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Currently; Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Africana Studies, The University at Albany; , Contributing Faculty in the PhD Program at Walden University's School of Public Policy and Administration; member of the Editorial Board of Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd (UK and Nigeria); Editor of the *Journal of African Foreign Affairs* (based in London, UK), member of the Editorial Board of the *African Journal of Terrorism and Insurgency Research* (UK); founder of the International Consortium for Geopolitical Studies of the Sahel; and member of the Strategic Vision Committee of the American Friends Service Committee.

Formerly full-time faculty, Public Policy and Social Change, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University (Cincinnati, Ohio); Faculty Director of the Global Humanitarian Action and of the International Development internship programs, George Mason University; Visiting Fellow, Institute for African Development, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, Senior Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Global Studies, George Mason University; Executive Director, Africa Faith and Justice Network (Washington, DC); Director, P.E.A.C.E Institute, State University of New York at Oswego; Associate Director, *Ecole Nationale d'Administration* of Togo; and Director of the former *Institut Supérieur de Presse de l'Entente* (international school of journalism) based in Togo; served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International-USA (2012-2015, 2022-2024).

EDUCATION

Graduate Academic Degrees

Ph. D. Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 1991 (with Fulbright Fellowship)
Concentrations: Public Administration and International Relations, in conjunction with the Program in the Analysis and Resolution of Conflict (P.A.R.C.).
Dissertation: *Issues Management and Decision-Making: A Comparative Study of France's and the United States' Military Interventions*. Dissertation Committee: Stuart Thorson (Professor of Political Science, chair), David H. Rosenbloom (Professor of Public Administration), and James Bennett (Professor of International Relations)

Doctorate Contemporary History, *Institut d'Histoire, Université de Bordeaux III*, 1978

(with scholarship of the government of Togo)

Dissertation: *Theorie politique appliquée à l'histoire: naissance d'une intelligentsia Africaine, le cas de la Cote du Bénin* (Political Theory Applied to History: The Emergence of an African Intelligentsia, the Case of the Coast of Benin). Dissertation co-chaired by Pierre Guillaume (Professor of History) and Jean-Louis Martres (Professor of Law)

M. A. Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public affairs, Syracuse University, 1987 (with Fulbright Fellowship)
Concentrations: Public Administration and International Relations

D. E. A. (*Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies*), Sociology of Politics and Collective Action, *Department de Sociologie, Université de Bordeaux II*, 1976 (with scholarship of the government of Togo)

D. E. A. (*Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies*), African Studies, *Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Centre d'Etudes d'Afrique Noire, Université de Bordeaux I*, 1975 (with scholarship of the government of Togo)

Maitrise Modern Literature, *Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Université de Bordeaux III*. Majors: French Literature and African and Afro-Caribbean Literature, 1974 (with scholarship of the government of Togo)

Graduate Professional Diplomas

Public Management, *Institut International d'Administration Publique*, Paris, France, 1981 (with scholarship of the government of France)

D.E.S.S. (*Diplome d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées*), National Defense Policy, *Faculté de Droit, des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion, Université de Nice*, France, 1977 (with scholarship of the government of Togo)

Undergraduate Degrees

B.A. Modern Literature, *Université du Bénin*, Togo
Majors: General Linguistics and African Literature
(with scholarship of the government of Togo)

Baccalauréat: *Serie Philosophie*, with Greek and Latin, Togo (with scholarship of the government of Togo)

Certified Online Instructor, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2010

LANGUAGES

Spoken: Mina, French, English

Studied: Latin and Greek.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016-present Adjunct Lecturer, The University at Albany

Spring 2015: Adjunct Professor, Cazenovia College

2014-present: Contributing Faculty, PhD program, School of Public Policy and Administration, Walden University

Spring 2014: Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Wells College, Aurora, NY

2007-2012: Full-time faculty, Public Policy and Social Change, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University (Cincinnati, Ohio)

2005-2006: Faculty Director, Global Humanitarian Action and International Development internship programs, Center for Global Education, George Mason University

2001-2005: Executive Director, Africa Faith and Justice Network (Washington, DC-based advocacy NGO)

- Member, Catholic Task Force on Africa (Washington, DC)
- Member, Arms Transfer Working Group (a coalition of NGOs in Washington, DC)
- Chair, Peace and Security Working Group (Advocacy Network for Africa, a coalition of Africa-focused NGOs), 2002-2004
- Organizing conferences on Africa-related issues
- Co-Editor, *Around Africa*, 2001-2005

2000-2001 Faculty-in-Residence, Global Living and Learning Center, SUNY-Oswego

1998-2001 Director, Peace Education and Conflict Ethos (P.E.A.C.E.) Institute, SUNY-Oswego. Duties included

- Teaching and coordinating Conflict Studies and Management Minor
- Supervising the Campus Center for Mediation
- Promoting community outreach programs in conflict resolution
- Organizing lecture series, conferences and workshops

- 1994-1998 Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of History and Political Science, SUNY-Oswego
- 1991-1992 *Maitre Assistant Délégué*, Law School, *Université du Bénin*, Lomé, Togo
- 1990-1991 Adjunct Professor, Departments of History and Political Science, S.U.N.Y. Oswego
- 1981-1984 Associate Director, *Ecole Nationale d'Administration* (E.N.A.), Lomé-Togo
- 1978-1984 Director, *Institut Supérieur de Presse de l'Entente* (international graduate school of journalism), Lomé, Togo (this and the E.N.A. position overlapped for a couple of years)
- 1972-1973 Faculty member, teaching French and Latin, High School of Kpodzi-Kpalimé, Togo

