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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

**2010 to present**

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

- Associate Professor, Department of History (2017 to present)
- Assistant Professor, Department of History (2011 to 2017)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History (2010 to 2011)
- Fellow at the university's transdisciplinary Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies: Annual theme, *Changing Climates* (2013 to 2014)

**Fall Semester 2011**

**University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**

- Quadrant Fellow with UMN's Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) working with the group's Environment, Culture, and Sustainability collaborative
- Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon foundation, the Quadrant program constitutes a collaboration between the IAS and the University of Minnesota Press

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- "Settling Oḥori: Reassessing Rebellion, Gender, and Foundation 'Myths' in Colonial Dahomey." *Journal of West African History*, Vol. 3, Iss. 1 (2017): 55-76.
- *The Nature of the Path: Reading a West African Road*. The University of Minnesota Press (January 2017)
- "Roads of Joy, Pathways of Anger: Emotional Responses to Landscapes of Mobility," pp. 165-182, in Arijit Sen and Jennifer Johung (eds.) *Landscapes of Mobility: Culture, Politics, and Placemaking*, Ashgate (2013)

**ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:**

- "Allada, Mahi, Oḥori, Sabé, and Whydah," in Saheed Aderinto (ed.), *African Kingdoms: An Encyclopedia of Empires and Civilizations*. ABC-CLIO (August 2017)

## **EDUCATION:**

**2004 to 2010**

**University of California-Davis**

- Ph.D. in African History (degree received September 2010)
- Thesis: “The Slow Road to Ketu: Colonial Resistance, Environmental Change, and Post-Independence Autonomy in a Beninese Forest Community”

**2005**

**Obafemi Awolowo University, Ilé-Ifè, Nigeria**

- Participated in an intensive course in Yorùbá language funded by a Fulbright Hays Group Project Abroad fellowship
- Completed coursework with distinction from the university’s Institute of Cultural Studies (August 2005)

**1995 to 1997**

**University of Missouri-Columbia**

- MBA with an emphasis in Finance (degree received August 1997)

**1990 to 1994**

**University of Colorado-Boulder**

- BA in History with an emphasis in Modern Europe (degree received May 1994)

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND DISTINGUISHED LECTURES:**

- “Seeking a Normal Administrative Life?: How a Subtle Refusal Impacted Dahomean Prisoners and Exposed the Banality of French Colonial Rule,” at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies Annual Conference in Milwaukee, WI (April 2017)
- “Finding *Igbó Ìlú*: Reexamining the Atlantic World and an African Community’s Response to the Transatlantic Slave Trade,” at the African Studies Association Conference in San Diego, CA (November 2015)
- “Exile and the Kingdom? An African Community’s Response to French Colonial Deportation Policies,” at the French Colonial Historical Society Conference in Binghamton, NY (May 2015)
- “The Peculiar Case of ‘Cold Like the Rain: The Arrest and Exile of a West African King,” at the Conable African Studies Symposium in Rochester, NY (April 2015)
- “Remembering a West African Road,” at the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies 2013-2014 Fellows Presentations and Open House in Milwaukee, WI (September 2014)
- “Investigating Emotions: Understanding Landscapes of Mobility and Historical Change in Colonial and Independent Dahomey,” at the African Studies Association Conference in Baltimore, MD (November 2013)

