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Professional Appointment

University of Pennsylvania, July 2002-

Teaching and Research Interests: The history of Islam in Africa and 19th century West African history; Islamic education; French colonialism in Africa; religion and colonial rule; 20th century Senegalese migration to Europe and North America; migration, memory, social capital, social networks, and the creation of sacred space in urban Settings.

Education

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| Ph.D. 2002 | <i>Michigan State University</i>
Major : Modern African history
Minors : History of migration
Sociology of religion |
| M. Sc. 1994 | <i>Ecole Normale Supérieure, Dakar</i>
Major: Administration of Education |
| D.E.A 1992 | <i>Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar</i>
Major: History |
| M.A. 1991 | <i>Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar</i>
Major: History |
| B.A. 1990 | University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar
Major 1- certificate in Modern African history
Major 2- certificate in African Ancient history |

Publications

Books

Fighting the Greater Jihad: Amadu Bamba and the Founding of the Muridiyya of Senegal, 1853-1913 (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2007).

Le Jihad de l'âme: Amadou Bamba et la fondation de la Mouridiyya au Sénégal, 1853-1913 (Paris: Karthala, 2011). French translation.

Book Project

Making Muslim Place in "Secular Land": West African Muslim immigrants in Europe and North America, Expected date for completion, 2018-19.

A Reformer Among the Murids : Caliph Abdoul Ahad and the Transformation of the Muridiyya of Senegal, (1969-1989). Expected date for completion, 2019-20.

Peer reviewed Articles and book chapters

‘Negotiating the Boundaries of Power: Abdoulaye Wade, the Muridiyya and State Politics in Senegal, 2000-2012’, *Journal of West African History*, vol. 2 no.1 (Spring 2016), 165-189.

‘Sufi Eschatology and Hagiography as Responses to Colonial Repression: an Examination of the Meanings of Amadu Bamba’s Trial and Exiles by the French colonial Administration of Senegal 1895-1907.’ In Abdoulmajib Hannoum ed., *Practicing Sufism: Sufi Politics and Performance in Africa* (Routledge, 2016), 57-73.

‘The al-Azhar School Network: a Murid Experiment in Islamic Modernism.’ In Robert Launay, ed., *Islamic Education in Africa: Writing Boards and Blackboards* (Indiana U. Press, 2016.), 173-195.

‘Globalizing West African Islam: West African Sufi Masters in North America’ in *Global Africa* eds., Dorothy Hodgson and Judith Byfield (forthcoming, University of California Press).

‘The Senegalese “Social Contract” Revisited: The Muridiyya Muslim Order and State Politics in Post-colonial Senegal.’ In Mamadou Diouf eds. *Tolerance, Democracy, and Sufis in Senegal* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2013), 125-147.

‘Migration as a Factor of Cultural Change Abroad and at Home: Senegalese Female Hair braiders in the US” in Todd Leedeey and A. Kane eds. *African Migrations: Patterns and Perspectives* (Bloomington: Indiana U. Press, 2013), 230-248. (Reprint).

‘Entre Dieu et César: Président Abdoulaye Wade et la Mouridiyya” in *Le Sénégal sous Wade* Momar C. Diop ed., (Paris: Karthala, 2013), 297-319.

‘Migrations et changement culturel: argent, “caste”, genre et statut social chez les tresseuses sénégalaises aux Etats Unis’. In *Genre, migrations et globalization de la reproduction sociale. Cahiers Genre et Développement*. No 9. (Dir.) C. Verschuur et C. Catarino (Paris: L’Harmattan, 2013), 283-297. (Translation in French and reprint).

With Dr. Ellen Foley, Clarke University, ‘Diaspora, Faith and Science: Building a Mouride Hospital in Senegal,’ *African Affairs*, Volume 110 Issue 438 (2011a), 75-95.

‘A West African Sufi Master on the Global Stage: Sheikh Abdoulaye Dièye and the Khidmatul Khadim International Sufi School in France and the United States,’ *African Diaspora Journal*, 4(2011b), 27-49.

‘Decolonization or National Liberation: Debating the end of British colonial rule in Africa,’ *The Annals*, vol. 632 (Nov. 2010), 41-54.

‘Exploring the Impact of Migration Abroad and at Home: Money, “Caste”, Gender, and Social Status among Senegalese Female Hair Braiders in the United States,” *Africa Today*, Vol. 55. 2 (2009a), 3-22.

