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Education

Ph.D. Department of History, Northwestern University, 2002 (African History)
M.A. Department of History, University of Alabama, 1994 (History)
B.A. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1991 (History and Political Science)

Current Positions

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2013-present
Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, 2008-present

Previous Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2008-13
Lecturer in African History, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, 2003-08
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern University, 2002-03

Publications

Monographs

Taifa: Making Nation and Race in Urban Tanzania. Athens OH: Ohio University Press (New African Histories Series), 2012 [winner of the 2013 Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize, African Studies Association]

Articles & Book Chapters

“International News in the Age of Empire,” in Richard R. John and Jonathan Silberstein-Loeb (eds.), *Making News: The Political Economy of Journalism in Britain and America from the Glorious Revolution to the Internet* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 107-132

“The Cold War battle over global news in East Africa: decolonization, the free flow of information and the media business, 1960-1980,” *Journal of Global History* 10:2 (2015), 333-356

“A History of *Sauti ya Mvita* (Voice of Mombasa): Radio, Public Culture, and Islam in Coastal Kenya, 1947-1966,” in Rosalind I. Hackett and Benjamin F. Soares (eds.), *New Media and Religious Transformations in Africa* (Bloomington IN: Indiana University Press, 2015), 19-38

“Print, Reading, and Patronage in the ‘Colonial-Born’ Presses of the Indian Diaspora in Africa,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 35:2 (2015), 369-375

“Constructing arguments and institutions of Islamic belonging: M. O. Abbasi, colonial Tanzania, and the western Indian Ocean world, 1925-61,” *Journal of African History* 55:2 (2014), 211-228

- “Julius Rex: Nyerere through the eyes of his critics, 1953-2013,” *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 8:3 (2014), 459-477 [reprinted in Marie Aude Fouéré (ed.), *Remembering Nyerere in Tanzania: History, Memory, Legacy* (Dar es Salaam: Mkuki na Nyota, forthcoming December 2015), 143-169]
- “Communications and Media in African History,” in John Parker and Richard Reid (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Modern African History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 492-509
- “Rents and entitlements: reassessing Africa’s urban pasts and futures,” *Afrika Focus* 26:1 (2013), 37-49
- “Politics and Business in the Indian Newspapers of Colonial Tanganyika,” *Africa: Journal of the International Africa Institute* 81:1 (2011), 42-67
- “Radio Cairo and the Decolonization of East Africa, 1953-1964,” in Christopher J. Lee (ed.), *Making a World after Empire: The Bandung Moment and Its Political Afterlives* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2010), 173-195
- “Lowering the Sultan’s Flag: Sovereignty and Decolonization in Coastal Kenya,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 50:4 (2008), 831-861
- “Destroying *mumiani*: cause, context and violence in late colonial Dar es Salaam,” *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 2:1 (2008), 95-111
- “Between segregation and gentrification: Africans, Indians, and the struggle for housing in Dar es Salaam, 1920-1950,” in Brennan, Burton, and Lawi (eds.), *Dar es Salaam: Histories from an emerging African metropolis* (Dar es Salaam/Nairobi: Mkuki na Nyota/BIEA, 2007), 118-135
- “The emerging metropolis: a short history of Dar es Salaam, circa 1862-2005,” co-authored with Andrew Burton, in Brennan, Burton, and Lawi (eds.), *Dar es Salaam: Histories from an emerging African metropolis* (Dar es Salaam/Nairobi: Mkuki na Nyota/BIEA, 2007), 13-75
- “Blood enemies: exploitation and urban citizenship in the nationalist political thought of Tanzania, 1958-1975,” *Journal of African History* 47:3 (2006), 387-411
- “Realizing civilization through patrilineal descent: African intellectuals and the making of an African racial nationalism in Tanzania, 1920-50,” *Social Identities* 12:4 (2006), 405-423
- “Youth, the TANU Youth League, and Managed Vigilantism in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 1925-1973,” *Africa: Journal of the International Africa Institute* 76:2 (2006), 221-246 [reprinted in revised form in Andrew Burton and Hélène Charton (eds.), *Generations Past: Youth in East African History* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2010), 196-220]
- “The Short History of Political Opposition & Multi-Party Democracy in Tanganyika, 1958-1964,” in Gregory H. Maddox and James L. Giblin, editors, *In Search of a Nation: Histories of Authority & Dissidence in Tanzania* (Oxford/Athens: James Currey/Ohio University Press, 2005), 250-276
- “Democratizing Cinema and Censorship in Tanzania, 1920-1980,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 38:3 (2005), 481-511

“South Asian Nationalism in an East African Context: The Case of Tanganyika, 1914-1954,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 19:2 (1999), 24-39

