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FIELDS OF INTEREST

History of Africa; Atlantic History; Environmental History; Economic History and Trade; Slavery and Slave Trades; Studies of Women and Gender; Cross-Cultural Studies of Health, Disease, and Medicine.

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL

Doctor of Philosophy, History, December 1997

Dissertation: "Syphilis, Sexuality, & Social Control: A History of Venereal Disease in Colonial Uganda"

Major Field: Sub-Saharan Africa

Minor Field: Latin America

Research Related Field: Health and Medicine

Master of Arts, History, June 1991

Thesis title: A Flaw in the Pearl: An Epidemic of Syphilis in Colonial Uganda

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, IN

Bachelor of Arts, History, May 1987

Minor Field: African Studies

EMPLOYMENT & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HISTORY

Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago IL, Fall 2003-present

Chair, Department of History, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago IL, Fall 2012-Fall 2017

Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Northeastern Illinois Univ., Chicago IL, Fall 1997-Spring 2003

Slavery & Slave Trades in World History

Women & Gender in African History

Africa in the Atlantic World

Graduate Readings in African History

Precolonial Sub-Saharan African History

Nineteenth & Twentieth Century Africa

History of Southern Africa

Historiography & Historical Methods

World History: Africa

Writing and Methods for Majors

Senior Research Seminar on the Atlantic Slave Trade

Epidemics and Populations in History

Instructor, Department of History, Northeastern Illinois Univ., Chicago IL, Spring 1996-Spring 1997

Themes in Modern African History

Modern West Africa (graduate student tutorial)

Lecturer, Department of History, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, Winter 1993

Topics in the History of AIDS (writing intensive seminar)

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, 1989/90

History of South Africa, 1867-present

Africa in the 20th Century

MEDICAL ETHICS & HUMANITIES

FALL 1993-SPRING 1997

Teaching Assistant, Medical Ethics & Humanities Program, Northwestern University Medical School

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**Works in Progress**Books

The Castle Slaves of the Gambia River: a Creole Community in the Atlantic World: manuscript to be completed by August 2021

A Culture of Resistance and Agency in the Atlantic World: Enslaved Africans from the Gambia River
Primary research completed, writing manuscript to begin in Fall 2021

Papers and Articles

"Forms of Slavery in the Great Lakes States (East Africa)," in the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History, due May 15, 2021.

"The Atlantic Slave trade from the Gambia River to South Carolina: tracing a culture of resistance across the Atlantic," a paper for the South Carolina Historical Association annual meeting, February 27, 2021.

"African resistance to the Atlantic slave trade, slave ship crew deaths, and the commodity trade in the Gambia River in the Eighteenth century," a paper accepted for Rocky Mountain African Studies workshop, revising as an article.

Works CompletedArticles and Book Chapters

"Omugezibezzi akuguza ekibira: A clever man sells you a forest": Forest Demarcation and Usage in Early Colonial Uganda." In *Commonwealth Forestry & Environmental History*, edited by Vinita Damodaran and Rohan D'Souza, 316-338. Delhi: Primus Books, 2020.

"Everyday Commodities, the Rivers of Guinea, and the Atlantic World: The Beeswax Export Trade, c. 1450-c. 1800." In *Brokers of Change: Atlantic Commerce and Cultures in Precolonial Western Africa*, edited by Toby Green, 285-303. Oxford: Published for The British Academy by Oxford University Press, 2012.

"Woodland Commodities, global trade, and local struggles: the Beeswax Trade in British Tanzania." *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 3:2 (2009): 259-74.

"Women's Experiences of Enslavement and Slavery in late 19th and early 20th century Uganda." In *Slavery in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa*, edited by Henri Medard and Shane Doyle, 174-88. London: James Currey Press, 2007.

"The Rupee Disease": Taxation, Authority, and Social Conditions in early Colonial Uganda." *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 39:2 (2006): 221-245.

"Phoenix from the Ashes: Rediscovery of the Lost Lukiiko Archives" (with John A. Rowe). *History in Africa* 32 (2005): 403-14.

"Kabaka Mutesa and Venereal Disease: An essay on medical history and sources in precolonial Buganda." *History in Africa* 30 (2003): 309-25.