- “Writing on the Road: Identity Formation and Place-Making in Post-Colonial Dahomey and Benin,” as part of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s African Studies Program Africa at Noon Series in Madison, WI (October 2013)
- “Black Earth: Roads, Environmental Change, and Identity in a West African Forest Community” as part of the Conable Distinguished Lecture Series in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology (April 2012)
- “Reading Landscapes and Hearing Voices in Benin,” as part of the American Geographical Society Library’s Academic Adventures Series, University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin (March 2012)
- “From a ‘Fleeing King’ to Displaced Sovereignty: Re-Thinking ‘Nationalist’ Narratives and Assessing Ecological and Political Change in Early Colonial Dahomey” at the African Studies Association Conference in Washington, D.C. (November 2011)
- “Crossing ‘*La Terre Noire*’: Refurbishing Roads and Encountering Sacred Space in Post-Colonial Dahomey and Benin” at the Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota (October 2011)
- “Cementing National Identities in Dahomey and Benin: Understanding Development and Re-Conceptualizing African Statehood in a Post-Colonial Framework” at the University of Texas Africa Conference: Africa in World Politics in Austin, Texas (March 2011)
- “Cold Like the Rain: Colonial Resistance and Post-Independence Autonomy in a Beninese Forest Kingdom” at the French Colonial Historical Society Conference in San Francisco, CA (May 2009)
- “The Road Through the Swamp: French Development Initiatives and African Resistance in Colonial Dahomey” at the African Studies Association Conference in San Francisco, CA (November 2006)

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS:**

- “Between Liberty and Subjugation: African Migrant Labor and the Remaking of Empire in a Post-Abolition Atlantic World” (manuscript in process)
- “Naysaying and the Unintended Consequence of Resistance: How a Subtle Refusal Impacted Dahomean Prisoners and Exposed the Banality of French Colonial Rule” (preparing article for journal submission)

### **AWARDS:**

- Fellow, the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2013-2014): fellowship included reduction of teaching load and small research stipend
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Graduate School Research Committee Award (2012-2013): \$15,000
- Quadrant Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota (Fall 2011): \$30,000

- UC-Davis nominee for the ACLS New Faculty Fellows program (2011)
- UC-Davis History Department Reed-Smith Research Grant (2006, 2007, and 2008): \$9,000 total
- Finalist and Alternate, Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship (2007)
- All University of California Economic History Fellowship (2006): \$5,000
- UC-Davis African Studies Committee Summer Research Grant (2006): \$2,000
- Fulbright-Hays Fellowship to study Yorùbá language at Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria (2005)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

#### *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

- HIS 132 – World history since 1500
- HIS 200 – Global environmental history (blended online)
- HIS 201 – History of the Ancient Near East
- HIS 386 – Africans in global history before 1850: slavery, statecraft, and communal change
- HIS 387 – Colonization in Africa: a history of resistance and adaptation since 1850
- HIS 392 – History of southern Africa
- HIS 396 – African history after 1935: revolution, decolonizing, and negotiating independence
- HIS 600 – Senior capstone seminar: Resistance and collaboration in African history
- HIS 600 – Senior capstone seminar: Pan-Africanism and resistance
- HIS 600 – Senior capstone seminar: Writing post-colonial African histories
- HIS 600 – Senior capstone seminar: Africans, slavery, and making an Atlantic world
- HIS 840 – Global graduate colloquium: Reinterpreting the Atlantic World, reflecting on the “biographical turn”
- HIS 940 – Global graduate seminar: Atlantic World revolutions

#### *University of California-Davis*

- HIS 110: Themes in World History: Re-thinking globalisation

## **COMMUNITY AND ACADEMIC SERVICE:**

- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, History Department: Faculty Affairs Committee (2015 to 2017)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, History Department: Graduate Affairs Committee (2012 to 2015)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Honorary Degrees Committee (2014 to 2015)
- Volunteer Judge: Milwaukee History Day (March 2012)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, History Department: Library and Media Committee (2010 to 2011)
- African Studies Association (since 2004)
- French Colonial Historical Society (since 2009)
- American Historical Association (since 2010)
- World History Association (since 2017)
- Mentor Scholar at the *African Studies Review* Pipeline for Emerging African Scholars workshop (2017 African Studies Association annual meeting in Chicago)
- UC Davis African Studies Committee (2004 to 2010)
- UC Davis Graduate Student Search Committee: African historian (2009)
- UC Davis Graduate Student Search Committee: world environmental historian (2007)
- Volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps: Togo, West Africa (1997 to 1998)