“Sawn Timber and Straw Hats: The Development of the Lumber Industry in Escambia County, Alabama 1880 to 1910,” *Gulf Coast Historical Review* 11:2 (1996), 41-67

Edited Collections

James R. Brennan, Andrew Burton, and Yusuf Lawi (eds.), *Dar es Salaam: Histories from an emerging African metropolis* (Dar es Salaam/Nairobi: Mkuki na Nyota/British Institute in Eastern Africa, 2007), including introduction co-authored with Andrew Burton, 1-11

James R. Brennan and Cedric Barnes, special editors for issue of Routledge journal *Social Identities* 12/4 (July 2006), including co-authored introduction entitled “Political Genealogy, Race and Territory in Eastern Africa,” 401-404

Book Reviews

Toyin Falola and Emily Brownell (eds.), *Empire and Globalization: Essays in Honor of A. G. Hopkins*. Reviewed in *Britain and the World* 8:2 (2015), 254-257

Africa after Apartheid: South Africa, Race and Nation in Tanzania. Reviewed in *Journal of Modern African Studies* 52:3 (2014), 504-505

Gijsbert Oonk, *The Karimjee Jivanjee family: merchant princes of East Africa 1800-2000*. Reviewed in *Business History* 55.5 (2013), 1-3

Lawrence Mbogoni, *Aspects of Colonial Tanzania History*. Reviewed in *Tanzanian Affairs* 106 (2013): 52-54

Harry G. West, *Ethnographic Sorcery*. Reviewed in *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft* 5:1 (2010), 145-148

Stephen J. Rockel, *Carriers of Culture: Labor on the Road in Nineteenth-Century East Africa*. Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 50:3 (2009), 451-453

Michael Jennings, *Surrogates of the State: NGOs, Development and Ujamaa in Tanzania*. Reviewed in *African Affairs* 108:431 (2009), 334-336

Thomas Metcalf, *Imperial Connections: India and the Indian Ocean Arena, 1860-1920*. Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 49:2 (2008), 330-332

Roman Loimeier and Rüdiger Seesemann (eds.), *The Global Worlds of the Swahili: Interfaces of Islam, Identity and Space in 19th and 20th-Century East Africa*. Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 48:3 (2007), 512-514

Adam Ashforth, *Witchcraft, Violence, and Democracy in South Africa*. Reviewed in *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft* 2:2 (2007), 199-202

- AbdouMaliq Simone & Abdelghani Abouhani (eds.), *Urban Africa: Changing Contours of Survival in the City*. Reviewed in *African Studies Review* 50:2 (2007), 221-223
- James L. Giblin, *A History of the Excluded: Making Family a Refuge from State in Twentieth-Century Tanzania*. Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 48:2 (2007), 337-340
- Fibian Kavulani Lukalo, *Extended Handshake or Wrestling Match? Youth and Urban Culture Celebrating Politics in Kenya*. Reviewed in H-Review (H-Urban), 7 April 2007
- Paul Nugent, *Africa Since Independence*. Reviewed in *Journal of Agrarian Change* 6:1 (2006), 140-141
- Elizabeth Isichei, *Voices of the Poor in Africa*. Reviewed in *Journal of African History* 46:3 (2005), 541-543
- Ross Anderson, *The Forgotten Front: The East African Campaign 1914-1918*. Reviewed in *Journal of Military History* 69:4 (2005), 1231-1232
- Ruth Watson, 'Civil Disorder is the Disease of Ibadan': *Chieftaincy and Civic Culture in a Yoruba City*. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 68:3 (2005), 40-41
- "Revisiting nationalism in Tanganyika", review essay, *Afrika Spectrum* 37:3 (2002/3), 367-371
- Zarina Patel, *Challenge to Colonialism: the struggle of Alibhai Mulla Jeevanjee for equal rights in Kenya*. Reviewed in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 34:2 (2001), 433-435
- Pascal James Imperato, *Quest for the Jade Sea: Colonial Competition around an East African Lake*. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 36:3 (2001), 320-321
- William Martin and Michael West (eds.), *Out of One, Many Africas: Reconstructing the Study and Meaning of Africa*. Reviewed in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 33:2 (2000), 481-483
- Melvin E. Page et al, eds., *Personality and Political Culture in Modern Africa: Studies presented to Professor Harold G. Marcus*. Reviewed in *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 38:1 (2000), 152-153
- Pekka Seppala, ed. *The Making of a Periphery: Economic development and cultural encounters in southern Tanzania*. Reviewed in *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 18:1 (2000), 302-305
- Bill Bravman, *Making Ethnic Ways: Communities and Their Transformations in Taita, Kenya, 1800-1950*. Reviewed in H-Review, 12.10.1999
- H. L. Wesseling, *Divide and Rule: The Partition of Africa, 1880-1914*. Reviewed in H-Review, 25.6.1997