"Venereal Disease, Sexuality, and Society in Uganda." In *Sex, Sin and Suffering: Venereal disease and*

European society since 1870, edited by Roger Davidson and Lesley Hall, 191-204. London: Routledge, 2001.

“Africana Resources at the Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine.”
History in Africa, 28 (2001): 439-444.

“Using the Missionary Sisters of Africa (White Sisters) Archives.” *History in Africa*, 27 (2000): 499-500.

Book Reviews

The African Transformation of Medicine and the Dynamics of Global Cultural Exchange, by David Baronov, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2008; *African Studies Review*, 53:2 (2010): 177-8.

Women, Work and Domestic Virtue in Uganda, 1900-2003, by Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo and Marjorie Keniston McIntosh, Athens: Ohio University Press, 2006; *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 41, Number 1 (2008): 134-5.

Poverty, Health and Reproduction in Early Colonial Uganda, by Jan Kuhanen, Joensuu, Finland: University of Joensuu Publications in the Humanities 37, 2005; *Social History of Medicine* 19 (2006):168-170.

The Steamer Parish: The Rise and Fall of Missionary Medicine on an African Frontier, by Charles M. Good, Jr. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004; *The Journal of Religion*, 86: 1(Jan. 2006):119-121.

Dis-Ease in the Colonial State: Medicine, Society, and Social Change among the Abanyole of Western Kenya, by Osaak A. Olumwullah, Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2002; in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 36: 2 (2003): 476-77.

The Church and AIDS in Africa- A Case Study: Nairobi City, by Aylward Shorter, and Edwin Onyancha, Nairobi: Paulines Publications Africa, 1998; in *The African Book Publishing Record*, XXV, no. 1 (1999): 23.

AIDS and STDs in Africa: Bridging the Gap Between Traditional Healing & Modern Medicine, by Edward C. Green, Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994, in *African Studies Review*, 40:1 (April 1997): 161-3.

Combatting AIDS and other STDs in Africa by J.-L. Lamboray & A. E. Elmendorf, 1992.

Tanzania: AIDS Assessment and Planning Study by The World Bank, 1992.

AIDS in Africa by Tony Barnett and Piers Blaikie, Guilford Press, 1992.

Women and AIDS in Rural Africa by Genevieve Mwale and Philip Burnard, Avebury, 1992.
in *African Studies Review*, 37:3 (Dec. 1994):141-2.

Sexuality and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Annotated Bibliography, by T.G. Barton, Nairobi: AMREF, 1991, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 27:1 (1994): 194-5.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Uganda: Education and Social Change,” *Encyclopedia of African History*, ed. Kevin Shillington, New York: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2005, 1620-22.

“Health: Medicine and Disease: Postcolonial,” *Encyclopedia of African History*, ed. Kevin Shillington, New York: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2005, 622-24.

“Uganda,” in *Encyclopedia of Colonialism: An International Social, Cultural, and Political Encyclopedia*, ii, ed. Melvin E. Page, ABC-CLIO, 2003, 599.

PAPERS AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “African Resistance to the Atlantic Slave Trade: a view from the Gambia River,” a presentation for NEIU 8th annual Faculty Symposium, November 2017
- “African Commodities and Atlantic Networks: The Gambian Beeswax Trade in the Nineteenth Century,” Brown Bag Lecture series at the Northwestern University Program of African Studies, October 27, 2010
- “Global Commodities, Local Healing: The Importation and Dissemination of Medicines in Early Twentieth Century Uganda,” *International Conference on the History of Medicine and Global Connections*, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, London, June 18-20, 2009
- “Everyday Commodities, the Rivers of Guinea, and the Atlantic World: the Beeswax Export Trade, c. 1450-c. 1800,” *Brokers of Change: Atlantic Commerce and Cultures in Pre-Colonial “Guinea of Cape Verde”*, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, June 11-13, 2009
- “Historiography of Medical Missions in Colonial Africa,” presentation for the roundtable, *Research on Health and Medicine in Africa*, Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, November 18, 2008, Chicago, IL.
- “African Women, Emancipation, and Marriage: The Search for Freedom in early Colonial Uganda,” Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, November 18, 2006, San Francisco, CA.
- “Imported Medicines, Healing Practices, and Contested Meanings in early Twentieth Century Uganda,” International Workshop on “Transnational Medicines, Mobile Experts: Anthropological and Historical Perspectives on Medicine in and Beyond Africa,” October 13, 2006, Gainesville, FL.
- “Woodland Commodities, global trade, and local change: the Beeswax Trade in Tanzania in the 19th and 20th centuries,” Joint meeting of the African Studies Association and the Canadian Association of African Studies, November 14, 2004, New Orleans, LA. Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 20, 2004, Chicago, IL.
- ““Omugezibezi akuguza ekibira: A clever man sells you a forest”: Forest Demarcation and Usage in Early Colonial Uganda,” International Conference on the Forest and Environmental History of the British Empire and Commonwealth, Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex, March 21, 2003.
- “Women in slavery in late 19th and early 20th century Uganda,” Table ronde sur l’esclavage dans l’Afrique des Grands Lacs /Workshop on Slavery in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa, Centre de Recherches Africaines, Université de Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne, December 16, 2002
- “Ugandan Women and Law during the Colonial Period,” seminar presentation, Makerere Institute of Social Research, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, June 29, 2001
- “The Shaping and Legacy of the Uganda Agreement of 1900,” a public lecture for The Uganda Society, at The Uganda Museum, Kampala, Uganda, June 28, 2001
- “Sex, Race, and Medicine in Uganda,” paper presented at the Chicago Area Regional Conference of The Historical Society, Evanston, IL, April 21, 2001