‘Education, généalogie, et *baraka*: une exploration de quelques sources de l’autorité spirituelle d’Ahmadou Bamba,’ *Afrique et Histoire*, vol. 7, no 1 (2009b), 199-234.

‘Urbanizing Mystical Islam: Making Murid Space in the Cities of Senegal,’
International Journal of African Historical Studies, Vol. 40. No.2 (2007), 197-223.

‘Contesting Space, Shaping Places: Making Room for the Muridiyya in Colonial Senegal, 1912-1945,’ *Journal of African History*, vol. 46 No.3 (2005), 405-426.

‘Educating the Murid : Theory and Practices of Education in Amadu Bamba’s Thought,’ *Journal of Religion in Africa*, vol. 33. No.3 (2003), 310-327

‘Brotherhood Solidarity, Education and Migration: The role of the *dahiras* among the Murid Muslim Community of New York,’ *African Affairs*, 403 (2002), 151-170.

‘Autour de la genèse du Mouridisme,’ *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 1 (1997), 5-38.

Encyclopedia entry

‘Dahira’ entry in the *Encyclopedia of Islam online*, (Brill, 2016).

‘Amadou Bamba’ entry in *African Biographies* Henry L. Gates and Emmanuel Akyempong, eds.,(Oxford University Press, Nov. 2011).

Book Reviews

Review of Rüdiger Seesemann. *The Divine flood: Ibrahima Niasse and the Roots of a Twentieth-Century Sufi Revival* (Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Journal of Sufi Studies*, 3. 1 (2014), 19-21

Review of *Islam and Social Change in West Africa: History of an Emancipatory Community* (Cambridge: Cambridge U Press, 2009) by Sean Hanretta, *Social History*, 35. 4 (November 2010).

Review of *Masquerades of Modernity : Power and Secrecy in Casamance, Senegal* (Indiana University Press, 2007) by Ferdinand De Jong, *American Historical Review*, December 2008, pp. 1633-1634

Review of *Sufism and Jihad in Modern Senegal: the Murid Order* (University of Rochester Press, 2007) by John Glover, *Journal of World History*, March (2009), 164-166.

Review of *Sufism and Religious Brotherhoods in Senegal* (Markus Wiener, 2005) by Khadim Mbacké, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 40. 1 (2007), 184-186.

Awards and Fellowships

Development Research Institute, New York University, ‘Success project’ invited research associate, 2015-2016.

Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Studies of Berlin) residential Fellowship, 2013-2014.

Zentrum Moderner Orient in Berlin, Invited Research Fellow, summer 2011.

The University of Pennsylvania Research Fund, July 2010.

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Invited Researcher, May 2010.

Center for Africana's Studies Faculty Research Fellowship Awards, fall 2005 spring 2006.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship for Summer 2002.
College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University.

Summer College Research Abroad Money (SCRAM), 2001
College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University.

African Dissertation Internship Award (ADIA), 1999-2000
The Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA.

Department of Sociology, Social Capital Interest Group (MSU), Fall 1999
Grant for field research among the Murid community of New York

Thoman Fellowship for Hunger and Poverty, 1998-1999
The Thoman Foundation and International Studies and Program, Michigan State University, Fall 1998- Spring 1999

Special College and Department Travel Awards, 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.
Department of History, College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University.

Grants for Thesis Writing in African Universities, 1992
Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). Dakar, Senegal

Professional Experience

Associate Professor of History May 2008-
Assistant Professor of History July 2003-May 2008
Co-editor of the *Journal of African History* December 2010-December 2015
Member of the Editorial Executive Board of the *Journal of West African History*, 2012-
Member of the Editorial Board of *the Journal of African History*, 2015-

Courses taught

University of Pennsylvania since July 2002-present
-History 075: 'African History to 1800.'
-HST 106 'Religion and Resistance in Colonial Africa'
-HST 275 'Islam and Societies in African History.'
-HST 206. 301 'Power, Civil Society and the End of Colonial Rule in Africa'
-HST 232.401 'Religion and Colonial Rule in Africa.'
-Co-teach HST 701-Graduate seminar: 'African Cultural History'
-Center for Africana Studies: Annual summer institute: 'Religion and cultural Resistance in Africa and the Diaspora.'
-HST 650. Graduate seminar: 'Religious Encounters in the History of

Africa.’