Professional Conferences and Workshops

- "'Our eyes sparkle now and they can see': self-improvement, political consciousness and social engineering in Tanzania's adult literacy campaigns of the 1970s," paper to be delivered at conference entitled "Decolonization(s) and Education: New Men and New Polities", Humboldt University, Berlin, 27 November 2015

“A civilized arena: Sir Phillip Mitchell, Kenya, and the struggle for decolonization in the Western Indian Ocean, 1944-1948,” paper to be delivered at African Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, 21 November 2015

Panelist for roundtable to discuss Judith Byfield *et al.*, *Africa and World War II*, African Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, 19 November 2015

“Structure and personality in Tanzania’s political opposition: the career of Oscar Kambona, 1955-1993,” paper presented at workshop entitled “The Art of Opposition in Africa: Lost Histories,” Columbia University, 27 February 2015

“First-comers, chiefs and republicans: political legitimacy and the shadow of servitude among the ‘indigenous’ people of Dar es Salaam, 1890-1968,” paper presented at workshop entitled ‘Post-slavery Societies in East Africa,’ Cambridge University, 16 December 2014

Chair and panelist for roundtable entitled “Race, Nation and Citizenship in Post-Colonial Tanzania,” African Studies Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, 21 November 2014

Chair and discussant for panel entitled “Formation and Reformation: The Negotiation of State and Nation in Postcolonial Tanzania,” African Studies Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, 20 November 2014

“Artisan Newspapers in the Age of Nationalism: R. M. Plantan’s *Zuhra* in Late Colonial Tananyika, 1947-60,” paper delivered at the African Studies Association United Kingdom Biannual Conference, University of Sussex, 9 September 2014

“Oscar Kambona, Tanzania, and the Politics of Exile,” paper delivered at workshop entitled ‘Post/Colonial East African History,’ University of Basel, 29 May 2014

Conference Discussant and Final Commentator, “Postwar Empires in Africa: New Perspectives,” conference hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 10-11 April 2014

“Patronage, factionalism, and the limits of consensus: Oscar Kambona and the practices of political opposition in Tanzania, 1960-1971,” paper presented at African Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore MD, 23 November 2013

“Knowledge Brokering across the Indian Ocean: South Asian journalists, teachers, spies and speculators in 20th-century East Africa,” paper presented at workshop entitled “Indian Diaspora in Africa: New Questions, New Directions,” Indiana University, 27 September 2013

“Policing and Intelligence in late colonial and early post-colonial Tanzania,” paper delivered conference entitled ‘Crossroads in African Studies’, 5 September 2013, University of Birmingham (UK)

Discussant for plenary session, “Producing Knowledge about Africa: Possibilities and Challenges of International Cooperation, at conference entitled ‘Crossroads in African Studies’, 4 September 2013, University of Birmingham (UK)

“The business of international news in the Anglo-American World, 1840-1920,” paper delivered at workshop entitled “The Political Economy of News in Anglo-American History”, Reuters Institute, University of Oxford, organized by Richard John and Jonathan Silberstein-Loeb, 30 August 2013

“The reciprocal assimilation of exiled elites: Oscar Kambona and the networking of nationalism and opposition outside Tanzania, 1956-1992,” paper presented at the 5th biennial European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 5), 27 June 2013, Center of African Studies, University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal

“Colonial and anti-colonial news integration in East Africa and India, 1880-1970”, paper presented at conference entitled “The Intellectual Foundations of Global Commerce and Communications,” Harvard University, 29 March 2013

Discussant on Tanzania, Workshop on Archives and Exile: Researching Southern African Liberation Movements, convened by Professor Jocelyn Alexander. University of Oxford, 23 February 2013

“Defining the Guidelines: *Mwongozo* and the meanings of African socialism in post-colonial Tanzania,” paper presented at the African Studies Association annual conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 29 November 2012

Discussant for panel entitled “Negotiating Development in the Postcolony: Perspectives from Tanzania and Namibia,” on panel entitled “African Socialisms and the Postcolonial World” (also chair and co-organizer of panel), held at the African Studies Association annual conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 29 November 2012

“The economics of news in the Anglo-American imperial press, 1836-1925,” paper delivered at workshop entitled “Free Market, Free Press?”, Columbia University, organized by Richard John and Jonathan Silberstein-Loeb, 17 November 2012

“Opposition in Exile: Oscar Kambona and the character of political dissent in post-colonial Tanzania,” paper presented at the African Studies Association United Kingdom biannual conference, 07 September 2012, University of Leeds

“Arguing About Socialism and Development: Tanzania and the Wider World,” paper presented at China-Africa Encounters Workshop, Zanzibar, 10 July 2012, sponsored by Yale University and Hong Kong University China-Africa Study Group