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academic Affiliations

- 2018-present Visiting Fellow, Institute for African Development, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
- September 2014-September 2017 Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Africa World Review* (AWR)
- 2014- present Member of the Editorial Board, *African Journal of Foreign Affairs*
- 2013-present Member of the Advisory Board of the *African Renaissance* journal
- 2013 Founded the International Consortium for Geopolitical Studies of the Sahel
- 2013-present Member of the Editorial Board, Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd
- 2013-present Member of the Advisory Board of the *Southern African Journal for Policy and Development* of the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research
- 2013 Reviewer for the *Journal of US-China Public Administration*
- 2013 Reviewer for the *Journal of International Studies Perspectives*
- 2013 Member, United States Military Strategists Association

2008-2013	Member, American Political Science Association
2008-2012	Member, American Society for Public Administration
2007-2013	Member, African Studies Association
2007	Senior Visiting Research Scholar, Center for Global Studies, George Mason University
2006-2009	Special Representative for African Affairs, International Human Rights Education Consortium (IHREC)
1999-2001	Visiting Fellow, Peace Studies Program, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University

Non-Governmental Organizations

2017-present	Member of the Board Program Committee, American Friends Service Committee
2012-2015	Member, Board of Directors, Amnesty International-USA
2017-present	Member, Board Program Committee, American Friends Service Committee
2007-2016	Country Specialist for Bénin and Cote d'Ivoire (past) and Burkina Faso and Mauritania (present), West Africa Coordination Group, Amnesty International-USA
2010-2011	Member, Center for Economic and Social Justice, a Washington, DC-based NGO
2003-2009	Member, International Programs Executive Committee, American Friends Service Committee
2008	Volunteer Tutor, English as second language, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, Utica, NY

PUBLICATIONS

Online Publications at <http://sahelconsortium.org>

“The Moral Economy of Hunger: Lessons from the US and the Sahel,” November 7, 2013

“Climate Change and Political Consequences: Redefining Colonialism in Africa and Beyond,” April 14, 2013 (a shorter version was presented at New African Studies Association conference in April 2013, Binghamton University)

“The Sahel in its Complexity: A Conceptual Framework for the Creation of an International Consortium for the Study of the Sahel,” April 3, 2013.

“Recurrence and Deterrence: Causes, Patterns and Trends in France’s Projection of Military Force in West Africa and the Sahel,” Marcel Kitissou and Beniam Awash online at <http://sahelconsortium.com>, 2013

Books and Reviews

Book Review, *Women and the War on Boko Haram: Wives, Weapons, Witnesses* by Hilary Matfess, Zed Books, 2017, in *Human Rights Quarterly*, August 2018.

Book review at the request of the London School of Economics: *Security in Africa: A Critical Approach to Western Indicators of Threat* by Claire Metelits, Rowman and Littlefield, in the *Journal of Modern African Studies*, September 2017, 55 (03) 517.

The Sahel: Focus of Hope, Focus of Fear, Marcel Kitissou & Pauline Ginsberg (eds.), Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, 2014

The Sahel at the Crossroads, Marcel Kitissou (Guest Editor), special issue of the journal *African Renaissance* devoted to the Sahel, Volume 10, No 1, 2013

Conflicting Stories and Contending Images of Africa, Marcel Kitissou (Guest Editor), *African Renaissance*, Volume 5, No 2, January/February 2008

Africa in China’s Global Strategy, Marcel Kitissou (ed.), Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, London, 2007

The Hydropolitics of Africa: a Contemporary Challenge, Marcel Kitissou, Muna Ndulo, Mechthild Nagel & Margaret Grieco (eds.), Cambridge Scholars Press, UK (Cornell Institute for African Development series), 2007

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“The Sahel: Foreign Interests, the Geopolitics of Plausible Deniability, and Democratic Governance,” chapter in upcoming book, *Contending Issues in Nigeria's Politics and Development*, Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.

Reflections on Living and Dying Nations: Space and Time in Africa Geopolitics, International Journal of African Studies, Volume, Issue 1, March 2021.

Editor, Journal of African Foreign Affairs (JoAFA) Volume 7, Number 3, December 2020

Editor, Journal of African Foreign Affairs (JoAFA) Volume 7, Number 2, August 2020

Guest Editor, Journal of African Foreign Affairs (JoAFA) Volume 7, Number 1, April 2020

Security and Economic Crises in the Sahel: A Multi-Level Analysis, chapter in the book, Contemporary Challenges in Africa's Development, Kanayo Ogujiuba and Maurice Ogbonnaya (eds.), Reach Publishers, 2020, pp. 188-201.

An Architecture of Complexity: The Challenges of Radicalization of Islam and Islamization of Radicalism in Western Sahel, African Journal of Terrorism & Insurgency Research (AJoTIR) Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 33-56, April 2020.

Co-editing with Muna Ndulo upcoming book, *Restricted Spaces: Civil Society and Authoritarianism in Africa*, Institute for African Development Book Series, Cornell University.

"Foreign Military Forces in Africa: Permanence and Change," *African Journal of Foreign Affairs*, Volume 1, Number 1, 2014.