-HST 489. ‘Africans Abroad: Émigrés, Refugees and Citizens in the New African Diaspora.’ Co-taught with Lee Casanelli.

-HST 232-402. ‘Migration and Refugees in African History’

-LPS/ABCS 165, African Immigrants in West Philadelphia. Co-taught with Lee Casanelli.

TOKTEN fellow University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, Summer 2006

-French colonial policy and Muslim Sufi orders in Senegal

-Historiography of Senegal

Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Social, Paris May-June 2010.

Graduate students supervised

Jeremy Dell, history, primary

Christine Dang, Music, secondary, defended

Kwezi Mkhezi, Africana, secondary, defended

Kathie Hikerson, history, secondary

Bethany Weed, sociology, secondary

Chrystal Smalls, GSE, secondary, defended

Mark Deets, History, Cornell, secondary

Paraska Tolan, History, primary

Caitlin Collis, History, secondary

Coleman Donaldson, GSE and Linguistics, secondary

Rasul Miller, History and Africana, secondary

Thesis supervised

-Tatiana Gumucio: Huntsman Program: “The Ndoep: Traditional Values and Transitions of a Ritual of the Wolof Lebou of Senegal.” Spring 2004

-Daniel Rainier. Honors thesis in International Relation: “Senegalese Foreign Policy Under Abdou Diouf: Examining the Effective Diplomacy of a Developing Nation.” Fall 2004-Spring 2005.

-Karen Premo. Lauder Master’s thesis: “Togo Press and the Image of President Eyadema.” Spring 2005.

-Giselle Aris. History Honors Thesis “The Power and Politics of Language Policy in South Africa.” Fall 2006-spring 2007.

-Laura Mandel. History Honors Thesis “Shaping Minds, Making Bodies: Colonial *sage-femmes* in French West Africa from World War II through Independence, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

-Lauder Global Knowledge Lab Master’s thesis (Marta Audela, Marcos Contreras, Rosalia Morales, Daniel Pulido), 2008-2009.

-Lauder Global Knowledge Lab Master’s thesis (Kathleen Bellehumeur, Claire Johnson, Ionis Manthasaris, Zacharia Fox, Andrew Meney) 2009-2010.

-Lauder GKL, Melissa Brown and Rachel Balsham, 2011-2012

-Rudolph Ware, dissertation committee member, 2004

-Christine Dang, dissertation committee member, 2014

-Khwesi Mkhesi, dissertation committee member, 2015

-Arame Niang, Senior Thesis, 2016

External expert evaluator

Jocelyne, Vivien , Université de Sherbrooke and Institut Catholique de Paris
“Élaboration d’un matériel pédagogique pour l’éducation à la paix basé sur des modèles de paix.”

Service

Member of SAS Faculty Review Committee, 2016-

Member of the History undergraduate Honors Prize Committee 2015-2016

Member of the History Department Executive Committee, 2015-

Co-chair of the Annenberg Seminar Series, 2015-2016

Member of the diversity committee of the history department, 2012-

Member of the undergraduate sub- committee for the Middle States Accreditation Report, 2012-2013

Member of the Provost Working Group on Global Engagement, 2012-

Member of the History Prize Committee 2011

Member of the SAS Committee of Committees on curriculum 2009-2011

Member of the Lauder Graduate Group in International Studies. 2007-

Member of the core faculty of the Center for Africana Department 2002-present. Secondary appointment, Department of Africana Studies.

Member of the executive committee of the African Studies Center 2002-2015

Member of the History Undergraduate Honor’s prize committee 2007

Member of the graduate committee of the History Department 2002-2005; 2010-2012

Member of Hearing Board for the Student Disciplinary System and the Code of Academic Integrity, 2007-2009

Member of the University of Pennsylvania's Fulbright Committee 2006-2009.

Coordinator of the Annenberg Distinguished Speakers Series, fall 2003-spring 2004.

Selected Presentations

2015

'An African Sufi festival in New York City: Ahmadu Bamba Day in Harlem.' 50th African Studies Association meeting, San Diego, 18-22 November 2015.

'The Spread of Islam into East Africa: History, Diversity, and Trade.' CCP, Philadelphia, 18 November 2015.

'The Murid Ethic and the Spirit of Entrepreneurship: Faith, Business and Mobility among Murid Immigrants in Gabon.' NYU, New York City, 13 November 2015.

