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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Mount Holyoke College, Department of History	
Professor	2011-present
Associate Professor	2004-2011
Assistant Professor	1997-2004

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy - with distinction	1997
Dissertation "When the Miles Came: Land and Social Order in Buganda, ca.1850-1927"	
University of Florida	

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Path of Justice: Building Communities with the Power to Shape the World, Hyderabad: Grace Publications, 2011.

Landed Obligation: The Practice of Power in Buganda, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann Social History of Africa Series, 2003.

Book manuscript submitted to Ohio University Press: *To Speak and Be Heard: Seeking Good Government in Uganda, ca 1500-2015*

Peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters:

"The Moral Economy of the Ugandan Crowd in 1945", under review with *The American Historical Review*

"Repudiating a Liberal Framework for Political Accountability: The Politics of the Whole versus the Politics of the Party in Uganda in the 1940s," for Lockhart, Earle, Musisi and Taylor, eds, *Decolonisation and Public Life: The Politics of Knowledge in Uganda* (book manuscript in progress).

"The Beauty of Connection," in *El Anatsui: New Worlds*, John R. Stomberg, ed. South Hadley, Massachusetts: Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, 2015.

"The Uganda Agreement of 1900: Power, Land and Political Culture," *Mawazo*, 10:1, 2011, 112-129.

"A Historical Perspective on Land Transfer: 'Showing the Land', Survey, and Registration in Buganda from 1900-1950," *The East African Journal of Human Rights*, 17:1, 2011, 285-298.

"Indigenous Adaptation: Uganda's Village Schools, ca. 1880-1937", *Comparative Education Review*, 54 :2, 2010, 155-174.

"Mapping Conflict: Heterarchy and Accountability in the Ancient Capital of Buganda", *Journal of African History*. 50, 2009. 179-202.

“Stolen People and Autonomous Chiefs: the Social Consequences of Non-free Followers in Nineteenth-Century Buganda” in Henri Medard and Shane Doyle, eds., *Slavery in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa*, Oxford: James Currey, 2007, 161-173.

“King for a Day: How Chiefs Ended Civil War in 1893,” *Uganda Journal*, Volume 49, 2003.

“Queen Mothers and Good Government in Buganda: The Loss of Women’s Political Power in 19th Century East Africa”, in *Women and African Colonial History*, Jean Allman, Susan Geiger, and Nakanyike Musisi, eds., Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2002, 219-236.

"'Mill Girls' and 'Mine Boys': The Cultural Meanings of Migrant Labor", *Social History*, 21: 2, 1996, 160-179.

Unpublished white papers:

“The Class Conflict Hidden behind Uganda’s Ethnic Tensions, August 14, 2012.

“The Long Erosion of Political Accountability in Buganda,” October 9, 2009.

Book reviews and encyclopedia entries:

Review of Richard Reid, *A History of Modern Uganda*, *African Studies Review*, 60:2, 2017, 240-242.

“Kimera”, “Kateregga”, “Muteesa I,” “Mwanga,” “Daudi Chwa,” and “Mutebi II,” *Dictionary of African Biography*, Oxford University Press, 2012

Review of Alex J. Bassett and Alex Winter-Nelson, “*The Atlas of World Hunger*,” *African Studies Review*.54:1, 2011, 204-205.

Review of Grace Kyomuhendo and Marjorie McIntosh, *Women, Work and Domestic Virtue in Uganda: 1900-2003*, *American Historical Review*, 113:4, 2008, 1275-1275.

“Mwanga”, in *New Encyclopedia of Africa*, John Middleton and Joseph Miller, eds., 2007, 681-2.

Review of Shane Doyle, *Crisis and Decline in Bunyoro*, *Journal of African History*, 48: 1, 2007, 167-168.

Review of Aili Marie Tripp, *Women and Politics in Uganda*, in *African Economic History*, 30 2001, 142-144.

Review of Christopher Wrigley, *Kingship and state: The Buganda dynasty*, in *African Studies Review*, 42:3, 1999, 139-140.

Non-academic publications:

“Enacting Thought: Divine Will, Human Agency, and the Possibility of Justice,” *Journal of Baha’i Studies*, 19:1, March 2009.

Forces of Our Time, Hooper Dunbar with Holly Hanson, Oxford, George Ronald, 2009.

Our Choices, Our Voices: The Quest for a Fair Society The Honourable Zoe Bakoko Bakuru with Holly Hanson, Kampala: (in limbo Wavah Publications, Kampala).

“Living Purposefully in a Time of Violence,” *One World*, March 17, 2002, 19-20.