Keynote address entitled “Desire, Rents, & Entitlements: possible futures for Africa’s urban history,” given at the 5th symposium of the Ghent Africa Platform, with the theme “Urban Africa: multidisciplinary approaches to the African city”, 2 December 2011

“Money, mobility and citizenship in coastal East Africa,” paper presented at Fourth European Conference on African Studies, held at Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden, 15 June 2011

“Radio broadcasting and radio listening across the Indian Ocean, 1935-1965,” paper presented at ZIORI workshop “The Indian Ocean as Visionary Area,” Zanzibar, 28 May 2011

- “Political opposition before and during the one-party state in Tanzania, 1958-1980s,” paper presented at Symposium on the Future of Multi-Party Democracy in East Africa, University of Iowa, 1 April 2011
- “*Haini* (Traitor): imprisonment, exile and revanchism after the Zanzibar Revolution”, paper delivered at ASAUK conference, Oxford University, 17 September 2010 [also panel organizer and chair, “East Africa and the World: the politics of cosmopolitanism, 1925-1975]
- “Sir Philip Mitchell and the Indian Ocean,” paper presented at SHAFR conference, Madison Wisconsin, 25 June 2010
- “Radio and Electronic Media in East Africa: a history,” paper given at University of Iowa workshop on Youth and Electronic Media, 2-3 April 2010
- “Informational dirigisme and public goods: the economics of political radio broadcasting in East Africa, 1940-1970,” paper presented at panel entitled “Radio and Power in African History” (also panel organizer and chair), African Studies Association conference, New Orleans, 19 November 2009
- “Poisonous Liaisons: Tanzania and the struggle for intelligence sovereignty, 1948-1970,” paper presented at conference entitled “Intelligence and Empire,” organized by Kim Wagner and Calder Walton, Cambridge University, 24-25 April 2009
- “From communal adults to citizen voters: East Africa, 1955-65,” paper presented at workshop entitled “Decolonization and the Franchise, organized by Luise White, 17-18 April 2009, University of Florida.
- “Global Circuits, Local Heretics: the works of three Indian presses in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika 1920-1960,” paper presented at the conference “Print Cultures, Nationalisms, and Publics of the Indian Ocean,” organized by Isabel Hofmeyer and Inge Jensen, University of Witwatersrand, 15-17 January 2009
- Presenter on East Africa, Conference on Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa, hosted by Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Department of State and the National Intelligence Council, Roslyn VA, 13 December 2007
- “Radio and Political Culture in Eastern Africa, 1940-1970,” paper delivered at SOAS African History Seminar, 21 November 2007
- “Sauti ya Mvita: Radio Culture and Islam in Mombasa, 1947-1966,” paper delivered at workshop on “Texts, Words and Images: New Media and Islam in Africa,” Northwestern University, 22 October 2007
- “Lowering the Sultan’s Flag: Islam, sovereignty, and decolonization in Kenya,” paper delivered at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, New York, 19 October 2007
- “Fighting for the Sultan's Flag: sovereignty and decolonization in coastal Kenya, 1945-1964,” paper delivered at workshop entitled “Shifting the meaning: connectivity and its challenges in the western Indian Ocean,” held at Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin Germany on 21-23 May 2007
- “Public Spheres and Brittle Sovereignties: political education, media, and information control in Tanzania, 1960-1975,” paper delivered at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, 16 November 2006, San Francisco (also co-chair and co-organizer of panel with Gregory Mann)