'The *Sira* of Shaykh Ahmadu Bamba'. Keynote address, University of Michigan and Khadimou Rasul Foundation, Mystic Motherland, Conference on Sufism in Africa, Detroit-Ann Arbor, 30 October 2015

'Muslim immigrants in the United States and the Challenges of a Secular Western Democracy.' National Museum of Jewish History, Philadelphia, 3 October 2015

'Faith, business and mobility among the Murid Trading diaspora: Gabon as example.' Conference on the Global African Diaspora, Rutgers New Brunswick, 25-26 September 2015.

'Sufi theology and the roots of pluralism in Ahmadu Bamba's thought and Practices.' International Conference on Islam and Non-violence.' Columbia University, 11-12 September 2015.

2014

‘Sufi theology and the roots of pluralism in Amadu Bamba’s thought and Practices.’ Presentation at Columbia University, 12 Sept. 2014

‘Making Room for Islam in the West: Senegalese Muslims in Europe and North America.’ Presentation at the University of Leiden, 28 May 2014.

‘Making Muslim Place in Secular Land: Murid disciples in Europe and North Africa.’ Paper presented at Frei University, Berlin, 25 May 2014.

‘Between God and Caesar: Abdoulaye Wade, the Muridiyya and State Politics in Senegal’. Humboldt University, 2/5/2014

‘Religion as Counterculture: African Prophets, Spirit Mediums, and Muslim Saints under Colonial rule.’ A four session lecture series at the Werkstatt Der Kulturen, Berlin 1/8/25 February 2014.

2013

“Making Muslim Place in Secular Western Land: Senegalese Muslim Immigrants in Europe and North America.”
Paper presented at the Institute for Advanced Study of Berlin, 17 December 2013.

‘Negotiating the Boundaries of Power: Abdoulaye Wade, the Muridiyya, and State Politics in Senegal, 2000-2012.’ Paper read at the London School of Economics, 6-7 December 2013.

‘Devine Melodies: Faith and Music among the Sufi orders of Senegal’
Paper presented at the Werkstatt Der Kulturen, Berlin, 24 November 2013.

‘The Rise, Retreat, and Transformation of Political Islam in Senegal.’

Paper presented at the University of Basel, 12 November 2013.

2012

“Abdoulaye Wade and the Murid electorate”

Paper presented at the 2012 meeting of the ASA in Philadelphia, November 28th-December 1st. Panel Chair and presenter

“Music and faith in Islam: the Sufi tradition”

The College of Wooster, OH, October 23rd

2011

“Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba à Diourbel: La construction d’un espace autonome pour l’Islam dans le Baol Oriental colonial, 1912-1927 .»

Paper delivered at the International Conference in Sufism
Dakar, 23-26 December 2011.

“The Making of a Saint: Exploring the Foundations of Ahmadu Bamba’s Path to Sainthood”

Paper presented at the Conference on Muslim Sainthood at the Centre National des Recherche Sociale (CNRS-Paris) November 30-December 5, 2011.

“Divine Melodies: Faith and Music among the Sufi Orders of Senegal”

Panel chair and Presenter at the 54th meeting of the ASA, Washington DC
24 November 2011

“African and African Cultural Encounters in the New Diaspora”

Presentation at Rowan University, 16 November 2011.

“African Traditional Religions and Thought”

Lecture delivered at the University of Sciences, Philadelphia, 4/12/2011

“Cultural Encounters in the New African Diaspora.” Center for Africana Studies Classics Lecture, The University of Pennsylvania, 3/29/2011

“Historiography of Migration Studies in sub-Saharan Africa.” Presentation delivered as panelist for the Annenberg Lecture Series, History Department, University of Pennsylvania, 3/29/2011.

“Islamism in West African Politics: Senegal as a Case Study”
Lecture delivered at the College of Wooster, Wooster IN, 3/3/2011

2010

« Ecriture, Savoir et Foi: esquisse d’une histoire de la pensée de Shaykh A. Bamba ». Paper presented at the ISITA Conference in Dakar 15 et 16 Décembre 2010.

Le Mouridisme et l’administration coloniale du Sénégal, 1895-1927.
Paper presented at the World Festival of Black Arts, Dakar 14 December 2010.

Divine Melodies: Faith and Music among the Sufi orders of Senegal.
Paper presented at the Schomber Center for Black Culture in Harlem, NYC, 15 November 2010

“The Rise and Retreat of Political Islam in Senegal.”
Paper presented at USNA, Annapolis, Thursday January 21, 2010.