Discussant for panel, "The Uganda Agreement of 1900: the Shaping of a Colonizing Moment,"
Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Nashville, TN, November 19, 2000

"Pelvic Constructions: Gender, Race, and Medical Science in Colonial Africa," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 9, 2000

"Venereal Disease and Life in Colonial Uganda," paper presented at the Colloquium, 'VD and European Society since 1870', Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, March 18, 1999

"Gender, Sexuality, and Social Control: the Law and Patriarchal Authority in Colonial Uganda," a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago IL, October 30, 1998

"Consumerism and Imperialism: The Value, Uses, and Meanings of Medicines in Colonial Uganda," a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Seattle, Washington, January 9, 1998

"Missionary and Colonial Medicine in Uganda: From Cooperation to Conflict," a paper presented at the Society for the Social History of Medicine meeting on 'Medicine and the Colonies', Oxford University, Oxford, England, July 19-21, 1996

"The Construction of Venereal Disease in Colonial Uganda: Issues of Sexuality, Gender & Morality," a paper presented at a conference on 'Comparative Perspectives on the History of STDs', University of London, London, England, April 27, 1996

"The Study of AIDS in Africa: From Racism to Reality," an invited lecture for the Arts and Sciences Forum, Chicago State University, October 11, 1995

"Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Clinical Ethics," co-presenter of a 90 minute workshop at the 4th Annual Chicago Conference on Ethics in Healthcare Institutions, Chicago IL, August 10, 1995

"'The most repulsive form of genital inspection': African Women, Venereal Disease Laws, & Social Control in Colonial Uganda," a paper presented to the Dept. of History, Northwestern Univ., May 24, 1995

"Sexual Illness and the Politics of Blame in Uganda," a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Toronto, Ontario, November 5, 1994

"Talking in the Clinic: Cross-Cultural Explanations of AIDS and STDs in Africa and the U.S.," a presentation at the Northwestern University Medical School, March 22, 1994

"AIDS in Africa: History and Mythology," an invited lecture at Kalamazoo College, February 10, 1994

"Ugandan Women, Venereal Disease, and Conflicts over Meaning in Medical History," a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston MA, December 7, 1993

"Popular Beliefs about Sexually Related Illnesses in Uganda," a paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, Chicago IL, November 5, 1993

"Approaches for Research on the History of Medicine in Uganda," a presentation at the Makerere Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda, April 20, 1992

Discussant for workshop on 'The Political Economy of Health in Households in sub-Saharan Africa,' Program on International Cooperation in Africa, Northwestern University, March 8, 1991

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Committee on Organized Research Award, for research on “African resistance to the Atlantic slave trade,” Northeastern Illinois University; Research Trip to England, January 2019

Committee on Organized Research Award, for research on “Everyday Commodities, Global Trade, and Local Change: the Beeswax Trade in the Atlantic World, c. 1450-c.1960,” Northeastern Illinois University; Research Trip to Gambia, Summer 2008