- “Sauti ya Mvita: Mombasa Radio, Kenya, and the World, 1947-1963,” paper delivered at conference entitled “The Meanings of Popular Culture: Perspectives from the East African Coast,” in Mombasa on 22 July 2006
- “TANU Youth League, and Managed Vigilantism in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 1925-1973,” paper delivered at conference “Youth in Eastern Africa: Past and Present Perspectives,” co-hosted by the British Institute in Eastern Africa/Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique, Nyeri, Kenya, 29 June 2006
- “Racial thought and ‘father’ Africa among Tanganyikan intellectuals, 1920-1960,” paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, 19 November 2005
- “The Light and Shadow of Descent: genealogical and racial thought among Tanganyikan intellectuals, 1920-1960.” paper delivered at workshop entitled “Manufacturing Descent: Genealogy and Race in the Political Making of Eastern Africa, 1800-2000,” held at First Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS), held at SOAS, University of London, 29-30 June 2005 (also co-convenor of workshop)
- “Anti-colonialism, pan-Islamism, & sub-imperialism: a history of Radio Cairo’s Swahili broadcasting & the decolonization of East Africa, 1954-1964,” paper delivered at workshop “Bandung and Beyond: Rethinking Afro-Asian Connections During the Twentieth Century,” held at Stanford University, 10 May 2005
- “Intelligence, political authority, and dissent in the one-party states of East Africa, 1960-1980,” paper presented at African History & Politics Seminar, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, 25 April 2005
- Discussant at symposium entitled “The Maji Maji War 1905-1907: Colonial Conflict, National History, and Local Memory,” held at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany, 30 March – 1 April 2005
- “Muslim-Christian Relations in Tanzania,” chair of roundtable held at African Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, 13 November 2004
- “Pan-Islamic politics and radio in the decolonization of East Africa, 1947-1964,” paper presented at Imperial History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, 8 November 2005
- “Dilemmas of *umoja*: authority, intelligence, and dissent in TANU’s Tanzania, 1964-1976,” paper presented for a panel entitled “After Empire: Post-colonial Perspectives on Writing African History” at the African Studies Association UK biannual meeting, Goldsmiths College, London, 14 September 2004
- “Lowering the Sultan’s Flag: law, land, and religious memory in reassessing the *mwambao* movement in Kenya, 1952-2003,” paper presented at workshop entitled “The Political Economy of Kenya: Past and Present,” St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, 27-28 May 2004
- “Generation and political authority in Dar es Salaam, 1890-1950,” paper presented at workshop entitled “The Idiom of Age in Africa,” Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, 14-15 May 2004
- Discussant at workshop entitled “Struggling with History: Anthropological approaches to knowledge and practice in Muslim societies of the Western Indian Ocean,” St. Andrews University, 2-4 April 2004

- “Tanzanian Studies in the Age of Globalization and Liberalization,” chair of roundtable held at African Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston, 1 November 2003
- “Sucking with Straws: Exploitation and Citizenship in Tanzanian Nationalist Thought and Rhetoric, 1954-1976,” paper presented at the African Studies Association conference, Boston, 31 October 2003
- “Continents, Civilizations, and Inter-racial Liaisons: retracing nationalist thought among Gujaratis and Africans in colonial Tanganyika, 1930-1960,” paper presented at Association of Asian Studies conference, New York, 29 March 2003
- “Biography, pan-Islamic thought, and Pakistani nationalism in Tanzania,” paper presented at African Studies Association conference, Washington D.C., 6 December 2002
- “Segregation, Housing, Land, and Politics in Dar es Salaam, 1916-1953,” paper presented conference entitled “Dar es Salaam in the 20th century: urbanisation and social change in an emerging East African metropolis,” hosted by the British Institute in Eastern Africa (Nairobi) and Department of History, University of Dar es Salaam, held at the University of Dar es Salaam, 1 July 2002
- “Language, Race, and pan-Islamicist critiques of the colonial/post-colonial state in Tanzania, 1945-2002,” paper presented at a colloquium entitled “Muslim Commentaries on the State,” hosted by the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa (ISITA), Northwestern University, 17 May 2002
- “Africanization and Racial Politics in the Age of Liberalization: Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, and South Africa in the 1990s and beyond,” panel chair, African Studies Association, Houston, November 2001
- “National Goods: Decolonization and the Consumer Question in Tanzania,” paper presented at African Studies Association conference, Nashville, 17 November 2000
- “South Asian pan-Islamic movements and the state in East Africa, 1945-1980,” paper presented at the workshop “Reasserting Connections, Commonalities, and Cosmopolitanism: The Western Indian Ocean since 1800,” Yale University, 4 November, 2000
- “Exploitation and Citizenship: Tanzanian Nationalist Thought and Rhetoric, 1954-1976,” paper presented at workshop entitled “The Emperor’s New Clothes? Continuity and change in colonial and post-colonial East Africa,” School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 21 June 2000
- “Indian nationalist and Islamic movements in Tanzania: contribution or confluence?” paper presented at African Studies Association conference, Philadelphia, 14 November 1999
- “Indian nationalism in an African context: the case of Tanganyika, 1918-1954,” paper presented at the Western India and the Indian Ocean workshop, Tagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde, Heidelberg, Germany, 5 October 1999
- “Empire, Cinema, and Censorship in Tanzania, 1920-1970,” paper presented at Conference on Imperial and Post-Colonial Historical Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, 14 February 1999
- “Uhuru and Mumiani: Dar es Salaam on the Eve of Tanganyika’s Independence,” paper presented at African Studies Association conference, Chicago, 1 November 1998

