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EDUCATION

1990	Harvard University	Ph.D.	Anthropology
1984	Harvard University	A.M.	Anthropology
1977	Ohio State University	B.A.	Anthropology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2009 – Present	Professor of Anthropology Core Faculty of the African American and African Studies Program, Core Faculty of the Center for Advance Study of International Development, Michigan State University
2009 - 2013	Director of African Studies Center
2004-08	Director of African Studies, Professor of Anthropology at Boston University
2004-06	Associate Provost for Intra-University Programs, Boston University
2003-4	Associate Director of African Studies and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Boston University
1984-1994	Research Officer, Institute for African Studies, University of Zambia, Lusaka.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2010	US Dept. of Education Title VI National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, \$2.4 million (approx.) over 4 years (PI)
2009	African Oral Narrative Project, TICFIA, US Dept. of Education, \$750,000 over 4 years (Co-PI)

- 2006 US Dept. of Education Title VI National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, \$1.8 million (approx.) over 4 years (PI)
- 2006 Special Recognition Award for meritorious service, the African Studies Association, November 16
- 2005 Phi Beta Kappa Honorary inductee, May 21
- 2005 Boston University Humanities Foundation Grant, Persistence and Permutation in the African Diaspora Program, \$10,000
- 2003 US Dept. of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, \$411,000 (approx.) over 3 years (Co-PI)
- 2000 US Dept. of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, \$391,000 (approx.) over 3 years (Co-PI)
- 1998 Neu Family Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 1996 Ford Foundation Grant for summer travel and research in South Africa
- 1993 Junior Faculty Development Grant, College of Arts and Science, Boston University
- 1988 Distinction in Teaching Award, Danforth Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University
- 1988 Levenson Award for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University
- 1985 Whiting Fellowship, Harvard University,
For dissertation research in Mwinilunga, Zambia
- 1984 Sheldon Travel Fellowship, Harvard University,
For dissertation research in Mwinilunga, Zambia
- 1983 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fellowship, for research on social and economic change in Mwinilunga, Zambia.
- 1982 Harvard Department of Anthropology Travel Grant

BOOKS

2007 Friends for Life, Friends for Death: Cohorts and Consciousness Among the Lunda-Ndembu (University of Virginia Press)

2001 Lunda-Ndembu: Style, Change and Social Transformation in South Central Africa (University of Wisconsin Press)

BOOK CHAPTERS

2011 Christian Mission Stations in South Central Africa: Islands of (post)modernity, in Christianity and Public Culture in Africa, Harri Englund (ed). Ohio University Press.

2000 Mariama Ba's So Long A Letter, Chapter four in African Novels in the Classroom, Margaret Jean Hay, ed. Lynne Reinner Press, pp 49-62.

1995 The Lunda, in J. Middleton and A. Rassam (eds) Encyclopedia of World Cultures, Volume 9, Africa and the Middle East, New York: G.K. Hall/Macmillan.

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

2006 The World of Ideas, WBUR, Hosted 10-part lecture series, Persistence and Permutation in the African Diaspora: new research on communities of African descent that reside outside the African continent.

2005 Taboo: National Geographic Documentary Series, Featured on-screen presenter in 3 episodes.

1999 The Connection with Christopher Lydon, WBUR, Guest Speaker, US Foreign Policy and The National Summit on Africa, July 14.

REVIEWS

2009 Victor Turner and Contemporary Cultural Performance, by Graham St John, ed (2008). Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (N.S.) 15, 636-637.

2007 The Cultural Analysis of Kinship: the Legacy of David M. Schneider, by Richard Feinberg and Martin Ottenheimer, eds, (2001). Anthropology Quarterly, Vol. 80 (2), Spring 2007, p611-616.

2003 The Kingdom of Kazembe: History and Politics in North-Eastern Zambia and Katanga to 1950, by Giacomo Macola. International Journal of African Historical Studies, vol. 36, no. 3.

