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**Current Position: 1994-2017**

Full Professor of History (with tenure)  
History Program, Social Inquiry Program  
University of Wisconsin-Superior  
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The University of Wisconsin-Superior is the system's public liberal arts college and a COPLAC school

**Education:**

BA Smith College 1970 – Government  
MA University of Birmingham, UK 1971- African History &  
Arabic  
Ph.D. University of Michigan 1993 - African & Middle Eastern  
History research area: Islam in Africa

**Employment:**

1975-1989 Sr. Lecturer in African History, Bayero University,  
Kano, Nigeria  
1990-1992 Part Time Lecturer in Hausa Language & African  
Outreach, Boston University, Boston, MA  
1992-1994 Associate Professor History and Foreign  
Languages, New England College, Henniker, NH  
1994-2018 Professor of History University of Wisconsin-  
Superior, Superior, WI  
1996-2009 Visiting faculty : summers Keene State College,  
Keene, NH Modern World History  
spring 2007 Visiting faculty teaching 1 class Modern African  
History College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth, MN

**Subjects Taught:**

Early and Modern African History, Modern Middle East History, World History, African Archaeology, Voices on African Gender, Voices on Arab Gender, Beginning Arabic Language, the Muslim World, Comparative Slavery & Prejudice, Hausa Language, History and People of Iraq, Historiography & Methodology, Senior Thesis, African Peoples and Issues, Arab Identities, Slavery: Then & Now, Historical Research & Writing through the Arab Israeli Conflict, Learning Afghanistan, A Gendered History of Afghanistan, History of World Religions, History of Human Origins, History of Indigenous Peoples

**Foreign languages:**

French: reading & speaking, research

Hausa: fluent speaking, reading, teaching ability at all levels  
Arabic: reading & writing and teaching of beginning students  
Arabic study Indiana University summer 1970  
Portland State University summer 1972  
Middlebury College summer 1994  
Rassias Foreign Language Teaching Method 3 Day Workshop  
Dartmouth College, April 30-May 2, 1993

**Research Interests: A Sampling of Publications & Presentations:**

1977 Translation from Arabic of *the Obligations of Princes* by Sheikh al-Maghili in Kano Studies vol 1-2 p.15-28

Hausa Labarai: an historical genre of literature: authored Chapter 12 “Islamic Influences on Oral Traditions in Hausa Literature” in Harrow, Kenneth W. (Ed.) *The Marabout & the Muse: New Approaches to Islam in African Literature* p.159-175

Women's Leadership Positions for Contemporary Hausa Muslim Women : Chapter 2 co-authored with Balaraba Sule “Islamic Leadership Positions for Women in Contemporary Kano Society” in Coles, Catherine & Mack, Beverly (Eds), *Hausa Women in the Twentieth Century* p.29-49

Submitted photographs and research notes to the Chicago Field Museum for the opening of the still running Africa Exhibit on Kano City Market 1993

1996 Vice Chancellor's “Truth” Convocation Series and Honors Seminar. My presentation with other history/politics faculty will be on February 29th. My topic is “the Transmigration of the Legends of El Cid in Spanish Historiography”.

summer, 1995 fresh research in Kano, Nigeria on the history of women in the Qadiriyya sufi organization which was presented at the African Studies Association in Orlando, Florida on November 5th, 1995.

September, 1995 submitted a 21 page article entitled “ Lessons in Diversity from Etel Adnan's *Sitt Marie Rose* ” for an anthology on the a Lebanese author, Etel Adnan. Unfortunately the artist and poetess Adnan wrote only one novel and so many wrote about it that the editors could not use all of the submissions.

1995 book review of *Slow Death for Slavery: The Course of Abolition in Norther Nigeria* by Paul Lovejoy and Jan Hogendorn, Cambridge University Press, 1993 in *the International Journal of African Historical Studies*.

