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Education

Ph.D., History (York University, 1999).

- Fields: Modern African History, European Expansion in Africa, Comparative Slavery
- M.A., History (University of Saskatchewan, 1993).
 B.A. High Honours, History (University of Saskatchewan, 1990).

Academic Appointments

Professor, Department of History, University of Vermont, 2017-Present
 Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Vermont, 2005-2017
 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Vermont, 1999-2005
 Director of the African Studies Program, 2004-2009
 International Advisory Board, Harriet Tubman Resource Centre on the African Diapora, 2005-2008

Publications – Monographs / Edited Collections

With Juanita De Barros (eds.), *Public Health and Colonialism in the British Imperial World*. (Trenton: Africa World Press, 2016).

Slavery and Slaving in African History. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014). Part of the *New Approaches to African History* series.

Paradoxes of Power: The Kano ‘Mamluks’ and Male Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate, 1804-1903 (Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2004). Part of the *Social History of Africa* series.

Publications – Journal Articles / Book Chapters

“Constructing Colonial Power: Tradition, Legitimacy and Government in Kano, 1903-1963,” *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 39, 2 (2011), 195-225.

“The Development of a ‘Mamluk’ System in the Sokoto Caliphate, 1804-1903” in Paul E. Lovejoy (ed.), *African Slaves in Dar es-Salaam: Slavery and the Muslim Diaspora*. (Princeton: Markus Wiener, 2004), 87-109.

Co-editor (with Juanita De Barros) of a special issue of *Caribbean Quarterly*, entitled “Colonialism and Health in the Tropics” in *Caribbean Quarterly* 49, 4 (December 2003).

with Juanita De Barros, “Introduction: Public Health and the Imperial Project” in *Caribbean Quarterly* 49, 4 (December 2003), 1-11.

“The Economic History of the Central Sudan” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Joel Mokyr, editor. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

“The Imposition of Colonial Rule” in Toyin Falola (ed.), *African History and Culture, Volume III. Colonial Africa, 1885-1939*. Durham: Carolina Academic Press, 2003, 3-25.

with Ibrahim Hamza and Paul E. Lovejoy, “The Oral History of Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate: An Interview with Sallama Dako,” in *History in Africa: A Journal of Method* 28 (2001), 273-291.

“Power, Honour and Shame: The Ideology of Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate,” in *Africa* 70, 3 (2000), 394-421.

“The Power of Knowledge and the Knowledge of Power: Kinship, Community and Royal Slavery in Kano, 1807-1903” in Toru Miura and John Edward Philips (eds.), *Elite Slavery in the Middle East and Africa: A Comparative Study*. London: Kegan Paul, 2000, 117-158.

“Culture, Kinship and Power: The Evolution of Royal Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Kano” in *African Economic History* 27 (1999), 177-215.

“‘Amana’ and ‘Asiri’: Royal Slave Culture and the Colonial Regime in Kano, 1903-1926” in *Slavery and Abolition* 19, 2 (1998), 167-188.

Research in Progress

Articles:

“Water Rates and Water Riots in Colonial Lagos” [draft 20 pages]

“Public Health Propaganda and the British Colonial Film Unit” [in research stage.]

“A History of Cerebrospinal Meningitis Epidemics in Northern Nigeria” [in research stage]

Monograph:

Pestilence and Planning: Public Health and Colonial Urbanism in Nigeria [in research stage]

Academic Grants and Awards

REACH Grant [12,868], 2013-2014

Lattie Coor Fellowship [2,500], 2009-2010

Joan Smith Faculty Development Award [\$14,550], 2007-2008

Hannah History of Medicine Development Grant for archival research in Nigeria [\$10,000], 2005-2006

Faculty Development Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont [1,500], 2005

Dean's Discretionary Fund for Travel, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont [\$350], 2005

Central Diversity Fund [\$950], 2001

Dean's Travel Fund [\$300], 2001

Research Grant, York/UNESCO Nigerian Hinterland and African Diaspora Project [\$2000], 2000.

UCRS Research Grant, College of Graduate Studies, University of Vermont [\$5,000], 2000.

Faculty Development Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont [\$2,000], 1999.

SSHRC occasional conference grant/support [\$9,958] for the conference: "Colonialism and Public Health in the Tropics, 1999.

Development Grant, Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine [\$8,000], 1999

York University President's Dissertation Scholarship, 1997-1998.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1997.

York University Fieldwork Costs Award, 1997.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, 1995-1996.

IODE (International Order of the Daughters of the Empire) Doctoral Fellowship, 1995-1996.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Declined), 1995.

York University Entrance Scholarship, 1993-1994.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1993-1994.

C.D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship (Declined), 1993.

University of Saskatchewan Graduate Scholarship, 1990-1992.