Lectures by Invitation

- “Adult Literacy, socialism and ‘the guidelines’ in Tanzania, 1970-1975,” Associate Professor Lecture, Department of History, University of Illinois, 21 October 2015
- “Decolonization and its counterfactuals: narratives of liberation and treason in Tanzania and its neighboring states,” paper delivered at the Colonialism and Post-Colonialism in Contemporary Era seminar, Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas (FCSH), Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 6 July 2015
- “Cosmopolitanism and Intelligence in Postcolonial Tanzania,” paper presented at the African Studies Center’s ‘Eye on Africa’ lecture series, Michigan State University, 15 January 2015
- “Debating the guidelines: literacy, text, and Socratic socialism in 1970s Tanzania,” paper delivered at the African Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, 6 May 2014
- “Writing the history of a nationalist/‘traitor’: Oscar Kambona and the perils of African political biography,” paper presented at the University of Iowa Department of History, 22 April 2013
- “Julius Rex: Nyerere through the eyes of his critics, 1953-2013,” paper presented at the Centre of African Studies seminar, University of Edinburgh, 27 March 2013
- “War, empire, and the political economy of Anglo-American international news, 1882-1902,” paper presented at the Department of History Research Seminar, University of Sheffield, 26 March 2013
- “Radio and Political Imagination in Africa’s Decolonization, 1940-1975,” paper presented at Department of History, Notre Dame University, 20 April 2011
- “Public space, Islamic festival, and state knowledge in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania,” paper presented at Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, 18 April 2011
- “Information prices and propaganda values: Reuters, BBC, and the news business in 1960s East Africa,” paper presented at Center for International History, Columbia University, 25 March 2011
- “Political Islam and the Media in Contemporary East Africa,” talk given at CJTF-HOA Command, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, 07 June 2010
- “Sir Philip Mitchell and the Indian Ocean: moral sentiments and strategic theory in East Africa’s decolonization, 1946-1949,” paper presented at the Decolonization Seminar, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, 19 May 2010
- “Sovereignty and propaganda: coping with anti-colonial shortwave radio in British East Africa, 1940-1965,” paper presented at International History Workshop, University of Konstanz, 02 June 2009
- “Radio and Decolonization in East Africa,” paper presented at Center of African Studies brownbag series, University of Illinois, 4 March 2009

- “An Indian Ocean public sphere? Newspapers and Indian nationalism in East Africa,” paper delivered at SOAS African History seminar, 7 January 2009
- “Radio and Political Communication in East Africa, 1940-1970,” seminar paper delivered at Africa Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, 21 May 2008
- “Poison and Dope: Radio and the art of political invective in East Africa, 1940-1965,” seminar paper delivered at African Studies Center, Leiden, 14 May 2008
- “Journalists, spies and forgeries: Information politics and the Cold War in East Africa, 1954-1970,” paper delivered at African Studies Seminar, Oxford University, 28 February 2008
- “Radio and Political Culture in Eastern Africa, 1940-1970,” paper to be delivered at History Research Seminar, Manchester University, 31 January 2008
- “Political Islam in Contemporary East Africa,” talk at U.S. State Department, Washington DC, 4 June 2007
- “Sovereignty and Sultanates in the era of Decolonization: Zanzibar and the Kenya Coastal Strip, 1945-1964,” paper delivered at the African Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, 6 April 2007
- “Sovereignty and Islam in the politics of decolonization in coastal Kenya, 1945-1964,” paper delivered at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 29 March 2007
- “Vocal sovereignties and Hobbesian anarchy: coping with anti-colonial shortwave radio broadcasts, 1940-1965,” paper delivered at Center for International History, Columbia University, 23 March 2007
- “Between Aligarh and Dar-es-Salaam: M.O. Abbasi and the project of South Asian Muslim nationalism in East Africa, 1920-1955,” paper presented at South Asian History Seminar, SOAS, 29 November 2005
- “Managing propaganda during decolonization: Radio Cairo, BBC, & the IRD in Eastern Africa, 1954-1964,” paper presented at Intelligence and the Cold War Seminar, University of Reading, 9 November 2005
- “Radio Cairo and the Decolonization of Eastern Africa, 1954-1964,” paper delivered at British Institute in Eastern Africa/Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique joint seminar, Nairobi, Kenya, 31 August 2005
- “Ranks, Races, & Tribes: Transformations of Swahili Identity in 20th-century Dar es Salaam,” paper delivered at the University of Durham, 15 March 2004
- “*Kujenga Taifa*: the making of a race in colonial Tanganyika,” paper delivered at Africa Department Seminar, SOAS, University of London, 19 February 2004
- “Colonial power or colonial impotence?: urban planning and market forces in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 1920-1950,” paper delivered at the Research Seminar Series, Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge, 1 December 2003
- “Civilization & boundaries in colonial Tanganyika: the intellectual origins of African racial nationalism, 1923-1954,” paper delivered at the Center for Historical Social Sciences, Institute for Social & Economic Research & Policy, Columbia University, New York, 27 March 2003

“Civilization, Racial Uplift, and Inter-racial Liaisons in Colonial Tanganyika,” bag lunch discussion, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, 22 May 2002