"Africa South of the Sahara 2008-2011: Hunger as a Factor in Political Instability", *Journal of Pan African Studies*, Volume 6, Number 7, 2014. Available at <http://www.jpanafrican.com/vol6no7.htm>

"The Economy of Forces: France in the Sahel and the Global Power Play," chapter in *The Sahel: Focus of Hope, Focus of Fear*, Marcel Kitissou & Pauline E. Ginsberg (eds.), Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd., 2014

"Africa Rising?" *Africa Notes*, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, Spring 2012

"Between Diplomacy and Technology: Israel, Egypt, and the Politics of Water," co-authored with Gregory Bailey, *Revista Cultural Contrastes*, No. 59, special issue on *New Forms of Power*, Section on *Strategies for Water Management in the Mediterranean*, pp. 150-152, publication of *La Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo* (AECID), Valencia, Spain, Summer 2010

Entre la Diplomática y la Tecnología: Israel, Egipto y la Política del Agua," Spanish translation, co-authored with Gregory Bailey, *Cultural Review Contrastes*, No. 59, special issue on

Nuevas Formas de Poder, section on *Estrategias para el Agua en el Mediterraneo*, pp. 150-152, publication of *La Agencia Espagnola de Cooperation Internacional para el Desarrollo* (AECID), Valencia, Spain, Verano 2010.

“Ethics in Foreign Policy Making: A Comparative Study of U.S. and China’s Approaches to the Crisis in Darfur, Sudan,” co-authored with John McGarrah and Pierre G. Kablan, in *Failed and Failing States Africa: The Challenges to African Reconstruction*, Muna Ndulo and Margaret Grieco (eds.), Cambridge Scholars Publishing, a series of the Institute for African Studies, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, 2010.

“Water in the Context of Africa: Geopolitics and Geo-economics,” Cultural Review *Contrastes*, No. 56, special issue on *New Horizons for Cooperation: Reflections on the Construction of a New Order*, section on *Geopolitics of Water*, Publication of *La Agencia Espagnola de Cooperation Internacional para el Desarrollo* (AECID), Valencia, Spain, pp. 148-152, 2009

“*Agua en el Contexto Africano: Geo-politica y Geo-economica*,” Spanish translation, special issue on *Nuevos Horizontes para la Cooperacion: Reflexiones para la Construcccion de un Nuevo Orden Mundial*, section on *Geopolitica del Agua*, *Revista Cultural Contrastes*, No. 56, pp. 148-152, La Agencia Espagnola de Cooperation Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID), Otono 2009.

“*Mariage de Raison: an Opportunity for China to be a Force for the Good of All*,” in *Perspectives: China, Africa, and the African Diaspora*, Sharon T. Freeman (ed.), AASBEA Publisher, Washington, DC, October 2009

“Identity Politics: Togo from 1963 to 1993,” chapter in *Who Is an African? Citizenship and the Making of the Africa-Nation*, Jideofor Adibe (ed.), Adonis and Abbey Publishers, London, 2009

“Conflicting Stories and Contending Images of Africa,” *African Renaissance*, Volume 5, No 2, January/February 2008 (I was guest editor of this issue)

“The Influence of China on Governance and Human Rights in Africa,” *The Bulletin of the Commission of the African Union* (AU), Vol. 1, No. 2, January 2008

“Between the Local and the Global: Challenges to Resolving African Interlocking Conflicts,” chapter in *Violent Conflict, Fragile Peace: Perspectives on Africa’s Security Problems*, Norman Mlambo (ed.), Adonis & Abbey Publishers, London, 2008

- “Globalization and Fragmentation: The New Era of Africa-China Cooperation,” chapter in *Africa in China’s Global Strategy*, Marcel Kitissou (ed.), Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, London, 2007.
- “Water in the Context of Africa: Geopolitics and Geo-economics,” chapter in *The Hydropolitics of Africa: a Contemporary Challenge*, Marcel Kitissou, Muna Ndulo, Mechthild Nagel, Margaret Grieco (eds.), Cambridge Scholars Press, UK (Cornell University’s Institute for African Development Series), 2007
- “Political Violence and Terrorism in Africa in the Global Context,” chapter in *Africa in the Global Power Play: Debates, Challenges and Potential Reforms*, Bhekinkosi Moyo (ed.), Adonis & Abbey Publishers, London, 2007
- “Africa’s Security Dilemma: National Stability vs. World Security,” chapter in *Security, Reconstruction and Reconciliation: When the Wars End*, Muna Ndulo (ed.), University College London, 2007
- “China and Africa: A Case in Petro-politics,” *Global Studies Review*, George Mason University, Vol.1, No1, Fall 2005
- “China and Africa: Neither Friends nor Enemies,” *African Renaissance*, Vol. 2, Number 4, July/August 2005
- “Tony Blair’s CFA: Questions and Answers,” *African Renaissance*, Vol. 2, Number 3, May/June, 2005
- “Political Violence, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Africa in the Global Context,” *African Renaissance*, Volume 2, No 1, January/February 2005
- “Challenges to Conflict Resolution in Africa,” *African Renaissance*, Vol. 1, Number 3, November/December 2004
- “Resolving Intractable Conflict and Reshaping Cooperation: Using African Rivers,” *Africa Analysis No. 446*, London, UK, 30 April 2004, p. 19
- “Hydropolitics and Geopolitics in Africa,” *Africa Notes*, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, November/December 2004

