

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

Ph.D., History, Dalhousie University, 2006
M.A., History, Dalhousie University, 2001
B.A. with Honors in History, University of Sierra Leone, 1993

Academic Positions:

Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, 2018-
Associate Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, 2011- 2018
Assistant Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, 2005-2011
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dalhousie University, 2000-2004
Lecturer, Milton Margai College of Education (Sierra Leone), 1995-2000
Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Fourah Bay College (Sierra Leone), 1994-2000

Administrative Experience:

Chair, Search Committee, Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean History, 2017-2018
Chair, Department of History, Kalamazoo College, 2016 - Present
Director, African Studies Program, Kalamazoo College, 2005-Present

Editorial Service:

Series Editor: Anthem Advances in African Cultural Studies
<http://www.anthempress.com/anthem-advances-in-african-cultural-studies>

Editorial Board Member, West African Research Association Conflict and
Peacebuilding Review, 2010 – 2011

Board Member, Atlantic Slave Trade and Sierra Leone Collections Board, University of
Illinois, Chicago, 2009-

Publications

Books:

Joseph J. Bangura, *The Temne of Sierra Leone: African Agency in the Making of a British Colony*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds., *Democratization and Human Security in Sierra Leone*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015

Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds. *Sierra Leone beyond the Lome Peace Accord*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010

Refereed Book Chapters and Journal Articles

“Cloud on the Horizon: African Migration, Transnationalism, and Social Osmosis,” *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 21/No. 1/2019, pp. 94-109

“Constitutional Development and Ethnic Entrepreneurism in Sierra Leone: A Metahistorical Analysis.” In Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds., *Democratization and Human Security in Postwar Sierra Leone*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015: pp.15-49

“Gender and Ethnic Relations in Sierra Leone: Temne Women in Colonial Freetown,” *History in Africa: A Journal of Methods*, 39 (2012): 267-292.

“Understanding Sierra Leone in Colonial West Africa: A Synoptic Socio-Political History,” *History Compass* 7/3 (2009): 583-603

“The Anatomy of Peacekeeping: ECOMOG’s Role in the Sierra Leone Civil War.” In Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds., *Sierra Leone Beyond the Lome Peace Accord*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010. pp. 35-48

“Temne Agency in the Propagation and Africanization of Islam in Colonial Freetown, 1920-1961.” In Toyin Falola and Fallou Ngom, eds., *Facts, Fiction and African Creative Imaginations*: Vol. II. New York: Routledge, 2009. pp. 134-150

Works-in-Progress:

Joseph J. Bangura, *Introducing Africa*. New York: Routledge

Joseph J. Bangura, “Of Social Identities and Polemics: A Critical Appraisal of the “Creole/Krio” in Freetown History”

ENCLYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“The Recaptives/Liberated Africans of Sierra Leone” in *Encyclopedia of the Middle Passage*, West Port: Greenwood Press, 2007.

“African Slave Trade and European Economic System in the Era of Colonization,” in *Analyze Perspective ABC-CLIO World History*, January, 2012.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Screening Culture: Constructing Image and Identity*, by Heather Norris Nicholson in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 25, 2 (2005): 504-505

Review of *The African Union: Pan Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development*, by Timothy Murithi, *Africa Today* 54, 3 (2008): 133-136

Dissertation

Ph.D. Dissertation: “The Temne in Freetown History: Rethinking the History of the Sierra Leone Colony, 1890-1961”

Theses

M.A. Thesis: “Ethnic Invention and Identity Formation: A Case Study of the Sierra Leone Creoles, 1870-1960”

B.A. (Hons) Thesis: “The Historical Development of Sierra Leone’s Foreign Policy - A Case Study of Relations with the State of Israel”

COURSES TAUGHT:

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE, 2005-

Introduction to African Studies (Survey)

Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa

Islam in Africa

Civilizations of Africa

Contemporary Africa

Gender Relations in Africa

Africa and the Atlantic Slave Trade

The Atlantic Slave Trade

Historical Methods (Sophomore Seminar)

African Christianity (Sophomore Seminar)

Globalization and International Politics (Sophomore Seminar)

Globalization and Africa (First Year Seminar)

War and Peace in Africa: (First Year Seminar)

The Cold War in Africa (First Year Seminar)

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, 2000-2004

European History since Napoleon (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Survey of Global History (1502 A&B) (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

FOURAH BAY COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE, 1994-2000

Colonial and Postcolonial Economic History of Sierra Leone

MILTON MARGAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (Sierra Leone), 1995-2000

Precolonial History of Africa

History of West Africa Since 1800

Problems in Sierra Leone History

The Spread of Islamic Civilization in West Africa

Colonial and Postcolonial History of Sierra Leone

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

Co-Convener, National Conference: “Ebola in Perspective: Our Roles as Global Citizens,”
Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2015