1996 Berkshire Women's History Conference UNC Chapel Hill  
chairperson for a panel entitled: “Sufi Brotherhoods: A Comparison of Female Sufi communities in Syria and Northern Nigeria” 6/7-9

1999 From the period of the Kano Civil War of 1893-1894 in northern Nigeria, "Upward Mobility Through Slavery? A New Slave Narrative from the Kano Civil War and Its Wider Implications for the Understanding of African Slavery". presented in Evanston, IL at Northwestern University on "Slavery and the African Diaspora in the Lands of Islam" conference April 30-May 2.

2004 Presented a paper at the critical Connections Conference on Pedagogy, UW Madison Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February "Engaging Students in Global Learning", the result of a SoTL grant participation to develop the First Year Seminar "History and Peoples of Iraq."

2005 presented at the UW System Women's Studies Conference on teaching about Arab and African Women's Voices classes on the undergraduate level. April 15/16 2005

2005 October 30-November 1 Conference on Global Education Challenge of the UW System in Lake Geneva on Teaching the Iraq Seminar in the freshman year experience in fall '03 and fall '05

2006 Grant writing submitted ( was rejected) a proposal for faculty/student applied research for Religious Diversity in the Workplace in WI/MN

2006 attended New Directions in Teaching History UW System conference March 9<sup>th</sup>. Madison, WI

2007 Presentation on the Globalizing the Undergraduate Experience  
Madison, WI October 12<sup>th</sup>: "Teaching the Historical Development of the Construction of Arab identity through Fiction and Film"

2007 review article in *Gender and History* of Heidi J. Nast, Concubines and Power: Five hundred Years in a Northern Nigerian Palace Vo19 I issue 3 2007

2008 presenter at the Western Social Science Association 50<sup>th</sup> Conference History Section 4/23/08 on "American factors in the Indian Ocean Slave trade and Slavery", Denver, CO.

2009 June 27<sup>th</sup> World History Association, Salem MA, Presenter. "Globalizing the Teaching of Slavery & the Slave Trade"

2009 Faculty Seminar UWS December American's Other Slave Trade: the Indian ocean Trade and American Industrialization

2010 Presentation April 17 UWSsystem Women's Studies Association Conference UWWhitewater presentation "New Hope for LGBTQ Muslims"

- 2011 “A Gendered History of Afghanistan” presentation at UW System Women’s Studies and LGBTQ Conference in Madison March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012 Presentation at the Women and LGBTQ UW System Conference “Power Politics and Performance” and presented on “African Leadership Initiatives in Environmental, Political and Gender issues” October 4-5.
- 2012 Spring scholarly peer review for Philosophy East and West of “Behind Every Great Reformer there is a “Machiavelli: Al-Maghili and the Micro-Politics of an Early Modern African and an Italian City-State”
- 2014 Presentation at the Summit on Equity, Diversity, and Multiculturalism, University of Minnesota-Duluth. “Are you Mono-Religiously Impaired?- Lessons from Teaching comparative Religious History” Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 Presenter at the Religion and Spirituality in Society Conference, UC Berkeley, April 26<sup>th</sup> on “It’s All About Zoroastrianism”.
- 2016 Presentation at the Summit on Equity, Diversity, and Multiculturalism, University of Minnesota-Duluth on When to teach about the History Religions in WI/MN according to the DPI – presentation and discussion February 2017- discussed whether we can afford to wait until high school or college level.
- 2017 June 24, World History Association presentation “ Towards a Bigger History of Halloween and the Day of the Dead”.
- 2018 applied to present at the UMD the Summit on Equity, Diversity, and Multiculturalism, University of Minnesota-Duluth on February 21st, 2018 on “Combatting the Homophobic Misuse of the Biblical/Qur’anic Story of Lot” and “Teaching Human Origins to Extinguish Racism”

Outreach and Local Speaking Commitments:

Discussant of Ayaan Hirsi’s Ali’s controversial book *Infidel* in the Anthropology of Gender class of Professor Katheryn Mihun at UMD March 30, 2017

I spoke twice in Dr. Njoki Kamau’s class at UMD on African women and national Liberation on April 22 and 24, 2014.