“Re-examining the ‘Senegalese Social Contract:’ the Muridiyya and State politics in post-colonial Senegal.” Paper presented at Northwestern University, Evanston, Wednesday March 3, 2010.

“God’s Politics, People’s Politics: The failure of Islamist Politics in Senegal.” Paper Presented at Walter Rodney Conference in African History, Boston, Boston University, Monday April 5, 2010.

2009

Panel chair and presenter. “Islamic Modernism among the Murids: Sheikh Murtalla Mbakke and the al-Azhar School network.” Paper presented on the Panel, Islamic Education in Africa II, 52 meeting of the ASA, New Orleans, LA, November 19-22, 2009.

“Globalizing Mystical Islam from Below: Exploring the Historical Roots and Contemporary expansion of the Tijaniyya Sufi order.”
Paper presented at the UCLA symposium at the UCLA symposium “North African Sufism in World Context,” 12 February 2009.

“The Colonial Social Contract and its Legacy: Muslim Sufi Orders and State Politics in Post-Colonial Senegal.”

Paper presented at Duke University, 23 February 2009.

“Exploring the Historical Roots and Contemporary Development of Sufi Islam in West Africa: Senegal as Example.”

Paper presented at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 24 February 2009.

“Decolonization or National Liberation: Debating the Slow Death of European Colonial Rule in Africa.”

Paper presented at the Conference “Perspectives on Africa and the World” University of Pennsylvania September 25-26.

“Hospital Matlabul Fawzayni: Diaspora, Faith and Science in Tuubaa, Senegal.

Paper presented at the conference :Globalization in Progress: Understanding and Working with World Urbanization. University of Pennsylvania Museum, October 17 2009

2008

“Waiting for the Mullahs: Why Political Islam failed in Senegal.”

Paper presented at the 51st meeting of the African Studies Association Chicago, November 13-15, 2008.

Conference on the “Globalization Mystical Islam” convener, organizer and presenter in partnership with the Senegalese Muslim community in the United States. Schomburg Center for Black Culture, New York City, 24 May 2008

“The Insider’s challenge: Writing a History of the Muridiyya from Within”

Presentation at Rutgers University, New Brunswick March 14, 2008.

“The Senegalese Social Contract Revisited: the Muridiyya and State Politics in Post-colonial Senegal.”

Presentation at the conference on “Sufism, Tolerance and Democracy in Senegal” organized by the Institute of African Studies of Columbia University.

March 7-8, 2008.

“Migration as Factor of Cultural Change Abroad and at Home: Senegalese Female Hair Braiders in the United States.”

Presentation at the 2008 Carter Conference at the University of Florida, February 15-16, 2008.

2007

“Writing a history of the Muridiyya from Within: Challenges and Rewards.”

Presentation at the African Studies Center of Michigan State University, East Lansing, 11/9/2007.

“Globalizing the Local: Sheikh Abdoulaye Dieye and the Khidmatul Khadim International Sufi School.”

50th meeting of the African Studies Association, New York City, 10/20/2007

“‘Builders of a New Africa?’: How African Immigrants in the Diaspora are Contributing to Economic and Cultural Changes on the continent .” 15th annual colloquium of the African Studies Consortium of the University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore. 20 April 2007.

“Sufi Eschatology and Hagiography as Responses to Colonial Repression: an Examination of the Meanings of Amadu Bamba’s Trial and Exiles by the French colonial Administration of Senegal 1895-1907.” Paper presented at the University of Kansas’ Colloquium on Sufi Muslim arts. 22-25 February 2007.

2006

Panel chair and presenter. “When ‘Tradition’ Meets ‘Modernity’: ‘Caste’, Gender and Social Status among Senegalese Female Hair Braiders in the United States.” Paper presented at the 49th annual meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA) at the Westin Saint-Francis in San Francisco, 16-19 November 2006.

“Urban Mystics: Making Murid Space in the Cities of Senegal.” Paper presented at the Colloquium on Murid visual art at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 5-7 December 2006.

“Ahmadou Bamba face au Conseil Privé: genèse et signification historique du procès du 5 septembre. ” Paper presented at the West African Research Center (WARC), Dakar, Senegal, 7 July 2006.

“Le Procès du 5 septembre 1895: causes et signification historique.” Paper presented at the meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society in Dakar, Senegal, 17-20 May 2006.