- “Politics of Water: Conflict and Cooperation in Africa,” *Regional Peace Studies Consortium Journal*, 2003-2004, Aurora, IL: Celica2000 Publishing/Graphic Inc., August 2004
- “Temptations of War and the Limits of Imagination,” *Africa Notes*, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, September/October 2003
- “Sharing a Cake Is not a Monkey Business: Mathematics as an Instrument of Conflict Resolution,” (co-authored with Alok Kumar, Department of Physics, SUNY-Oswego), *Regional Peace Studies Consortium Annual Journal 2001-2002*
- “La rationalisation des choix budgétaires,” *Annales de l’Université du Bénin*, Lomé, Togo, 1984
- “Chronique de la vie des Etats: Cameroun,” *Année Africaine*, Paris, Editions A. Pédone, 1976
- “Chronique de la vie des Etats: Ouganda,” *Année Africaine*, Paris, Editions A. Pédone, 1976
- “Chronique de la vie des Etats: Cameroun,” *Année Africaine*, Paris, Editions A. Pédone, 1975
- “Chronique de la vie des Etats: Gabon,” *Année Africaine*, Paris, Editions A. Pédone, 1975
- “Chronique de la vie des Etats: Cameroun,” *Année Africaine*, Paris, Editions A. Pédone, 1974

ESSAYS

- “Tony Blair’s Commission for Africa Report: Questions and Answers,” *African Renaissance*, May/June 2005
- “An Uncommon Approach to Common Security in Africa,” Discussant of an article by Laurie Nathan in *African Renaissance*, November/December 2004
- “Resolving Conflict and Reshaping Cooperation: the Role of River Basins in Africa,” *Africa Analysis* No. 446, London, UK, 30 April 2004
- “Blacks, Jews in America: Still a Troubled Alliance,” *The Post-Standard*, April 14, 2000
- “Conflict Resolution Skills Must Replace Violent Culture,” *The Post-Standard*, October 14, 1999
- “Let’s Pool Resources Regarding School Violence,” *The Palladium Times*, September 21, 1999
- Numerous articles in *Around Africa*, 2001-2005, Africa Faith and Justice Network

ARTICLES REVIEWED

- “US Policy in Grenada and its Implications for Cuba” for the *Caribbean Quarterly*

"Silencing the Opposition: The State vs. Civil Society in India's Ganges River Basin" for the *Journal of International Studies Perspectives*, September 2012

"The European Union and China in Africa: Donor System in Reform Meets Emerging Power: Insights from Ethiopia" for the *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* ("China Aktuell") published by the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) (*Leibniz-Institut für Globale und Regionale Studien*)

UNPUBLISHED WORKS

Training Manual in Interpersonal Mediation Skills

Manual for Managing a Campus Mediation Center

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS

Organized for the International Human Rights Education Consortium, with co-sponsorship of George Mason University's Center for Global Studies, on February 16, 2007:

- Congressional Briefing on *Human Rights in Theory and Practice* with the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and
- Forum on the *Future of Human Rights Education* at the Washington, DC-based US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Participated in:

- Congressional Human Rights Caucus Briefing as panelist on *The UN Millennium Development Goals* (with emphasis on *Environmental Sustainability*), December 8, 2004
- House Committee on International Relations Briefing as panelist on *Water and Human Rights*, June 29, 2004
- House Sub-Committee on Africa Briefings on:
 - Potentials of Water-based Conflict in Africa, February 20, 2004
 - Emerging Security Issues in West Africa, March 2003

Africa Faith and Justice Network, 2003 Summer Institute, Washington, DC

July: Panel: *Post-Charles Taylor Liberia*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

August: Panel: *Liberia and West African Interlocking Conflicts*, the Brookings Institution
September: Panel: *Post-Conflict Reconstruction: What Africa Can Learn from Kosovo and Afghanistan*, the National Press Club, Washington, DC

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

The Voice of America: *Comparing the Organization of African Unity (1963) and the Africa Union (2002): Advantages and Disadvantages*, August 12, 2004

The Voice of America: *Darfur/Sudan and China's African Politics*, August 24, 2004

National Television of Togo, on the U.S. presidential elections, and on the significance of the Black History Month, November 1992.

COURSES TAUGHT

- High School (*Lycée*) of Kpodzi-Kpalimé, Togo:
 - French literature and Latin

- University of Bénin, Law School, Togo:
 - Constitutional Law
 - French as second language for international students (*Institut du Bénin*)

- National School of Public Administration, Togo:
 - Public Management
 - History of Political Ideas

- International Graduate School of Journalism (*Institut Supérieur de Presse de l'Entente*), Togo:
 - International Security Problems, Political Sociology, African Political Sociology, Advanced French Grammar

- State University of New York at Oswego:

Public Management and Policy Analysis, United States' Defense Policy, Decision-Making in Public Administration, Terrorism and Democracy, International Law, International Organization, Ethnicity and Geopolitics, United States' Policy in the Third World, Terrorism and Political Violence, Western Civilization, History of Contemporary International Society, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Practicum in Conflict Management, Non-violent Strategies for Social Change, Sub-Saharan Africa and its Diaspora, Traditional Africa, Modern Africa, African Politics, Politics and Conflict in Africa, African Indigenous Techniques of Conflict Resolution