I spoke at the Superior Rotary on the need for multi-religious literacy in business March 11, 2014

During the spring of ’14 I wrote the movie guides to a film series that showed at the Zinema in Duluth called Inside Israel/Palestine 1/27,2/3, 2/10 and 2/17 and showed *Budrus, The Gatekeepers, Man from Plains* and *Five Broken Cameras*.

I taught in fall ’13 twice in Dr. Arshia Khan ( CSS) ’s class “Islam 101” at the University for Seniors at UMD Duluth 10/16/13 and 10/23/13

I taught in Dr. Njoki Kamau’s class on December 6 ’12 at UMD and presented on women in anti-colonial resistance movements.

In the Fall '12 I taught two classes in the UMD University for Seniors of Dr. Arshia Khan of CSS on Islam October 16<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Feb. 5, 2012 spoke at the UU Church on Israel/Palestine with Dr. Joel Sipress

I organized and taught in an 8 week class on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict for the University for Seniors at UMD entitled "More on Israel-Palestine" in S'12 from March 27-May 15<sup>th</sup>

Helped organize and attended to discuss presentation of Sylvia Schwartz on the "1 State Solution" at Duluth Public Library 12/5/11 at 6:30

Led a book discussion of *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolán for the League of Women Voters Book club on 11/10/11 at Chester Creek Café

F'11 Organizer and Discussant of a 4 evening film series at Zinema on Superior Street, Duluth for the community on Palestine/Israel 9/26/11 *My Land Zion*, 10/3 *My Terrorist*, 10/10 *My Israel*, 10/17 *Life Inside Occupied Palestine*

May 23<sup>rd</sup> I was the response and discussant for a showing of the film *Budrus* at the Peace Church at 1111 N 11<sup>th</sup> Ave E in Duluth

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 I joined two colleagues, Deborah Faul of UWS and Dr. Nik Hassan of UMD to speak to a large assembled group in Two Harbors, MN at the Community Center on Islam in America after being approached by community members in the spring. We had met and planned our presentation previously on 3/21/11

2/8,2/15,2/22, 3/1. 2011 organized and participated in the University for Seniors at UMD- a 4 week course on "The Israeli Palestinian Conflict in Context"

2/9/10 and 3/2/10 Community Service : Presented in a colleagues class : Dr. Njoki Kamau's WST class at UMD on African Women and Revolution

Spring '09 I was a judge for Minnesota History Day

2007 October 14, Presenter Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Superior, WI on Women and Islam to their Reading Group

2007 Judge for History Day State of MN March 31

2006 Discussant Black History Month the film *Amandala!!* on the role of music in the liberation of South Africa

2006 Discussant College of Saint Scholastica with Dr. Neal Keyes of *Some Day in April* and the Rwandan genocide Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

2006 NEH Discussant on *Rwandan Genocide We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We will be Killed with Our Families* Superior Public Library Feb. 21, and *Ghosts of Rwanda* Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

2005 Judge at the Senior project Evaluation Day May 17<sup>th</sup> at Superior High School

2003 the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Superior on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January about Islam with Dr. Dokhanci

2003 7-8:30 PM presentation RSC Alumni Room on Religion and War February 24<sup>th</sup>

2003 RSC program spoke on The Historical and Cultural Perspective on Iraq February 26<sup>th</sup>

2003 spoke in the evening on the History of Palestine at University of Minnesota-Duluth 7-8:30 PM March 26<sup>th</sup>