- 2000 Expectations of Modernity: Myth and Meanings of Urban Life on the
Zambian Copperbelt, by James Ferguson (2000). *International Journal
of African Historical Studies*, vol. 35, (2B): 2-3.
- 2000 Dreams in the African Church: The Significance of Dreams and Visions
Among Zambian Baptists, by Nelson Osamu Hayashida (1999).
Religious Studies Review, vol. 26, no. 3, July, pp 292-293.
- 2000 The African Diaspora: African Origins and New World Identities, by
Isidore Okpewho, et al, eds., (1999). *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 26,
no. 2, April, pp 201-202.
- 1998 The Fractured Community: Landscapes of Power and Gender in Rural
Zambia, by Kate Crehan (1997). *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 100
(3): 821-822.
- 1994 Houses in the Rainforest: Ethnicity and Inequality among Farmers and
Foragers in Central Africa by Roy Richard Grinker (1994). *The
International Journal of African Historical Studies*, vol. 28 (3C): 461-
464.
- 1992 Listening to Africa: Developing Africa from the Grassroots by Pierre
Pradervand. *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*,
vol. 25 (2): 195-96.
- 1992 Native Stranger: A Black American's Journey into the Heart of Africa
by Eddie Harris. Review in the *Christian Science Monitor*, March, pp
13-14.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND ADVISORY POSITIONS

- 2005-6 Persistence and Permutation in the African Diaspora: new research on
African Communities outside the African continent; PI, workshops and
lecture series
- 2006 Kokrobitey Institute, Ghana: Researcher, advisor, co-teacher of on-
going institute on Ghanaian history and culture and its impact on the
Americas
- 2000 International Conference on Water Issues in Contemporary Africa. Co-
organizer, presenter and moderator. BU and MIT, March 28-29
- 1999 Boston University-Oxfam America Workshops on International
Economic Development. Organized and moderated, Boston April 13,
April 24, May 4

- 1998 New England Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA). Convener and moderator of Second Annual Meeting, March 4-5
- 1997 Forum on the Status of the African University. Co-organizer, presenter and moderator
- 1990- present African Studies Association. Member and participant in Annual Meetings

APPLIED RESEARCH AND ADVISORY POSITIONS

- 2006-09 National Screening Committee, Fulbright Fellowships Program, IIE, New York
- 2006-07 Tanglewood II: A Symposium Charting the Future of Music in America, Planning Committee & Symposium Member
- 2006-08 NERCPAL, the New England Regional Consortium of Programs of African Language, Co-convener
- 2005- National Nominator, Carnegie Foundation Program for Islamic Studies
- 2005- Advisor, International Institute for Justice and Development, Boston, MA
- 2005- Board of Advisors, International Consortium for Law and Development
- 2004- Board of Advisors, African Presidential Archives and Research Center
- 2003-2007 Board of Directors of the African Studies Association
 -Executive Committee, Member
 -Finance Committee, Chair
 -Nominations and Awards Committee, Member
 -Annual Meeting Committee, Member
 -Investments and Guidelines Committees, Member
- 2001-03 Advisory Board, University of Connecticut National Survey of African Studies Programs
- 2002 National Conference on Distance Learning and the Less Commonly Taught Languages. Boston University Representative. Washington D.C., January 1-3.