- Union Institute & University:

- Public Policy and Social Justice; Conflict Resolution: Negotiation, Power and Influence; The Logic of Inquiry (research method); Public Policy and Human Rights

- George Mason University:

Global Humanitarian Action internship program; International Development internship program

- Wells College, Aurora, NY

Middle East Politic, Politics in Developing Countries

- The University at Albany

African Civilizations, Seminar in African Government and politics

Seminar in African Government and Politics

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- United States (SUNY-Oswego)

- Major in International and Global Studies
- Minor in Conflict Management
- Minor in African and African American Studies

- Togo

- Participated in revising of the curriculum of the *Ecole Nationale d'Administration* (E.N.A.)
- Participated in designing the curriculum of the *Institut Supérieur de Presse de l'Entente* (an international school of journalism involving Bénin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Niger,

and Togo)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Militarism and Sociopolitical Changes in West Africa: Politics and Geopolitics,” Africa Initiative, Department of African American Studies, Syracuse University, March 31, 2022.

“Recent Coups in Africa: Causes and Risks,” Department of Africana Studies, March 9, 2022.

The Middle Continent and Its People: The Contributions of Africa and the African Diaspora to Modern Civilization, Africana Studies Department, The University at Albany, Black History Month, 2020.

Deconstructing the Westernization of Africa: Player or Pawn in Global History, symposium organized by the Department of Africana Studies, the University at Albany, October 23, 2019.

Moderator, Session on “Inclusive and Participatory Governance,” conference on Restricted Spaces: Civil Society and Authoritarianism in Africa, co-organized by the International Consortium for Geopolitical Studies and the Institute for African Development, Cornell University, April 26-27, 2019.

“The Economy of Forces: France’ Policy in Africa,” Department of Africana Studies, 11th Annual Symposium, The University at Albany, October 24, 2018.

Moderator, Panel on “Inclusive and Participatory Governance,” Symposium on “Restricted Spaces: Civil Society and Authoritarianism in Africa,” co-organized by Cornell Institute for Africa Development and the International Consortium for Geopolitical Studies of the Sahel, Cornell University, April 26-27, 2019.

Organized symposium on “Restricted Spaces: Security, Power and Politics in Africa,” co-sponsored by The Department of Africana Studies and the Center for International Education and Global Strategy, The University at Albany, and the International Consortium for Geopolitical Studies of the Sahel, at the University at Albany, March 29, 2019.

Moderator, panel on “Financing Development in South Africa”, *Symposium on Financing Innovation and Sustainable Development in Africa* organized by the African Development Bank and Cornell Institute for African Development, Cornell University, April 25-26, 2014.

“Western Diplomacy in the Sahel: A Crisis of Relevance?” panel on *Terrorism and Political Crisis in the Sahara-Sahel*, New York African Studies Association Annual Conference, SUNY-Cortland, April 4-5, 2014

“Climate Change and Political Consequences: Redefining Colonialism in Africa and Beyond,” shortened version of the online article, presentation at New York African Studies Association conference at Binghamton University, April 5-6, 2013

“Is Africa Rising? Beyond the Afro-pessimism/Afro-optimism Debate,” presentation at the African Studies Association Conference, November 29-December 1, 2012, Philadelphia, PA

Moderator, Session on Governance, Democracy, and Development, Symposium on Elections, Accountability, and Governance in Africa, *Institute for African Development*, Cornell University, April 20-21, 2012

Moderator, Session on Development Strategies and Challenges, Conference on Building Capable State: Looking Back, Moving Forward in Liberia’s Development, Liberian Studies Association Conference, Cornell University, March 29-31, 2012

“Hunger as a Factor in Political Stability,” presentation at Sewanee-The University of the South, Department of Political Science, February 7, 2012

“Banana: An Extraordinary History of an Ordinary Fruit,” presentation for the panel on *Consumption and Suffering*, 12th Academic Residency Conference on *Suffering, Meaning and Responses*, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 4, 2012.

“Food and Political Stability in Sub-Saharan Africa 2007-2011: Crisis in the System or Crisis of the System?” Section VII-9: The Political Economy of Agricultural Transformation in Africa, African Studies Association Conference, November 17-19, 2011 Washington DC

“Food and Political Stability: Sub-Saharan Africa 2007-2011,” North East Conference on Public Administration: *Building Trust and Confidence in the Public Service*, October 28-October 29, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2011

Moderator, panel on *Natural Resources and Conflict*, Symposium on Natural Resources and Development in Africa, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, April 29-30, 2011

Participated in four-day conference and workshops on syllabus building, diversity and

pedagogy, and curriculum assessment, Center for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University, June 12-15, 2011

“The Moral Economy of Hunger: How a Global Revolution Was Avoided in 2008,” faculty presentation at the residency of Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 11, 2011

“Inclusive Excellence,” presentation at the National Faculty Meeting, Union Institute & University, October 13-15, 2010

Participated in International Strategic Forum on Africa and Asia, Amnesty International-USA, July 23-25, 2010, Washington, DC

Participated in Faculty Institute for Diversity’s Conference, Cornell University, June 13-16, 2010; received from Cornell a \$ 2,000 grant to begin research on *Inclusive Excellence* in online teaching environment (case of Union Institute & University)