“The Process of Creating Social Justice” in Charles O. Lerche, ed., *Towards the Most Great Justice*, (London, 1996).

"The Power of Personal Example in Overcoming Racism", Arun Gandhi, ed., *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's Vision Become Reality?* (New Delhi, 1994), 198-202.

“People Cause Progress: A Comparison of Social Ideologies” in Charles O. Lerche, ed., *Emergence: Dimensions of a New World Order*, (London, 1991) 145-160.

"On Morals and Material Things," *World Order*, 24.2/3 (Spring and Summer 1990).

"The Spiritual Framework of Development," *World Order*, 23.1/2 (Fall 1988 Winter 1988-89).

Social and Economic Development: a Baha’i Approach, Oxford: George Ronald, 1989.

INVITED LECTURES

“Four Centuries of Ensuring Wealth Through Creating Connections in the Great Lakes Region” at an inaugural conference on ‘A Well-Led Life: Honor, Authority, and Wealth in East Africa,’ of Project SALMEA: Self-Accomplishment and Local Moralities in East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, July 26, 2019.

“Asking Questions about Income Inequality and the Aspirations of Ordinary People,” Plenary Lecture, Association for Baha’i Studies Annual Conference, Orange County CA, August 12 2017.

“Rethinking the 1940s in Uganda with New Evidence,” Makerere University Senate Conference Hall, May 3, 2016.

“The Class Conflict Hidden behind Uganda’s Ethnic Tensions,” presentation at U.S. Department of State Executive Analytic Exchange on Uganda, Washington DC, August 14, 2012.

"Reciprocal Exchange in World History," Yunnan University of Nationalities, Kunming, China, June 9, 2013. (also delivered at Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China May 27, 2013).

"The Transformation of Political Accountability and Religion as a Locus of Protest in Africa," Yunnan University, Kunming, China June 8, 2013.

“African Perspectives on Progress: Ugandans and Worlds Religions," Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 6, 2013.

"African Critiques of Global Economy: 1890-2013", Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, 4 June, 2013.

"World Religions and the Challenge of African Progress," Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World Religions, Beijing, China, May 28, 2013.

"Is Inequality an Inevitable Consequence of Modernity?" Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China May 24, 2013.

"Mailo Land: learning the lessons of 112 years of privatized land in Uganda," Keynote Address, International Conference on Land Policy in East Africa: Technological Innovations, Administration and Patrimonial Stakes, Makerere University, November 2, 2011.

"Current Discontent: The Case of Uganda," presentation at the U.S. Department of State Conference, "Revolutionary Winds from North to South of the Sahara: Wishful Thinking?," Washington, DC, June 10 2011.

"Hubris and Humility in African Development, 1940-2011," Central Pennsylvania Consortium Africana Conference Keynote Address, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, April 9 2011.

"Peace and Political Accountability: Learning from African Women," Women's History Month Lecture, Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, March 23, 2011.

"Reading Transformations in Political Accountability on the Landscape of Kampala," Boston University African Studies Center Walter Rodney Seminar series, September 19, 2011.

"The Uganda Agreement of 1900: Power, Land and Political Culture" Keynote for a Public Symposium on "The Buganda Question," Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, June 8 2010.

"Indigenous Adaptation: Uganda's Village Schools and the Challenge of UPE," Kyambogo University, Kampala, Uganda, June 10, 2010.

"The Long Erosion of Political Accountability in Uganda," U.S. Department of State Explaining Uganda Symposium, October 9, 2009.

"The History of Educational Innovation in Uganda", Kimanya Ng'eyo Workshop for the Uganda Ministry of Education and Sports Science Policy Team, Jinja, May 20, 2009.

"You Know the Kind of Gold I Like: Bonds of Reciprocal Obligation Among Ganda Chiefs and British Imperial Agents in the 1890s", Yale African Studies Lecture Series, October 29, 2008.

"The Long History of the Loss of Political Accountability in Uganda," Five College African Studies Seminar, October 3, 2008.

"Kampala: Development Dreams and Nightmares" University of Florida African Studies Center Baraza, Gainesville, Florida, April 20, 2007.

"Exchange without Compulsion: Cloth as Wage and Gift in 1890s Uganda", Five College Social History Seminar, Amherst, Massachusetts, February 15, 2007.

“Seeking the Unthinkable’ Writing History Recognizing Power” Keynote address for the UMass Five Colleges History Conference “Spheres of Power”, October 16, 2004.