Program on Early American Economy and Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, One month residential research fellowship, “Beeswax, Trade, and Industry in the United States,” March-April 2005

Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant, American Historical Association, for research on “African Women and Law in Colonial Uganda,” Research Trip to England, Summer 2001

Committee on Organized Research Award, for research on “African Women and Law in Colonial Uganda,” Northeastern Illinois University; Research Trip to Uganda, Summer 2001

Committee on Organized Research Award, for research on “Catholic Missions and the Practice of Western Medicine in Colonial Uganda,” Northeastern Illinois University; Research in Rome, Italy, Summer 1999

Research Month Award, Tropical Venereology: the genesis and development of a medical sub-specialty, Advisory Committee on Faculty Awards, Northeastern Illinois University, May 1998

MacArthur Junior Scholar Award, Program on International Cooperation in Africa, Institute on the Environment in Africa, Northwestern University, 1994/95

Fulbright Study Abroad Grant for research in Uganda, United States Information Agency, 1991/92

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External reviewer for History department program review, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 2016

Manuscript Reviewer, article for the *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 2013

Manuscript Reviewer, article for *Social History of Medicine*, 2013

Review of a book series proposal, 2012

Manuscript Reviewer, article for the *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 2007

Manuscript Reviewer, article for *Comparative Studies in Society & History*, 2006

Manuscript Reviewer, article for the *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 2005

Panel Chair, “Colonial Construction and Resistance,” Joint meeting of the African Studies Association and the Canadian Association of African Studies, November 14, 2004, New Orleans, LA.

Grant Reviewer, The Wellcome Trust, History of Medicine Unit, 2004

Manuscript Reviewer, book manuscript for Greenwood/Heinemann, 2002

Manuscript Reviewer, article for *Social History of Medicine*, 2002

Panel Chair, “The Uganda Agreement of 1900: the Shaping of a Colonizing Moment,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Nashville, TN, November 19, 2000

Panel Chair, “The Uganda Agreement of 1900: Legacies of a Colonizing Moment,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Nashville, TN, November 16, 2000

External co-supervisor for B.A. Honor’s thesis at Northwestern University, Spring 2000

Panel Chair, “Law and Disorder: Gender & the Construction of the Criminal in Colonial Africa,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago IL, October 30, 1998

Manuscript Referee, *African Studies Review*, 1994

COMMUNITY/CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

“The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade,” a professional development workshop for teachers, NEIU, October 2, 2020

“African Colonization and its Legacy,” for *The Many Faces of Africa* program at College of Lake County, June 15, 2010.

“Commerce, Commodities, and Conflict: West African Societies and the Atlantic Slave Trade,” for Phi Alpha Theta, NEIU, October 8, 2009

“Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: New Perspectives on Old Debates,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, May 18, 2009

“An Iranian Diaspora on the East African Coast: Language, Trade, & Genealogy,” for Linguistics 491M, Professor Shahrzad Mahootian, NEIU, March 8, 2007

“African women, Emancipation, and Marriage: The Search for Freedom in early Colonial Uganda,” a research presentation for Women’s History Month, NEIU, March 9, 2004

“Nations and Nation-Building in East Africa: the example of Uganda,” for the *Teaching About Africa* program, NEIU, February 21, 2004

Video Presentation and Discussion (with Professor Patrick Miller) “Race-The Power of an Illusion ,” NEIU, October 9, 2003

Lectured on “The Development of Ugandan English” in LING 491C- Language Policy and Planning: World Englishes, NEIU, July 3, 2003

Led discussion on *Liberating the Family*, a monograph on slavery in South Africa, for Women’s History Month, March 27, 2003

“East Africa and the Swahili Coast,” for the *Teaching About Africa* program, NEIU, February 8, 2003

Opening Remarks and Introduction for a visiting Griot (West African Oralist), Jali Morikeba Kouyate, January 23, 2003

“AIDS: A Global Epidemic,” a radio interview for “Vantage Point,” WTMX, December 1, 2002

Video Presentation and Discussion (with Professor Patrick Miller) “Skin Deep: On Race and Racism in South Africa and the U.S.,” NEIU, October 9, 2002

“Women in Slavery: Production and Reproduction,” Women’s History Month, NEIU, March 14, 2001