Moderator, panel on Aid Ownership and Governance, Symposium on *Problems, Promises, and Paradoxes of Aid: Africa’s Experience*, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 16-17, 2010

Participated in the Peace Studies Conference on International Security, Peace Studies Program, Cornell University, April 9-10, 2010

“The 2008 Food Riots in Africa: Causes and Lessons,” panel on Grassroots Politics, African Studies Association Conference on *Africa at a Crossroads*, New Orleans, November 19-22, 2009

Participated in the 2009 Mediation Pedagogy Conference, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, MA, May 15-16, 2009

“Bread or Bullets? The 2008 Food riots in Africa,” Symposium on *The Food and Financial Crises and their Impact on the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa*, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, May 1-2, 2009

“Importance of the Participation of Women in Post-Conflict Negotiations for Sustainable Peace,” Conference Day of January 6, 2009, Cohort PhD Program, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, Ohio

“Peacekeeping Forces in Africa: Between Peace and Forces,” African Studies Association 51st

Annual Meeting, on the theme *Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years*, Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Chicago, November 13-16, 2008

“What You Should Know about Africa,” presentation with Dr. Pauline Ginsberg, Professor Emerita, Utica College at the local chapter of the United Nations Association, held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, November 18, 2008

“Ethics in Foreign Policy Making: A Comparative Study of U.S. and China’s Approaches to the Crisis in Darfur” (abridged version), co-presented with UI&U doctoral students, John McGarrah and Pierre Gnoan, Conference Day, July 2008 Residency, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, Ohio

“Ethics in Foreign Policy Making: A Comparative Study of U.S. and China’s Approaches to the Crisis in Darfur,” paper co-presented with my doctoral students, John McGarrah and Pierre Gnoan, at the symposium on *Failed and Failing States in Africa: Lessons from Darfur and Beyond*, Institute for African Development, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, April 18-19, 2008. I participated in the conceptualization and organization of the symposium

“The United State and China’s Policies in Africa,” invited lecture, Utica College, March 31st, 2008

“The Politics of Water in the Nile Valley,” seminar on “Water and Culture in the Mediterranean: a Crisis?” *Institute for European Studies*, Cornell University, February 25, 2008

“Public Policy and Conflict Resolution,” Conference Day, January 2008 Residency, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, Ohio

“Influence of China on Governance and Human Rights in Africa,” *African Studies Association*, New York Sheraton Hotel and Towers, New York City, October 18-21, 2007

Participated in Conference on “Cutting Edge Theories and Recent Developments in Conflict Resolution,” Program in the *Analysis and Resolution of Conflict*, The Maxwell School of citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, September 27-28, 2007

“Africa in China’s Global strategy”, invited lecture, Institute for African Development, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, August 23, 2007

“Water in the Context of Africa: Geopolitics and Geo-economics,” Institute for African

- Development, Cornell University, April 22, 2005.
- “Hydropolitics and Geopolitics in Africa,” International Studies Institute for Middle and High School Teachers, Cornell University, Kahin Center, March 24, 2005
- “Water: Geopolitics and Geo-economics in Africa,” *Symposium on Hydropolitics and Geopolitics in Africa*, initiated by myself and co-organized with the Institute for African Development, Cornell University, April 22-23, 2005
- “Using African Rivers to Resolve Regional Conflict,” *Regional Peace Studies Conference*, Program in the Analysis and Resolution of Conflict, Syracuse University, November 13, 2004
- “Water: Source of Conflict and Chance for Peace in Africa,” *Institute for African Development*, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, October 21, 2004
- “Africa’s Security Dilemma: National Stability vs. World Security,” Conference on *Security, Reconstruction and Reconciliation: When the Wars End*, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, April 23-24, 2004
- “Djibouti at the Crossroads of the War on Terrorism,” panel on Security in the Horn of Africa, Africa Faith and Justice Network Annual Meeting, McLean, VA, October 11, 2003
- “The Politics of Water: Conflict and Cooperation in Africa,” *Annual Conference of the Regional Peace Studies Consortium* on “Dimensions of Human Security: Lessons from Africa and Beyond” (panel on Governance and Conflict in Africa), Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, October 18, 2003
- “Historical Sociology of Civil Society in Togo,” panel on Civil Society in Africa, Conference on *A Call to Solidarity with Africa: Americans and Africans in Dialogue about Africa’s Promise, Needs, and Image*, University of Notre Dame, September 22, 2003
- “Dimensions of Political Conflicts and Wars in Africa,” New York African Studies Association Conference, Cornell University, April 4, 2003
- “Oil and Great Powers’ Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa,” New York African Studies Association Conference, Cornell University, April 4, 2003
- “Political Conflicts and Conflict Resolution in Africa,” New York African Studies Association Conference, Cornell University, April 5, 2003

