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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1998, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Major field of concentration: African History
Minor Fields: Modern European History
Early Modern European History
MA in history with a minor in Political Science, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
BA in history (Honors) University of Lagos, Nigeria

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor	University of Central Florida (Department of History). 8-8-98 to present.
Visiting Lecturer.	University of Michigan-Flint and Kalamazoo College from 8-28-97 to 6-30-98. Taught African History
Teaching Assistant	Michigan State University Fall 1994 to Spring 1997 Assisted faculty in leading sections and grading undergraduate examination papers on Early Modern European History. Assisted in teaching courses in Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities.

Other Experience:

Was Research Assistant to Professor David Robinson in the summer of 1994 on the
Translations of African Historical Sources Project.

AWARDS

Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship from 1989 to 1991: \$26,500
College and Arts and Sciences, University of Central Florida *Excellence in
Undergraduate Teaching Award*: \$2,000.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

1. *Growth, Crisis and Transformation in the Cocoa Economy of Southwestern Nigeria, 1900-1990s* (Under Contract with Africa World Press). Coming out in 2004.

Book Chapters:

1. Chapter entitled "The Political Economy of Cocoa Production in Nigeria" in *Politics and Economics of Africa* Nova Publishers, New York, 2003.
2. Chapter entitled "British Colonialism and Economic Transformation in Nigeria, 1900-1960" in *The Transformation of Nigeria: Essays in Honor of Toyin Falola* Africa World Press, 2003.

Articles in Refereed Journals

1. "Structural Change, the Oil Boom and the Cocoa Economy of Southwestern Nigeria, 1973-1980s." *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 38 No.1, 2000.
2. "Happy Days are Here Again: Cocoa Farmers, Middlemen Traders and the Structural Adjustment Program in Southwestern Nigeria, 1986-1990s" *Africa Today* Vol.47, No. 2, 2000.
3. "The Changing Patterns of Labor Relations in the Cocoa Farming Belt of Southwestern Nigeria, 1950s to 1990s." *African Economic History* 28, 2001.

Current Research

Book:

1. *A History of the Growth and Development of Agro-Business in Nigeria, 1950s to the present.*

Articles:

1. "Environmental Policy in the Cocoa-Farming Economy of Southwestern Nigeria, 1940s to 1990s"
2. "The Farmers' Riots of 1968/69 in Southwestern Nigeria: An Economic Interpretation"

Professional Meetings and Presentations

International Conferences: Refereed

1. Presented a paper entitled, "The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" An analysis of the changing patterns of labor relations in the cocoa economy of southwestern Nigeria at the **Annual Conference of the African Studies Association in Philadelphia from November 11-14, 1999.**
**African Economic History has published paper.*
2. Presented a paper entitled, "The impact of the Structural Adjustment Program on the Cocoa Economy of Southwestern Nigeria, 1986-1993" at the **Annual Conference of the African Studies Association in Nashville, Tennessee, 2000.**
**Africa Today has published paper.*
3. Presented a paper entitled, "The Marketing Board, the Appropriation of Surplus and Peasant Farmer Impoverishment in the Cocoa Economy of Southwestern Nigeria, 1954-1976 at the **Annual Conference of the African Studies Association in Houston, Texas from November 15-18, 2001.**

Regional Conferences: Refereed

1. Presented a paper entitled, "Environmental and Ecological Factors in the Cocoa-Farming Belt of Southwestern Nigeria, 1940s-1990s at the **Annual Conference of the Mid-American Alliance for African Studies at Manhattan, Kansas, September 29-30, 2000.**
2. Presented a paper entitled, "Globalization and the Cocoa Economy of Southwestern Nigeria: Problems and Prospects" at the **Annual Conference of the Mid-American Alliance for African Studies in St. Louis, Missouri from September 28-29, 2001.**
3. Presented a paper entitled, "The Impact of the Oil Boom on the Cocoa Economy of Southwestern Nigeria, 1973-1980s" at the **Mid-American Alliance for African Studies Conference at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, September 20-22, 2002.**

Professional Service

1. Gave a presentation at the Global Education Institute, College of Education, University of Central Florida entitled "Africa in the World Economy: Long Distance Trade and Cultural Exchanges" March 12, 2001.

2. Gave a presentation at the Global Education Institute, College of Education, University of Central Florida entitled "Africa and the Making Of the Atlantic Economy" March 12-15 2003
3. Gave a presentation at the Apollo Community, University of Central Florida entitled "The Problem of Slavery in African Culture" in April, 2003.

Guest Lectures

1. Guest Lecturer, CPO 3101 Comparative Politics, February 23, 1999. Gave a talk entitled "Constitutional Change and the Rise of Ethnic Politics in Nigeria."
2. Guest Lecturer, INR 4035 International Political Economy, February 23, 1999. Gave a talk entitled "The Political Economy of Post-Colonial Africa."
3. Guest Lecturer, THE 3230.1 Cultural Diversity, March 8, 1999. Gave a talk entitled "The Background to the Rise of Apartheid in South Africa."
4. Guest Lecturer, THE 3230.1 Cultural Diversity, March 10, 1999. Gave a talk entitled "The Background to the Rise of Apartheid in South Africa—part Two."
5. Guest Lecturer, THE 3230.1 Cultural Diversity, March 12, 1999. Gave a talk entitled "Apartheid State in South Africa."
6. Guest lecturer, AMH 3930 History of the Atlantic World, 1492-1750. Gave a talk about indigenous African slavery in fall 1998 and spring 2001.

Courses Taught

1. Pre-colonial African History
2. Contemporary African History
3. The Making of the African Diaspora
4. Historiography of Slavery in Africa (Graduate Course).
5. Research Seminar on the Atlantic Slave Trade (Graduate Course)
6. A History of African Nationalism
7. World Civilizations I
8. World Civilizations II
9. History and Historians
10. African American History to 1865
11. African American History from 1865 to the present

Independent Studies

1. Gayle Gardner: Upper-level contemporary African history
2. Mike Dugger: Upper-level contemporary African history
3. Rayka Vasisht: History and Historians—a methods course for history majors
4. Elaine Moreland: Upper-level contemporary African history

5. Paul Mckinney: History and Historians—a methods course for history majors
6. Brenda Horton: Upper-level history of South Africa
7. Mark Leahy: Upper-level history of South Africa
8. Skip Thomas Parrish: Graduate-level readings in African history
9. Alexa Barraclough: Graduate-level readings in African history
10. Andy Price: Upper-level pre-colonial African history

COMMITTEE SERVICE

History Department

- Member of the Committee for Undergraduate Portfolio Evaluations, 1999
- Member of the Committee on History Department Graduate Program, 2000-present.
- Member of the Search Committee for Middle Eastern Studies, 2000
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee, 2001
- Member of the Search Committee for History Department Chair, 2001.
- Member of the Search Committee for Minority Line Hire

College of Arts and Sciences

- Member of the Dean's Advisory Council, 2001
- Member of the African American Advisory Council, 2000-2003
- Member of the TIP Selection Committee, 2002
- Member of the TIP Criteria Committee, 2003

Membership of Professional Organizations

- African Studies Association
- Mid-American Alliance for African Studies
- Southeast Regional Association for African Studies