Co-Convener, International Conference: “Reconnecting Sierra Leone Universities
with the Diaspora, International Symposium on Tertiary Education in Sierra Leone,
Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2013

Co-Convener, National Conference, “Religion and Religious Identities in Africa and in the
African Diaspora,” Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University, October 9-12,
2008

Member, Assessment Committee, 2014-2017

Member, Faculty Development Fund, 2007-2010

Member, Educational Policies Committee, 2010-2013

Member, sub-Committee, Mellon Research Fellowship Award, Kalamazoo College, 2008

Member, Search Committee, Early Europe, Department of History, Kalamazoo College, 2008

Member, sub-Committee Frances Lucasse Teaching Award, Kalamazoo College, 2007-2009

Member, sub-committee, Frances Lucasse Research Award, Kalamazoo College, 2007 - 2009

Member, Steering Committee, International and Area Studies Major, Kalamazoo College, 2005-

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

President – Graduate History Society, 2001-2002

Graduate Students’ Representative, Executive Committee, Department of History, 2001-2002

Vice President- Graduate History Society, 2000-2001

Graduate Students’ Representative: British Professor Search Committee, 2000-2001

FOURAH BAY COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE

Secretary- General, Fourah Bay College Students’ Union, 1992-1993

Student Representative, Student Welfare Committee, 1992-1993

Student Representative, Senior Administrative Officers Committee, 1992-1993

Student Representative, College Discipline Committee, 1992-1993

Assistant Secretary- General, National Union of Sierra Leone Students, 1992-1993

Social Secretary: Solomon Caulker Hall, Fourah Bay College, 1991-1992

MILTON MARGAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY, SIERRA LEONE
Supervisor of Students' Press (Editing Student articles and Campus Journals), 1998-2000
Faculty Representative, Sierra Leone Teachers Colleges' Council Committee, 1998-2000
Faculty Representative, College Council (College Board), 1998-2000
Secretary – General, Teachers' Colleges Senior Staff Association, 1999-2000
Faculty Representative, Academic Board, 1998-2000
Assistant Warden/Dean of Students, 1998-2000
Public Relations Officer, 1998-2000
Secretary, College Research Committee, 1998-2000
Secretary, Faculty/Staff/ Students Welfare Committee, 1998-2000
Secretary- General: Faculty Staff Association, 1996-2000

COMMENTATOR AND/OR CHAIR:

“Democracy and Human Security in Sierra Leone,” African Studies Association, San Francisco, November, 2010
Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies Conference, Kentucky State University, March 25-28, 2010
Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies Conference, Kentucky State University, April 2-5, 2009
“Pentecostalism in Africa,” Religion and Religious Identities in Africa and the African Diaspora Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, October 10-11, 2008.
“Challenging the European Empires in Africa and the Middle East” *The 34th Annual Great Lakes History Conference*, Grand Valley State University, November 13&14, 2009

EXTERNAL REVIEWER AND/OR MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Reviewer, *Journal of West African History*, February 2017
Reviewer, West African Research Association, *Ideas Matter* 2016
Reviewer, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, August 2012
Reviewer, *The Michigan Academician*, July 2011
Reviewer, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, May 2011
Reviewer, *Journal of Notes and Records*, October, 2010
Reviewer, Routledge, March 2010,
Reviewer, *National Endowment for Humanities, (NEH) (Africa/Middle East)*, November 2009
Reviewer: University Research Ethics Board Proposal on Liberia, December 2008.
Reviewer, *Business History Review*, 2006
Chief Examiner, History, West African Examinations Council (Advanced Level School Certificate Exam), 1998-2000

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

“African Agency in the Making of a British Colony: A Microhistorical Analysis,” African Studies Center, Michigan State University, Lansing, March 2, 2017
“The Trans-Saharan Caravan Trade and spread of Islam in the Western Sudan,” Michigan State University, Lansing, July 17, 2015
Expert Consultant: “Seminar on Nigeria,” Army Directed Studies Office, United States Army,

Springfield, Virginia, December 10-11, 2008
Expert Consultant: "Extremism in West Africa: Groups and the Conditions that Enable and Inhibit Them," Army Directed Studies Office, United States Army, Virginia, November 13-14, 2007