A.S. Morton Memorial Scholarship, 1991.

Mary Hallet Memorial Scholarship, 1991.

Select Conference and Symposium Presentations

Paper and Roundtable, "Archives and the Future of African Studies", *African Studies Association*, November 2008

"Attempting Abolition: Slavery and the Failure of the British Colonial State", presented at the international conference, "*Bloody Writing is forever Torn: Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade*" in Accra and Cape Coast, Ghana, August 2007.

Invited Panel Discussant, Conference on "Slavery, Islam and the Diaspora," York University, Toronto, Ontario, October 24-26, 2003

Chair/Discussant, "History of Health and Disease in Africa," panel at the *Canadian Association of African Studies* Conference, 30 May 2002, Toronto, Ontario.

"Jihad, Islam and Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate: A Comparative Approach." Presented at the conference, *Slavery and Religion in the Modern World*, Essaouira, Morocco, 15-20 June, 2001.

"African States and European Merchants: The Business of Trading Slaves in Africa and the Atlantic World." Presentation to Burlington High School teachers at their "in-service" day, November 20, 2001.

"Eunuchs, Soldiers and Slaves: The History of Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate." Paper Presented at the Brown Bag Lecture Series Sponsored by the *Area and International Studies Program*, University of Vermont, 1 November 2000.

"Power, Honour and Shame: The Ideology of Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate." Presented the conference, *Liberté, identité, intégration et servitude dans le monde musulman*, held at the Université al-Akhwayn, Ifrane, Morocco, 29-30 June 2000.

"The Power of Knowledge and the Knowledge of Power: Kinship, Community and Royal Slavery in Pre-Colonial Kano." Paper presented at the conference: *Elite Slavery in the Middle East and Africa: A Comparative Study*. Tokyo, Japan, 10-11 October 1998.

“Conducting Research in Kano: Problems and Possibilities.” Paper presented at the *Historical Seminar Series*, Abdullahi Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria, 2 April 1998.

“ ‘Amana’ and “ ‘Asiri’: Royal Slave Culture and the Colonial Regime in Kano, 1903-1926.” Paper presented at the *African Studies Association Annual Conference*, Columbus, USA, 13 November 1997.

“Oral Data and the Reconstruction of the History of Royal Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate.” Paper presented at the *Stirling Symposium for the Study of Source Material on Slavery and the Slave Trade*, Stirling, Scotland, April 1996 (co-sponsored by UNESCO).

Teaching

Courses Taught

HST 40: Introduction to African History, lecture
 HST 40: African History to c. 1870, lecture
 HST 41: African History from c. 1870 to the Present, lecture
 HST 96: War, Revolution and Society in Africa, first year seminar
 HST 140: West African History, upper year lecture
 HST 141: History of Southern Africa, upper year lecture
 HST 142: Nigeria: Giant of Africa
 HST 240: Comparative Slavery: An Historical Perspective, senior seminar
 HST 397: Themes in the Social History of West Africa, independent study
 HST 397: Colonial Medicine in African History, independent study
 HST 397: The African Diaspora, independent study

Advising/Supervision

38-45 Undergraduate Advisees

University and Professional Service

Member, Department of History, Graduate Committee, 2015-2016

Member, Department of History Executive Committee, 2013-2015

Member, History Chair Search Committee, 2012-13

Member, Latin American History Search Committee, 2012-2013

Grievance Officer, UA, 2010-present

Faculty Senator, 2010-2013

Member, Graduate Committee, 2009-2010.

Member, History Department Chair Search, 2007-2008.

Chair, Global Search Committee, 2007

Member, Executive Committee, Department of History, 2007-2010

Faculty Standards Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007-2008

Department Representative, UA (United Academics), 2006-present.

Director of African Studies Program, 2004-2010

Secretary of the College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-2005.

Delegate, UA (United Academics) Delegates Assembly, 2003-2006

Graduate Committee, Department of History, 2002-2006.

Executive Committee, Department of History, 2003-2004.

Latin America Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History, Fall 2004- Spring 2005.

Asia Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History, 2003-2004.

East Asia Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History, 2002-2003.

Programme Chair, *Canadian Association of African Studies* Annual Conference, 2000-2002 [for 2002 conference].

Review Committee, Area and International Studies Director, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001.

History Representative, Faculty Senate, 2001-2002.

Middle East Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History, 2000-2001.

Academic Standing Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2000-2003.

Reviewer, ACLS; University of Rochester Press; *International Journal of African Historical Studies*; *African Studies Review*

Reviews published in *Journal of African History*, *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*

Research Fellow, *Kano State History and Culture Bureau*, Kano, Nigeria.

Research Fellow, *Arewa House Centre for Historical Documentation*, Kaduna, Nigeria.