- “The Temptation of War and the Limits of Imagination,” Keynote at *Peace Fair*, Utica College, February 8, 2003
- “Oil, Conflict and Power in Sub-Saharan Africa,” invited lecture, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, February 5, 2003
- “The Power of Place in African Conflict and Conflict Resolution,” invited lecture, Institute for African Development, Cornell University, February 6, 2003
- “The Political Life of a Dead Body: How Political Assassination Makes Conflict Intractable,” African Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC December 2002
- “International Security in the Post-9-11,” Regional Peace Studies Conference, Colgate University, September 2002
- Participated in Training Workshop on “Conflict and Collaboration in Community and Environmental Decision-Making,” co-organized by Cornell Program on Environment and Community and Interface (a program of the Community Dispute Resolution Center), Ithaca, NY, March 22-24, 2001
- “Africa in the Bush Administration Foreign Policy,” New York African Studies Annual Conference, SUNY-Brockport, April 27, 2001
- “The Bush Administration African Policy,” invited contribution to a panel on the “Bush Administration Foreign Policy,” Peace Studies Program, Mario Enaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, March 8, 2001
- “Culture of Peace and Peace in Culture,” Regional Peace Studies Conference, Hamilton College, September 2001
- “Morality and the Logic of Power in the US Foreign Policy Making,” Regional Peace Studies Conference, SUNY-Oswego, October 7, 2000
- “Conflict Resolution Training at the John William Montessori School, Kumasi, Ghana: A Butterfly Effect?” Regional Peace Studies Conference, SUNY-Oswego, October 7, 2000
- “Challenges to African Democracy at the Turn of the Century,” New York African Studies Association Annual Conference, SUNY-Cortland, April 28-29, 2000

“Melos Revisited: New World Disorder or New War Order?” invited paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Greek Philosophy, Institute for Global Cultural Studies, SUNY-Binghamton, October 23, 1999

“The Power of Place: Causes of Conflict and Roots of Peace in African Politics,” African Heritage Studies Association conference, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, October 16, 1999

“The Political Life of a Dead Body: The Assassination of President Sylvanus Olympio and its Impact on the Togolese Political Conflict,” Regional Peace Studies Conference, The Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Syracuse University, November 13, 1999

“Africa and the Global Trend: Rethinking the Collective Thinking,” New York African Studies Association 23rd Annual Conference, SUNY-Oswego, April 16-17, 1999

“The Economy of Forces: France’s Defense Policy in Africa,” Walter Rodney Conference, SUNY-Binghamton, November 6-7-8, 1998

“Africa in the 21st Century: the End of the Nation-State?” African Studies Association Annual Conference, SUNY-Binghamton, April 1998

“Tobacco Industry and the Geography of Slavery,” International Studies Association North East Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 1997

“The Crisis of the State System in Africa,” New York African Studies Association Annual Conference, Mercy College and the Rockefeller Center, New York, NY, April 1996

Quest [Annual research conference of SUNY-Oswego]

“History, Culture and Symbolic Capital: Africanism in Brazil and *Brazilianism* in Africa,” April 2001

“The 1999 Military Coups: Causes and Meanings,” April 2000

“Language and Revolution: Brazil and West Africa in the 19th Century,” April 1998

“Global Order and the Betrayal of Democracy,” April 1997

“Politics and Ethnic Conflict,” April 1996

“Politics and Ethnogenesis,” April 1995

“Politics and the Crisis of Intelligence,” April 1994.

TELECONFERENCE SERIES

1999-2001 SUNY-Oswego Site Facilitator, *Partnership for Preventing Violence*, co-organized by Harvard University School of Public Health and the Prevention Institute in Berkeley, CA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Faculty Institute for Diversity, Cornell University, a \$2,000 grant to conduct research on diversity
in the classroom in an online environment

Adrian Dominican Grant for research and policy work on *Coping with Conflict and Dealing with Change in Africa*.

Most Outstanding Advisor 1999-2000 by the Leadership Education and Activities Development Center, SUNY-Oswego

Grant of the Corporation for National Service to start an Oswego county-wide program in conflict resolution and nonviolence training with school districts (Oswego County, NY), in 2000 and in 2001

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award, SUNY-Oswego, 2000

Peace Education and Leadership Award, SUNY-Oswego, 1998

Faculty of the Year, awarded by Rho Xi Chapter of SUNY-Oswego, 1997

Certificate of Recognition for Dedication to Leadership Education and Contributions to the Oswego Community, SUNY-Oswego, 1996

Fulbright Fellowship (University of Texas at Austin, Cornell University, and Syracuse University), 1984-1990.

Study of curricula of Public Administration schools in West Germany, sponsored by the Hans-Seidel Foundation, Munich, West Germany, 1982

French Government's Scholarship, *Institut International d'Administration Publique*, Paris, France, 1980-1981

Government of Togo Scholarship, *Université du Benin* (Lomé, Togo), *Université de Bordeaux* (France), *Université de Nice* (France), 1968-1972 and 1973-1978

ADVISEMENT OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS at SUNY-OSWEGO

Campus Branch of Amnesty International, 1999-2001

Coalition of Peace Education, 1995-2001

Student Peer Educators Program, 1997-2001.