2000	The National Summit on Africa. Chair of Massachusetts Delegation on Culture and Education. Washington D.C. February 10-12
1999-2000	Boston University-MIT Workshops on Urban Africa. Organized and hosted a series of 5 forums aimed at establishing formal programmatic linkage between BU's African Studies Center and MIT's Department of Urban Studies
1999-2000	Bunting Fellow Selection Committee Harvard-Radcliffe College
1999	The New England Regional Summit on Africa. Chair of Deliberations on Education and Cultural Issues. U-Mass, Boston, July 16-17
1999	The New England Regional Summit on Africa. Co-hosted policy Forum Tufts and Boston University, June 24-25
1999	Regional Conference on Trade in Africa. Co-organizer, Bayside Expo Center, June 9
1999	Boston University-Oxfam America Linkage Agreement, Organized and negotiated
1999	Sudan Studies Association, Annual Meeting Co-host
1998-99	Leadership Development Committee, Association of African Studies Programs
1995-2000	Board of Directors, Oxfam America
1995-2000	Board of Directors, The Boston Pan-African Forum
1990-94	Board of Directors & Chair of Policy Committee, TransAfrica, Boston Chapter
1993 & 1994	National Endowment for the Humanities Intensive Summer Teacher Training Institutes. Co-organizer and core faculty member of four week training program
1991-present	National Resource Center Directors Meetings. Boston University Representative at annual meetings
1991-present	Association of African Studies Programs. Boston University Representative at annual meetings. Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

1991-present Host African Visitors and Delegations and design appropriate campus and community outreach programs, e.g. King Mswati of Swaziland (1991); Twenty Benin Jurists (1995); Nurrudin Farah, Somali novelist and Laureate of the 1998 Neustadt International Prize for Literature; Malian delegation of education specialists (1999); Niger delegation including the Sultan of Agadez (2000), Kenneth Kaunda, ex-President of Zambia (2003), Ruth Sando Perry, ex-President of Liberia (2004), Karl Aguste Offmann, ex-President of Mauritius (2005), Ketumile Masire, ex-President of Botswana (2006)

PAPERS PRESENTED/INVITED LECTURES

- 2009 Future Directions in African Diaspora Studies. Ruth Simms Hamilton Research Fellowship Commemorative Symposium, Michigan State University, April 30
- 2008 Christian Missions in South Central Africa: Islands of (Post) Modernity. Invited Lecture, Cambridge University, March 1.
- 2006 The Global Hegemony of the English Language: Lesson for the Development of African Languages. Keynote Address, SCALI (Summer Cooperative African Language Institute), Bloomington, Indiana, June 19
- 2006 National Security and the Development of African Studies in the US, Annual Meeting of the Africana Librarians Association, Boston, May 4
- 2006 African Studies in Boston: a History of Cooperation and Collaboration, Luce Program, Tufts University, April 3
- 2006 Dutch Imperialism in Africa. KIT Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, Feb. 17
- 2006 Ghana and the African Diaspora. Kokrobitey Institute on Africa and Globalization, Ghana Jan 12
- 2005 Botswana: Good News From Africa. Program in honor of President Masire of Botswana, BU Law School, Nov 3
- 2005 Can Democracy Survive in the Congo? Reply to KiKaya Bin Karubi, Conversazione, Boston University, Nov 1
- 2004 Africa and the Global Press. Simmons College, Warburg Lecture Series, May 3

- 2004 Lessons From an African Democracy: The Zambian Case Study. Keynote Address, Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies, Boston, Oct 2
- 2002 Tradition and Modernity among the Lunda-Ndembu, Cultural Survival lecture series, Cambridge, MA. Sept 18
- 2001 The Lingering Imprint of Colonialism on Post-Colonial Africa. Advanced Seminars for Boston School Teachers, African Outreach Program, October 15, Boston, MA.
- 2001 The Pervasive Impact of Colonialism on Critical Social Relations in Africa. Advanced Seminars for Boston School Teachers, African Outreach Program, September 29, Boston, MA.
- 2001 A Tale of Two Cities: Theorizing Africa's Urban Dynamics. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lecture Series of Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS), September 24, Cambridge, MA.
- 1998 Africa Today: Best of times Worst of times. World Affairs Council of Boston, Great Decision Lecture Series, April 7, Boston MA.
- 1997 War and the Politics of Identity in Central Africa. African Studies Association, Nov. 15, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1996 The Myth of Tropical Exuberance in Africa. Keynote Address, New England Regional Social Studies Council, October 10, Cambridge, MA.
- 1995 Ambiguity and Paradox, Liminality and the Lunda-Ndembu: The Legacy of Victor Turner. African Studies Association, Nov. 6, Orlando, FL.
- 1994 Concepts of Social Justice in Rural Zambia. Johns Hopkins University, March 31, Baltimore, MD.
- 1993 The Role of Traditional Chiefs in the Era of Political and Economic Liberalization. Walter Rodney Seminar Series, Boston University, Boston MA.
- 1993 Intercultural Communications: Perceptions and Misperceptions of Africa. Boston University, College of Communication, Boston, MA.