“Race and the reconfiguration of South Asian communal and religious identities in East Africa,” lecture delivered to graduate seminar on Anthropology of South Asia, London School of Economics, University of London, 20 October 1999

Teaching Experience

Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2008-present

HIST 110 Introduction to the History of Africa (Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012)

HIST 200 Western Image of Africa (Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2012)

HIST 211 Introduction to History of East and Southern Africa (Spring 2009)

HIST 212 Introduction to History of Eastern Africa (Fall 2015)

HIST 311 Global History of Intelligence (Spring 2016)

HIST 410 Decolonization in Africa (Fall 2011, Spring 2014)

HIST 449 British Imperialism (Spring 2012)

HIST 492 Historical Writing (Spring 2014)

HIST 495 Honors Thesis Seminar on Africa’s Decolonization (Spring 2010)

HIST 498 Thesis Seminar on Orientalism (Spring 2012, Spring 2015)

HIST 510 African Historiography (Spring 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2015)

HIST 594 Introduction to Historical Methods (Graduate Course) (Spring 2009, Spring 2012)

Lecturer, Department of History, School of Oriental and African Studies, 2003-2008

Power, Authority & Political Thought in Eastern Africa (M.A. course), convenor, 2005-6, 2007-8

Introduction to Historical Method, convenor, 2007-8

Introduction to History of Africa (freshman B.A. course), convenor, 2004-5

History of Eastern Africa (upper-level B.A. course), convenor, 2004-5, 2005-6, 2007-8

Colonialism & Development in East & Central Africa (M.A. course), convenor, 2003-4 & 2004-5

History of the Swahili Coast to 1900, taught module of freshman course, 2003-4 & 2004-5

Identity and Ethnicity in Africa, 1800-2000 (upper-level B.A. course), convenor, 2003-4

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2002-2003

History of East Africa, Spring 2003

Seminar on State and Society in Post-Colonial Africa, Spring 2003

History of Twentieth-Century Sub-Saharan Africa, Winter 2003

History of Sub-Saharan Africa, 1600-1900 C.E., Fall 2002

Seminar on the Western Image of Africa, Fall 2002

Lecturer, Department of History, Northwestern University, 1999-2000

Introduction to Indian Civilization, Summer 2000

History of the South Asian Diaspora, Spring 2000

World History through Biography, Spring 1999

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Northwestern University, 1996-2002

Introduction to World Religion, Spring 2002

Introduction to Islam, Winter 2001 & Winter 2002

Introduction to World Religion, Fall 2000

History of African Civilization to 1600, Winter 2000

History of South Africa in the Twentieth Century, Winter 1999

Introduction to World Systems, Fall 1996 and Winter 1997

History of African Civilization 1600-1900, Winter 1996

Thesis Supervision

I am currently supervising three doctoral students at the University of Illinois:

Devin Smart (started 2010), Ph.D. project entitled “Eating and Cooking in Migration: Gender, Class and Food Cultures of Coastal Kenya,” ABD, currently writing up research for a defense in 2016-17

Beth Ann Williams (started 2012), Ph.D. project entitled “Examining the Role of Church-based Programs in Empowering Women in Post-Independence East Africa,” will become ABD in May 2015

Robert Roupail (started 2012), Ph.D. project entitled “Risk, Commodity Capitalism, and Everyday Life in the Africa’s Indian Ocean, 1872-1966,” will become ABD in May 2015

I have served on dissertation committees of the following Illinois History Department students, 2008-present: Lessie Tate, “The Power of Pan-Africanism: Tanzanian/African-American Linkages, 1947-1997,” defended successfully on 09 April 2015 [History Faculty member, Texas Southern University]

Zachary Poppel, “From the Soil Up: Sierra Leone and the Rural University in the Wake of Empire,” defended successfully on 04 November 2014

T. J. Tallie, “Limits of Settlement: Racialized Masculinity, Sovereignty, and the Imperial Project in Colonial Natal, 1850-1897,” pre-defense met on 1 October 2013, defended successfully on 4 April 2014 [currently Assistant Professor of History at Washington and Lee University]

Habtamu Tegegne, “Lord, Zéga and Peasant: Revisiting Land and Society in Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century Ethiopia,” pre-defense met on 14 October 2010, defended successfully on 13 June 2011 [currently Assistant Professor of History, Florida Gulf Coast University]

Jeffrey Scott Ahlman, “Living with Nkrumahism: Nation, State, and Pan-Africanism in Ghana,” defended successfully on 28 March 2011 [currently Assistant Professor of History, Smith College]

Abdulai Iddrisu, “Contesting Islam: Wahhabism, Education and Muslim Identity in Northern Ghana, 1920-2005,” defended successfully on 9 April 2009 [currently Associate Professor of History, St. Olaf College]