WORKSHOPS AND ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- "The Intersection of Nationalism and Democracy in Sierra Leone: A Historical Perspective," African Studies Association conference, San Francisco, November, 2010
Panelist, "The Role of Child Soldiers in the Proliferation of Conflict: West African Research Association, Freetown, December 8-11, 2010
"The Dynamics of Peacekeeping in West Africa: Examining ECOMOG's 'Interposition' Development and Democracy in Africa Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 28-29, 2009
Faculty Symposium, Kalamazoo College, "Urbanization in Colonial West Africa: Rethinking Social Relations in the Sierra Leone Colony, 1890-1961," Kalamazoo, January 23, 2009.
"African Faculty and Students on the American Campus: Perspectives and Lessons" Africa Network Conference, April 17-19, 2009, Chicago
Panelist, Roundtable: "Counterterrorism in West Africa," African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, November 13-16, 2008
Panelist, "From the World to the Liberal Arts College and Back Again," Workshop on Internationalizing the Curriculum: The Role of Technology, NITLE, Whittier College, Los Angeles, November, 7-9, 2008
"Possibilities of Studying Abroad: Senegal and Ghana;" Paper presented at Workshop on Study Abroad for K12 Teachers, Hendrix College, Arkansas, August 1-3, 2008.
Participant: "Africa and the Liberal Arts," Africa Network Conference, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, April 18-20, 2008
"The Genius of Peacekeeping in West Africa: Assessing ECOMOG's Role in the Sierra Leone Conflict, 1997-2000." Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, New York City, 2007
Participant, "Teaching From the Inside Out: A Five-Day Fellowship in Learning, Teaching and Course Design," Kalamazoo College, September 2007
Conferee and Participant: "Teaching Islams: Majority Muslim Societies and Diasporas;" A Seminar organized by Al-Mushraka Initiative sponsored by NITLE, June 20, 2007, Pomona College, Los Angeles
"Temne Agency in the Propagation and Africanization of Islam in Colonial Freetown, 1920-1961" paper presented at Africa Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, March 30 – April 1, 2007.
"Islamic Stewardship and Dynamism in Sierra Leone: Temne Agency in the Propagation of Islam in Colonial Freetown," Paper Presented at "African Studies Association," San Francisco, 2006
Participant: "International Studies Association," San Diego, March 22-25, 2006
"The Temne in Freetown History: Rethinking the Colonial History of Western Sierra Leone, 1890-1960," Paper Presented at "African Studies Association," New Orleans, 2004.
"African Nationalism is not Pan-Africanism: A Critical Look at the Concept of Pan- Africanism in African History," Paper Presented at Dalhousie University, "Studies in the Era of

Globalization and Development,” 2002

“The Dialectic of Identity: Ambivalence and Ambiguity in Creole Identity Discourse: 1870-1960,” Paper Presented at “Canadian Association of African Studies,” Toronto, 2002.

“The Dialectic of Creole Identity: Methodology and Perspective,” Paper Presented at “Council of Area Studies: Canadian Association of African Studies,” Toronto, 2002.

“Ambivalence and Ambiguity in Modern African Thoughts in the 19th and 20th centuries,” Paper presented at “3rd Annual Atlantic Graduate Students Conference,” Dalhousie University, 2001.

“Regionalism and Peacekeeping in West Africa: A Critical Analysis of ECOMOG’s Role in Sierra Leone, 1997- 1999;” paper presented at “Canadian Association of African Studies,” University, Quebec City, 2000 Laval University

“War and Disaster in Sierra Leone: An Account of the Apocalypse in Sierra Leone, 1991-2000” Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, 2000.

Radio Democracy, FM 98.1 “Post-Independence History of Sierra Leone, 1961 to 2000,” Paper Presented on National Radio on the occasion of Independence for Sierra Leone, Freetown, 2000.

“The Pre- Independence History of Sierra Leone 1787-1960” Paper Presented on national radio, Independence celebrations in Sierra Leone, 1999

Participant, Workshop on “The Judiciary in the New Democratic Order in Sierra Leone,” Freetown, 1996.

Participant, “Tertiary Education Reforms in Sierra Leone Workshop,” Ministry of Education, Freetown, 1998

Participant, “Developing Your Skills as A Lecturer Workshop,” British Council, Sierra Leone, 1996

AWARDS AND GRANTS

West African Research Association Grant for Resident Scholar, March 2010

West African Research Association Grant for Resident Scholar, February, 2007

Kalamazoo College Faculty Development Committee Grant, November, 2008

Kalamazoo College Faculty Development Committee Grant, November, 2007

Center For International Programs, Kalamazoo College Travel Grant, 2005

Dalhousie University, Faculty of Graduate Studies Grant, 2000-2005

Sierra Leone Government Grants-in-Aid, 1988-1993

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVISM

Interim Board Member, Clean Water for The World (an NGO which provides free pumps for Poor Communities around the world), Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2006-2007

Secretary General, Association of Sierra Leoneans in Nova Scotia, Canada, 2001-2002

Weekly Radio Panelist, Non-Governmental Radio, FM 98.1, (an NGO), Sierra Leone, 1999-2000
Topics: African Culture, African Nationalism, Pan-Africanism, Security and Democracy in Africa.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

African Studies Association
Africa Network

West African Research Association
National Social Sciences Association