“Kabaka Muteesa I: His Character and Vision" Kabaka Muteesa I Foundation Celebration of the Founding of Kampala, International Conference Center, Kampala, Uganda, July 10, 2004.

"Reciprocal Obligation: The Logic of Buganda Social Structure," Makerere University History Department Graduate Seminar, Kampala, Uganda July 2, 2004.

"Cash and Kusenga: the History of Commodification in Buganda" Center for Basic Research Seminar, Kampala, Uganda, July 1, 2004.

“The Great-Grandmothers’ Work of Governing: Women’s Political Power in 19th Century East Africa,” Nkumba University, Entebbe, Uganda, June 13, 2003.

“An Alternative Vision of Progress: the Butaka Controversy in Buganda,” Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda, June 12, 2003.

"From Commodified Tribute to Symbolic Rent: Landowner-chiefs and Peasant-followers in Late Colonial Buganda." Boston University African Studies Center Rodney Seminar, Boston, Massachusetts, September 27, 1999.

“The King’s Skull as Land Title: The Transformation of Moral Economy in Colonial Buganda” Five College Social History Seminar, Amherst, Massachusetts, November 5, 1998.

“The Butaka Controversy and Social Disorder in Early Colonial Uganda” Five College African Studies Council Colloquium, Amherst, Massachusetts, October 2, 1998.

"Bannakyeyombekedde - Women Who Have Quarreled and Live Without Men: the Gendered Consequences of Individual Land Ownership in Buganda, 1880-1940" Center For Women's Studies and Gender Research Colloquium, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida October, 1996.

"The Morality of Mailo" Center for Basic Research Colloquium, Kampala, Uganda, June, 1995.

"Individual Land Tenure and Social Change in Buganda" Makerere Institute of Social Research and Makerere University Department of Women's Studies, Kampala, Uganda, May 1995.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Historical Imagination in the Liberal Arts: Re-Thinking Inequality Through a Global-Local Lens" on a panel organized by the NEH, "Creating Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Curricula: Humanities Connections". at the National Humanities Conference, Boston, MA, November 3, 2017.

“Privatized Public Healing: Women’s Narratives of Escaping Violation in Kampala’s Violent Times,” in a panel Revisiting Idi Amin: Man, Myth, and Memory, American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington DC January 2, 2014.

Contingencies and Counterfactuals: tracing the loss of Uganda's peaceful future" and co-organizer of the panel, "The 1950s in African futures" African Studies Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 21, 2014.

"Truth and Reconciliation in East Africa and South Africa," New England Conference on Latin American Studies, November 3, 2012.

"Seeking the Not-Inevitable History of Global Inequality," World Studies Interdisciplinary Project Seminar, "Empires, Economy, and Culture before and after 1500: Implications for Global and Postcolonial Studies" Amherst, Ma, September 22, 2012.

"Corruption and the Pursuit of Accountability in Africa," Conference Organizer, and Introductory and Concluding Remarks, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, February 23-24, 2011.

"Fifty Years of Independence in Uganda: A Roundtable", African Studies Association, Washington DC, November 2011.

Politics and Uganda's Future: A Roundtable , African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2010.

"Planning for Instability in Kampala" African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2009.

"Structure and Contingency in the Transformation in African Towns" and organizer of the panel "Spatial Transformations in African Towns", European Conference on African Studies, Leipzig, Germany, June 4 2009.

"'An Indian City': How the Expulsion Shapes Memories of Asians in Kampala", African Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, November, 2006.

"Mapping Conflict on the Capital of Buganda", Conference on Pre-Colonial African History in a Post-Colonial Age, Madison, Wisconsin March 13, 2005.

"Compensation or Attachment?: The Exchange of Cloth for Labor in Kampala" African Studies Association Conference in New Orleans, November, 2004.

"Teaching African Popular Culture" in a panel "New Strategies for Teaching About the African Past," University of Florida African Studies Center, Gainesville, Florida, April 25, 2003.

"Stolen People and Autonomous Chiefs: the Social Consequences of Non-free Followers in 19th Century Buganda", Workshop on Slavery in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa, Centre de Recherches Africains, Universite de Paris, Paris, France, December 17, 2002.

"Sleeping Sickness Deaths and Women's Access to Land in Early Colonial Buganda" on a panel "Learning from Grandmothers: Reflections on East African Women's History and the Challenges of HIV/AIDS," Women's Worlds 2002, Kampala, Uganda. (Also presented at African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, December 6, 2002).

“A Venerable Old Lady of Decidedly Masculine Mind’: British Explorers Encounter Gendered Political Power in the Buganda Kingdom.” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Storrs, Connecticut, June 2002.