“Women, Race, and Slavery,” Women’s History Month, NEIU, March 12, 2001

“State-Building in Colonial and Post-Colonial East Africa,” for the *Teaching About Africa* program at The Field Museum, Chicago IL, March 10, 2001

“East Africa: Building Societies and Inter-group Connections,” for the *Teaching About Africa* program at The Field Museum, Chicago IL, March 10, 2001

"South Africa: Racism, Leadership, and Reconciliation," for Study Abroad Course SS 4960, North Park University, Chicago IL, February 8, 2001

“Apartheid South Africa,” for English 379- 20th Century Fiction II, NEIU, January 30, 2001

“South African Women: Resistance to Oppression,” Women’s History Month, NEIU, March 16, 2000

“Colonial and Post-Colonial East Africa,” for the *Teaching About Africa* program at The Field Museum, Chicago IL, February 12, 2000

“Women & Law in Colonial Africa,” Women’s History Month, NEIU, March 11, 1999

“Women and Jihads in West Africa,” Women’s History Month, NEIU, March 2, 1999

“Colonial and Post-Colonial East Africa,” for the *Teaching About Africa* program at The Field Museum, Chicago IL, February 20, 1999

“AIDS & Health in Africa,” at the Medical Directors’ Club of Chicago, February 4, 1999

Panel Discussant for Student Research Presentations, 6th Annual Student Research & Creative Activities Symposium, Northeastern Illinois University, April 17, 1998

Moderator for discussion of the novel, “The Joys of Motherhood,” for Women’s History Month, Northeastern Illinois University, March 24, 1998

“The African Influence in the Caribbean: Historical & Cultural Legacy,” for the Union for Puerto Rican Students during Black History Month, Northeastern Illinois University, Feb. 10, 1998

“Sex and Disease in Colonial Africa: New Approaches to the Field of African History,” to the Pi-Gamma Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, Northeastern Illinois University, Nov. 20, 1997

“Uganda & the Legacy of Colonial Rule,” for the *Teaching About Africa* Outreach Program,
Northwestern University, March 11, 1995

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Chair, Department of History, NEIU, 2012-2017

University Bookstore Concession Committee, NEIU, 2015-16

Early Alert Software Committee, NEIU, 2015-16

Higher Learning Commission sub-committee, CAS, 2015-16

University Fulbright Committee, 2014-15

Associate Chair, Department of History, NEIU, 2008-2012

Acting Chair, Department of History, NEIU, January-July 2010

Member (elected), Faculty Council on Marketing and Communication, NEIU, 2009-2010

Chair, Departmental Committee on Assessment, 2010-11

Chair, Departmental Fiscal Affairs Committee, 2010-11

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2002-4, 2005-2008

Chair, Search and Screen Committee for Islamic Studies position, 2008-09

Member (elected), College of Arts & Sciences Grade Appeal Committee, 2008-09

Member, Departmental Fiscal Affairs Committee, 2008-09

Area Representative, University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100, 2006-2009

Member, College of Arts & Sciences Grade Appeal Committee, 2006-07

Member, Search and Screen Committee for Islamic Studies position, 2005-06

Area Representative, University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100, 2003-2004

Member, Search and Screen Committee for the Director of the Center for Inner City Studies, 2003

Panelist for Office of International Programs, Panel on International Opportunities in Africa,
NEIU, October 30, 2003

Member, History Department Fiscal Affairs Committee, Fall 2002-Spring 2004

Represented NEIU at Preparing Future Faculty Colloquium: On the Academic Profession,

Northwestern University, September 25, 2001

Member, University Assessment Working Group, 2001-2003

Member, Preparing Future Faculty Committee, NEIU, 2001-2004

Departmental representative at Fall Open House for Prospective Students, NEIU, October 19, 2000

Coordinator of Graduate Studies, Department of History, NEIU, 2000-2004

Member, Department of History Search and Screen Committee, NEIU, 1999-2001

Represented NEIU at Preparing Future Faculty Colloquium: On the Academic Profession,
Northwestern University, October 6, 1998

Recording Secretary, Department of History, NEIU, 1998-2002

Chair, Department of History Assessment Committee, NEIU, 1998-2000

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Affairs, NEIU, 1997-2000

Acting Secretary, College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Affairs, NEIU, Spring 1998

Faculty Advisor, NEIU chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, The International Honor Society in History, 1998/99