COLLEGE SERVICES

Union Institute & University

- Chair, University-wide Faculty Council, 2010
- Regularly invited guest, University-wide President's Council, 2010
- Member, University-wide Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee, 2010
- Co-chair, university-wide Faculty Council, 2009
- Co-chair, Advisory Committee to the Dean, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, 2009-2011
- Member, Martin Luther King Specialization Committee, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, 2009-2011
- Chair, Admissions Committee, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, 2007-2010
- Chair, Public Policy and Social Issues concentration, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, 2009-2011
- Advisement of PhD students, chairing and/or serving on dissertation committees, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, Union Institute & University, 2007-present

- Participated in Associate Dean and faculty search committees, Cohort PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies Program, 2007-2008

George Mason University

- Member, Steering Committee, Center for Global Studies, 2005-2006
- Founder, Working Group on Water Issues, Center for Global Studies, 2005-2006

SUNY-Oswego:

- Participated in the Self-Study Design Committee, Subcommittee on Institutional Effectiveness and Outcomes, 2000-2001
- Faculty-in-Residence, 1999-2001
- Committee work on a new major in International and Global Studies, new minor in African American and African Studies, and a new minor in conflict resolution, 1999 – 2000
- Chair, Advisory Committee, Office of Learning Services, 1999-2000
- Board of Advisors, Office of Judicial Affairs, 1999-2001
- Task Force on Citizenship and Civility, 1999-2000
- International Education Advisory Committee, 1999-2001
- Diversity Interests Group, 1995-2000
- African/African-American Studies Program Committee, 1996-1999
- Advisory Committee, Campus Fitness Centers, 1995-2000
- Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, 1995-1996
- Language Across the Curriculum Advisory Committee, 1994-1997
- Leadership Education and Activities Development Center Advisory Committee,

1994-1996

VOLUNTEER SERVICES (Past and Present)

Member, Board of Directors of Amnesty International-USA, 2012-present

Member, West Africa Coordination Group, Amnesty International-USA, 2007-present

Volunteer teacher, English as second language, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees,
Utica, NY, 2008

Volunteer at the National Zoo, Think Tank Program, Washington, DC, 2003-2004

Africa Region Executive Committee, and International Programs Executive Committee,
American Friends Service Committee (national office, Philadelphia, PA), 2003-2009

Executive Committee and Program Evaluation Sub-Committee, American Friends Service
Committee Middle Atlantic Region as well as AFSC/Washington, DC Executive
Committee, 2004

Volunteer Trainer, *Alternatives to Violence Project*, and conducted training sessions in
nonviolence at the correctional facilities of Auburn, NY and Oneida County, NY, 2000-
2001

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: developed and implemented a one-day training program in conflict
resolution and nonviolence for sixth through twelfth graders, SUNY-Oswego, January
17, 2000 and January 15, 2001

Oswego County Advisory Committee, New Justice Conflict Resolution Services, Inc.,
2000-2001

Clerk, Central New York, American Friends Service Committee, 1998-2001

Founding Member, Oswego County Task Force for Safe Community and Violence-Free Schools,
1999-2001

President, Oswego Valley Peace and Justice Council, 2000-2001

Communication and Conflict Resolution instructor, Oswego County Department of Social
Services, 1999

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Helped organize the symposium on *Failed and Failing States in Africa: Lessons from Darfur and Beyond*, Institute for African Studies, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, April 18-19, 2008

Co-organized a symposium on *Hydropolitics and Geopolitics in Africa* (on behalf of George Mason University and the Africa Faith and Justice Network) with the Institute for African Development, Cornell University, April 22-23, 2005.

Co-organized, with Cornell University and SUNY-Binghamton, a conference on *Security, Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Africa: When the Wars End*, Cornell University, in April, 2004

Organized the 23rd Annual Conference of the New York African Studies Association on *Africa and African Diaspora in the 21st Century*, SUNY-Oswego, April 16-17, 1999

Organized the *Regional Peace Studies Conference* for the Peace Studies Consortium of Central New York, SUNY-Oswego, October 7, 2000

Was member of an International Conflict Resolution Training Team (from the US, the Netherlands and Nigeria) to conduct conflict resolution workshops for teachers, parents and community leaders in Kumasi (Ghana), August 2000

Chaired the workshop on "The Use of Computer in Teaching and Researching in African Studies," *New York African Studies Annual Conference*, SUNY-Cortland, April 28-29, 2000

Secretary, New York African Studies Association (NYASA), 1999-2001

Member, African Studies Association 2003; African Heritage Studies Association, 1999-2000; Society for the Study of Greek Philosophy, 1999-2000; International Studies Association North East, 1997-1998; American Political Science Association, 1994 and present

Executive Committee and Program Evaluation Sub-Committee, AFSC Middle Atlantic Region, as well as AFSC/Washington, DC Executive Committee, 2004

Volunteer Trainer, *Alternatives to Violence Project*, and conducted training sessions in nonviolence in prisons in Central New York, 2000-2001

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: developed and implemented a one-day training program in conflict resolution and nonviolence for sixth through twelfth graders, SUNY-Oswego, January 17, 2000 and January 15, 2001.

Member, Oswego County Advisory Committee, New Justice Conflict Resolution Services, Inc., 2000-2001.

Clerk, Central New York, American Friends Service Committee, 1998-2001.

Founding Member, Oswego County Task Force for Safe Community and Violence-Free Schools,
1999-2001

President, Oswego Valley Peace and Justice Council, 2000-2001.

Communication and Conflict Resolution instructor, Oswego County Department of Social
Services, 1999

INTERNSHIPS IN DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION, 1981

Fire Department, *Prefecture des Essonnes*, Ile de France, France

Defense Administration, *Prefecture des Essonnes*, Ile de France, France,

Disaster Management, *Ministere Francais de l'Interieur* (Paris, France)

Public Transportation, *Ministere Francais des Transports: Division de la Circulation Routiere*,
and *Division de l'Aviation Civile*, Paris, France

Weapons market and defense industry: Thomson-Brandt Company, La-Ferté-Saint-Aubin,
Orleans, France, 1977

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