“Histoire, généalogie et baraka, une exploration de quelques sources de l'autorité spirituelle d'Ahmadou Bamba. ” Paper presented in the framework of the ‘les grandes conférences de l’Ifan’ Institut fondamental d’Afrifque Noire (IFAN), UCAD, Dakar, 8 May 2006.

2005

Urbanizing the Muridiyya: the Struggle for Murid Space in the Cities of Senegal.

Paper presented at the 48th meeting of the ASA, Washington DC, 17-20 November 2005.

2004

“The Senegalese Social Contract Revisited: The Muridiyya and State Politics in Senegal, 1945-1990.” Paper presented at the 47th annual conference of the African Studies Association at New Orleans, 11-14 November 2004.

“Contested Space, Competing Memories: Making Room for the Muridiyya in the Urban Landscape of Senegal.” Paper presented at the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 11-1 September 2004

“Between Idealism and Pragmatism: French Muslim policy and the Muridiyya in Colonial Senegal.” Paper presented at the French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting in Washington DC, 05-06 May 2004.

2003

“Colonialism, Space and Memory: Making Room for the Muridiyya in Colonial Senegal, 1912-1945.” Paper presented at the 46th meeting of the African Studies Association in Boston 30 October -02 November 2003.

“The Murid Immigrant Diasporas in New York City.” A presentation to the Immigrant Study Group of Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, April 2003.

2002

“Archives et écriture de l’histoire: Paul Marty et l’invention du Mouridisme.”

Paper presented at the symposium organized by the West African Research Center in Dakar, June 2002.

2001

“The *Dahira* and its Role in the Economy of the Murid Community of New York.” Paper presented at the 44th meeting of the African Studies Association in Houston, November 2001

“Islam, Globalization, and “Modernity,” the Example of the Murid Muslim *Dahira* Networks.” Paper presented at the brownbag series of the African Studies Center of Michigan State University, December 6-2001

“Association or Assimilation: French colonial Theory and Practices in Senegal, late 19th early 20th century.” Paper presented at the French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting, East Lansing and Detroit, Michigan 31st May– 0 June, 2001.

“From Dakar, to Paris, and New York: The *dahira* and its Role in the Internationalization of the Muridiyya.” Paper Presented at the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World. Workshop on “Muslim Communities, Globalization and Identities in Africa,” University of Leiden, The Netherlands, April 2001.

“Solidarité Confrérique, Education et Immigration: les *dahiras* dans la vie des immigrants mourides de New York.” Paper presented at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. Les Journées de l’IISM, “l’Internationalisation du religieux, Réseaux et Politiques de l’Islam Africain.” Paris, March 2001.

2000

“Education as a Source of Social Capital: the Role of *dahiras* among the Murid Community of New York.” Paper delivered at the Journées Scientifiques of the Euro-African Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD, French acronym), Saint-Louis, Senegal, January 2000.

1998

“Muslim Leadership under Colonial Domination: Doctrine and Practices in the Early Development of the Muridiyya, 1884-1912.” Presentation at the African Studies Association 41st annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 1998.

“The Institutions of Local Government in the Four Communes of Senegal,

1880-1914.” Third Annual Midwest Graduate Students Conference on African Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, February 1998. Moderator and presenter.

1997

“Muslim Responses to Colonial Domination: Amadu Bamba and the Foundations of the Muridiyya, 1850-1927.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association 40th annual meeting, Columbus, OH, November 1997.

Invited Lectures

University of Pennsylvania

“African History: Past and Present.” Presentation at the African Studies Center Workshop for K-12 teachers, Philadelphia, 20 June 2005.

“Mystical Islam and Education in West Africa” Spring 2005. Guest lecturer: Department of Education: Temple University

“The Spread of Islam to Africa from the Origin to the 15th century.” Fall 2003.

“Sufism and Education in Africa: the example of the Muridiyya.” Fall 2004. Guest lecturer: Religious Studies 147; History 147 AMES 137 Islamic History.

“The Murid Muslim Trading Diaspora in Historical Perspective.” Fall 2002.

“The Expansion of Islam in West Africa.” Fall 2003.

“The Urbanization of Mystical Islam in Senegal.” Fall 2006. Guest lecturer: Introduction to African Culture, ANTH/AFST/AFR/HIST 190

Awards and Fellowships

Wissenschaftskolleg (Institute for Advanced Studies of Berlin) residential Fellowship, 2013-2014.

