department working group, Mellon-Sawyer Application, “From Boundaries to Connections: Comparing the Cultures of Goods, Faiths, and Solidarity,” Jan. 2015

Georgetown University

- College Knowledge program for student-athletes, “How to Read for History Courses,” Fall 2012
- Preparing to Excel Program pre-orientation, Community Scholars, Fall 2012
- Fulbright Interview Committee, Fall 2010

Lafayette College

- Latin American History Faculty Search Committee, 2006-2007
- International Affairs Advisory Committee, 2006-2007
- Student Life Committee, 2006-2007

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

African Studies Association

American Academy of Religion

American Historical Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

West African Research Association

Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**