- 1993 The African Diaspora: History, Agency and Cultural Transformation. Boston University African Studies Center, National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Training Institute, Boston, MA.
- 1993 Commerce, Christianity and Colonialism in Africa. Boston University African Studies Center, National Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Training Institute, Boston, MA.
- 1991 Age, Image, and Elderhood Among the Lunda. American Anthropological Association presentation, November 12, Chicago, IL.
- 1991 The Political Geography of Contemporary Africa. Boston University, Department of Geography, Boston MA.
- 1990 External Strategies and Local Perceptions; Rural Development in Mwinilunga, Zambia. Walter Rodney Seminar Series, Boston University, Boston, MA.

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- 2005-08 The President's Council on Boston University and the Global Future, Member and Chair of the Committee on Area Studies at Boston University
- 2005-06 Institute for the Environment, Boston University, Planning Committee Member
- 2005-06 International Program's Planning Committee for new Study Abroad program in Dakar, Senegal
- 2004 International Strategic Planning Committee, Provost Office, Member
- 2004-05 School of Music, Department of Music Education Search Committee for Director of on-line program
- 2004-05 Art History Department Search Committee for African Art Specialist
- 2004 Chair, Provost's Council on Africa
- 2000-03 Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of African American Faculty at Boston University
- 1999-present Boston University Niger Study Abroad Program. Member of Faculty Support and Oversight Committee
- 1999-2000 Art History Department Search Committee for African Art Specialist

- 1999-present Faculty Advisor to the African Student Organization, Boston University
- 1999-2001 BU-MIT Steering Committee for Collaboration on Graduate Training on Contemporary Africa
- 1995-present African American Studies Program Faculty Hiring, Support and Oversight Committee
- 1991-present Sole Faculty Advisor for Students pursuing the Minor in African Studies and the Minor in African Languages and Literatures at Boston University

EXPERIENCE ABROAD

- 2010 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Lilongwe, Malawi: Capacity-Building initiatives between MSU and local universities.
- 2009 Burkina Faso: Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Science Policy, Opening of African BioSafety Network of Expertise
- 2007 Cambridge, UK, African Studies Center, Cambridge University, invited speaker
- 2006 Ghana: Participation in Kokrobitey Institute
- 2006 London, Amsterdam, Paris, Zurich, Bern: Invited participant in workshops on comparative dimensions of African Studies in the US and Europe
- 2005 Zambia: Continuing longitudinal research on the Lunda-Ndembu
- 2005 Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho: Developing or strengthening linkage agreements between Boston University African Studies program and corresponding institutions in Africa
- 2004 US Virgin Islands: Invited consultant on the establishment of an African Studies program at the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas
- 2002 South Africa: Consulting on development of San Heritage and Cultural Center in the Western Cape
- 1998 Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa: Research and African Studies Program Development

- 1996 South Africa: Developing linkage agreement between Boston University and Vista University.
- 1994 Zambia: Examining the effects of democratization and economic liberalization on a local community.
- 1993 Continuing research on social and economic change in Mwinilunga, Zambia
- 1984-86 Dissertation research in Zambia as Research Officer of the Institute for African Studies, University of Zambia, Lusaka
- 1982 Summer in Zambia in preparation for dissertation research
- 1980 Approximately two months each in Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe
- 1974-76 Brazil: Teaching English, traveling, farming
- 1971-74 Guyana: Participating in experiments in rain forest agriculture