Brian Yates, “Invisible Actors: the Oromo in the creation of Modern Ethiopia,” defended successfully on 25 June 2009 [currently Assistant Professor of History, Saint Joseph’s University]

I have served as an external examiner or committee member for the following theses:

Robert Heinze, “Promoting National Unity: Radio in Decolonization, Zambia, and Namibia,” Ph.D. Thesis, Universität Konstanz (Chair: Jürgen Osterhammel), June 2012 [currently Assistant, Historical Institute, University of Berne]

Emily Callaci, “*Ujamaa* Urbanism: History, Urban Culture and the Politics of Authenticity in Socialist Dar es Salaam, 1967-80,” PhD diss, Northwestern University (Chair: Jonathon Glassman), 27 April 2012 [currently Assistant Professor of History at University of Wisconsin-Madison]

Priya Lal, “Between the Village and the World: Imagining and Practicing Development in Tanzania, 1964-1975,” PhD diss, New York University (Chair: Frederick Cooper), 25 August 2011 [currently Assistant Professor of History at Boston College]

Gavin A. MacArthur, “Culture, Ethnicity, and the Politics of Belonging: The case of Zanzibar,” University of Manchester (Supervisor: Maia Green), 30 April 2008

Emma Hunter, “Language and Politics in Twentieth-Century Kilimanjaro,” University of Cambridge (Supervisor: John Lonsdale), 6 December 2007 [currently Lecturer in History at University of Edinburgh]

I supervised the following MA and PhD theses at SOAS, 2003-8:

Elke Stockreiter, “Women, gender, and the Kadhi’s Courts in Zanzibar, 1900-1964,” History PhD Thesis, completed 2007 [currently Assistant Professor of History at American University, Washington DC]

Alexandra Mason, “East Africa and the Business of Alcohol,” History MA Thesis, 2008 [currently Assistant Producer for BBC TV History, London]

Elizabeth Brooks, “Siku Hazigandi/The Times Keep Changing: Representations of Femaleness and Femininity in Tanzanian Popular Culture from 1970 to the present,” African Studies MA Thesis, 2008

Festo Mkenda, “The Chagga and Tanzanian nationalism,” History MA Thesis, 2006 [currently Director of the Jesuit Historical Institute of Africa, Hekima College, Kenya]

Gillian Mathys, “The Migration of the ‘Banyarwanda’ towards the Kivu in the colonial period,” African Studies MA Thesis, 2005 [currently completing Ph.D. thesis at Ghent University on Eastern Congo]

Sayyeda Salam, “Asian Housing, Race, and Communalism in Dar es Salaam, 1971-2005,” History MA Thesis, 2005 [currently Director of Philanthropy, Save the Children UK]

Anna Winterbottom, “Civil Society and Religious Institutions in Eastern Congo in the 1950s and 1990s,” History MA Thesis, 2004 [currently Postdoctoral Research Fellow at University of Sussex]

Abigail Sampson, “Cotton and Cooperatives in colonial Uganda, 1902-1962,” African Studies MA Thesis, 2004

Gina Evans, “Gender and Land Tenure in Kenya,” African Studies MA Thesis, 2004

Languages

Swahili (advanced reading and advanced spoken), Portuguese (advanced reading and basic spoken), German (intermediate reading), French (intermediate reading), Arabic (intermediate reading), Spanish (intermediate reading and basic spoken)

Awards

Bethwell A. Ogot Book Award, African Studies Association, Best Book in East African Studies, 2013

Helen Corley Petit Scholar, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois, 2013-2014

Fellowships and Grants

Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, ACLS, 2012-2015

Moody Research Grant, LBJ Presidential Library, 2013

Arnold O. Beckman Research Board Grant, University of Illinois, 2011-2012; 2014

Humanities Released Time Grant, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois, 2011

British Academy Small Research Grant (SG-41863), March 2006 – August 2007

Visiting Research Fellow, Zentrum Moderner Orient (Berlin), December 2005

British Academy Overseas Travel Grant (OCG-40431), May 2005

AED/NSEP Graduate Enhancement Fellowship, 1998-99

Fulbright IIE Fellowship for Research in Tanzania, 1997-98

Dissertation Research Grant, Northwestern University, 1997

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for Kiswahili, Yale University, 1997

Hans Panofsky pre-dissertation Research Grant, Northwestern University, 1996

Membership in Professional Associations

African Studies Association (U.S. and U.K.)

American Historical Association (U.S.)

British Institute in Eastern Africa (U.K./Kenya)

Royal African Society (U.K.)

Historical Association of Tanzania (Tanzania)

Britain-Tanzania Society (UK)

British Institute in Eastern Africa (Kenya)

Tanzania Studies Association (U.S.)