Centrum Moderner Orient in Berlin, Invited Research Fellow, summer 2011

The University of Pennsylvania Research Fund, July 2010.

Ecole Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Invited Researcher, May 2010

Center for Africana's Studies Faculty Research Fellowship Awards, fall 2005 spring 2006.

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Department of History, College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University.

Grants for Thesis Writing in African Universities, 1992
Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). Dakar, Senegal

Outreach

Interviews

Interview with Ibrahima Mbaye, Bichri TV, interview posted on Bichri online. 13 September 2015.

Interview with Habib Mbaye, Radio Television Senegalaise (RTS), Philadelphia, 10 September 2015. Interview broadcasted by RTS and Television Futur Media.

Interview with Etienne Roeder, Deutchlandradio Kultur broadcasted 1/15/2014

Interview with Laurent Correau, Radio France International (RFI), 19 January 2011. Oral version aired and Written version published on the website of RFI, <http://www.rfi.fr/>, 1/25/2011.

Interview with Radio Viva Africa, Montreal, Canada, 16 January 2011

Interview with Elikia Mbokolo, *memoire d'un continent*, RFI, Paris, May 2010, aired July 2010.

Interview with Kojo Minta, editor and reporter, *Penn History Review: Journal of the University of Pennsylvania's History Undergraduate Students.* (Wednesday, November 19, 2008) *Penn History Review*, volume 16, issue 1, Fall 2008.

Interview with Habib Mbaye and Amdy Samb, journalists at the Senegalese National TV Broadcasting Company. New York City, 28 July 2008.

Interview with James Spady about *Fighting the Jihad* on the 'Pan-African radio Show,' WUR, Philadelphia.. Philadelphia, 22 February 2008.

Interview with, Rukimini Gallimachi about Quranic education in Senegal and the Muridiyya, *AP* West African Regional correspondent in Dakar, Senegal, 1/3/2008.

Interviews with Habibou Mbaye, journalist, about "*Fighting the Greater Jihad*," Evening News, Senegalese National TV (RTS), 12/25/2007.

Interview with Madior Fall, journalist at *Sud-quotiden*, Senegalese independent daily newspaper about *Fighting the Greater Jihad*, 12/25/2007.

Interview with Dame Babou, "African Time" about *Fighting the Greater Jihad*, New York City, 7 September 2007.

Interview with Elhadj Ndiaye, West African radio talk show host, WURD, Philadelphia about *Fighting the Greater Jihad* Philadelphia, 16 September 2007

Interviews with Radio France International, September 2004.

Interviews with local West African radio talk show hosts in Philadelphia WURD (08-17; 08-23 and 08-26-03); New York, *African Hour*; Atlanta WAEC, (2/2006)

Interview with Voice of America Nov. 2002.

Public lectures

‘Le séjour de Diourbel: un tournant décisif dans la vie et l’œuvre de Cheikh Ahmadou Bamba 1912-1927.’ Presentation at the pre-magal symposium, Dakar 12/11/2013

“The Youth in Amadou Bamba’s Thought and Practices: Lessons for Future Generations.” Presentation at the 20th anniversary of Ahmadou Bamba Day at the United Nations’ headquarters in New York City, 28 July 2008.

“The Murid Diaspora and its role in the Globalization of the Muridiyya”
Lecture at the occasion the 19th edition of Ahmadu Bamba Day at the United Nations’ headquarters in New York City, 28 July 2007

“Non-violence and its meanings in Ahmadu Bamba’s thought and Practice”
A Presentation to the Senegalese Muslim community of Washington DC, 26 July 2007.

“Humanism and its Meanings in Ahmadu Bamba’s Thought and Practices.”
Paper presented at the United Nations’ headquarters in New York City at the occasion of Amadu Bamba Day, 28 July 2006.

“Exploring the Legacy of Ahmadu Bamba: Ethical Responsibilities and Practices of the Muridiyya.”
Presentation delivered at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York City at the Occasion of Amadu Bamba Day, 28 July 2005.

“Non Violence in Amadu Bamba’s Thought and Practices”
A Presentation to the annual Amadu Bamba Day of the Murid community of Winston Salem, North Carolina, 24-26 September 2004

“The Relevance of Amadu Bamba’s Teachings in the Era of Globalization.”
Presentation delivered at the headquarters of United Nations in New York at the Occasion of Amadu Bamba Day, 28 July 2004

Memberships:

American Historical Association
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