“False Commodities? Struggling with Land, Labor and Knowledge in the African Present,” Discussant at the Program on International Cooperation in Africa Workshop “Historical Knowledge, Policy-Making and Africa’s Reconstruction,” Northwestern University Program in African Studies, Evanston, Illinois, November 22, 2002.

“Stolen People and the Dangerous Power of Unobligated Chiefs,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, November, 2001.

“Shattered Foundations: Arguing with the Buganda Agreement in the 1920s”, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2000.

“Mailo and the Memory of Reciprocity: Claims Regarding Land Relationships in Ugandan Political Discourse” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 1999.

“King for a Day: How Ganda Chiefs Used Captain Lugard to End Civil War in 1892”, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, November 1997.

“Ours When the Miles Came’: The Social Logic of Land in Buganda, 1890-1950”, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 1996.

“Showing the Land’, Survey, and Registration: Mechanisms for Land Transfer in Buganda Fifty Years after the Individualization of Tenure”, International Conference of Land Tenure and Administration, Orlando, Florida, November 1996.

“Reconfiguring the Social Order: the Moral Uses of Land in Buganda, 1900-1927”, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, November 1994.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC HISTORY PRESENTATIONS

“Africa’s Good Governance Legacy and the Future of Democracy” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 14, 2014

Global Values – the Concept & Practice of Justice” for The Global Citizens Initiative Leadership Certificate Training Program, Amherst, MA, July 21 2012.

“When Selfishness Became a Virtue” lecture at a Mental Health Professionals’ Retreat, Eliot, Maine, September 24, 2011.

“Placing Action for Social Transformation in the Context of the History of Global Inequality” Changing Times Conference, Hluboka, Czech Republic, December 26-30, 2007.

“Terms of Trade, Terms of Trust: Kampala’s Economy in the 1890s”, Uganda Society Lecture, Kampala, Uganda, January 25, 2007.

“Legacies of Educational Achievement and the Role of Technology in Achieving Uganda’s Millennium Development Goals,” Uganda Society Lecture, June, 2006

“Unseen History in Familiar Kampala,” International Women’s Club, Kampala, February, 2006.

“Why Do We Tell Stories?” Panel for the Amakula Film Festival, November, 2005.

“The Poverty Eradication Action Plan in Historical Context,” National Theatre Public Lecture, September, 2005.

"Landed Obligation: The Practice of Power in Buganda" Uganda Society, Uganda Museum, Kampala, Uganda, June 24, 2004.

“Globalization Characterized by Justice: Models in African History,” National Theater of Uganda, Kampala, Uganda, July 1, 2003,

“King for a Day: How Chiefs Used Captain Lugard to End Civil War in Buganda,” Uganda Society Lecture, Uganda National Museum, Kampala, Uganda, June 26, 2003.

"Mailo Land and KiGanda Culture: The Butaka Controversy of the 1920s" Lecture to the Uganda Society, Kampala, Uganda, July, 1995.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Principal Investigator, National Endowment for the Humanities Project, “Historical Imagination in the Liberal Arts: Re-Thinking Inequality Through a Global–Local Lens,” 2017-2020.

Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship, 2015

Mount Holyoke College Teaching Award, 2013

Mount Holyoke College Faculty Fellowship, 2009

Alternate, C.A.O.R.C. Multiple Country Fellowship, 2008

Distinguished Service Award, The Uganda Society, 2006

Fulbright Hayes Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship 2004

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend , 1999

Mount Holyoke College Research Grants, 1997-2010

Fulbright Research Fellow, Uganda, 1994-1995

Ruth O. McQuown Graduate Fellowship, 1996-1997

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Florida, 1996

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Council of Founders and Training Facilitator, Kimanya Ng’eyo, Jinja, Uganda

Consultant to the Uganda Society, Kampala

Facilitator for the Institute for Studies in Global Prosperity

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reader for the Department of Education Area Studies Grants and Fellowships, the Fulbright IIE Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate Fellowship Programs, the National Endowment for the

Humanities, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Faculty Representative to the Cooperative Africana Microfilming Project
Executive Committee, Five College African Scholars Program
Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Secretary, Mount Holyoke College
Manuscript review for *African Studies Review*, *American Historical Review*, *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, *Journal of African History*, *Journal of East African Studies*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Northeast African Studies*, Duke University Press, Ohio University Press, Indiana University Press, and University of Wisconsin Press.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

African Studies Association, Association of Concerned Africanist Scholars, American Historical Association, Phi Beta Kappa, Association of African Studies Programs.