- 2003 Panel at the College of Saint Scholastica on Domestic Politics and International Terrorism" 11/18 using PBS Frontline program "Truth, War & Consequences" about the intelligence and politics of the war in Iraq
- 2002 Public Forum of films & discussions on the Arab-Israeli crisis. April 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2000 spring term film discussion series on Islam for Muslim prisoners, Federal Prison Camp, Duluth MN
- 1999 community service project being on the Multi cultural and Gender Diversity committee for the Self Study of the Marshall School. spring term we wrote a report for the self-study project.
- 1996-7 Presentation of works of Two African authors at the College of Saint Scholastica: Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* and Soyinka's play *Death and the King's Horseman*. 11/15 & 2/21
- 1996 Presentation to three 9th grade English classes on the historical and literary background of *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe at the Marshall High School, Duluth MN 12/17/96
- 1996 Presentation of Books by African authors and Arab women authors the Toadstool Bookstores in Peterborough and Keene, NH 6/28 7/5, 8/2, & 8/9
- 1996 Presentation of slides and arts of Kano, Nigeria at Keene State College, June 25
- 1995 "Kano, Nigeria: The Medieval and the Modern" presentation with film, slides and Nigerian food for UW-Superior Center for Continuing Education, October 25
- 1995, "Women and Islam" in the "Islam: An Invitation to Explore" series
- 1994 of the Tri-College Committee on Islam January 12 at the University of Minnesota at Duluth and December 8 at the College of Saint Scholastica.
- 1993 presenter of two lectures for the Workshop "THE MIDDLE EAST: A FEMININE PERSPECTIVE" Harvard University, Center for Middle East Studies, July 6-9, "Leila Abouzeid's *Year of the Elephant* as an Example of the Anti-Colonial Roles of North African Women" and "Selections of Fiction by Arab Women"
- 1992- consultant and photographer for the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History for the current Africa Exhibit section on Kurmi Market, Kano City, Nigeria. & Educator's Consultant at the Official Opening Teachers' Conference in Chicago, November, 1993
- 1992 Project Humanist for "the Bounty of African Literature" 2 evening book discussions NH Humanities Council series at Howe Library, Hanover, NH. presented Mariama Ba's *So Long a Letter*, Peter Abrahams' *Path of Thunder* and Bessie Head's *When Rain Clouds Gather*
- 1991 Consultant for the U.S. Peace Corps, Orientation and Budget Program Advisor, Wrote the Orientation Program Plan and Designed the Language Training Program Budget for the first returning Peace Corps in Nigeria group for fall, 1991
- 1991 Project Director and Humanist: Originated and wrote the Grant Proposal for the African Literature series: "The Bounty of African

- Literature” with a budget of \$3370 for the NH Humanities Council. Presented Wole Soyinka’s *Death and the King’s Horseman* and Peter Abrahams’ *Path of Thunder*
- 1990- Consultant and Program Coordinator for the African Languages in 1993 the Schools Program for Boston University and the Boston Public Schools. Designed and wrote grant proposals for a project to create teaching materials and pilot program to teach Swahili in the Boston Public Schools. Materials were developed for 5th and 10<sup>th</sup> grades
- 1990 Presenter of Bessie Head’s *When Rain Clouds Gather*, Kellogg Hubbard library, Montpelier, VT. VT Humanities Council series on African Literature.
- 1990 Presenter of “Teaching African History through African Literature” at the teachers’ workshop: “Call and Response: The Dynamics of African Art and Community” in Burlington at the University of Vermont, presented Peter Abrahams *Wild Conquest*, Wole Soyinka’s *Death and the King’s Horseman* and Jomo Kenyatta’s *Facing Mount Kenya* from 2001 to 2004 while I was Chair of my department, there was no chance for research. When this was over, the University was encouraging us to develop freshman seminars and investigate the scholarship of learning and teaching. Most of us cooperated by going to system conferences which stressed these skills:

Professional Development Opportunities Taken:

- 2016 Fall Semester Sabbatical to conduct research on the History of Zoroastrianism- leading to a presentation at the WHA in June, 2017
- 2014 I took the UW System course run by UW Oshkosh on how to teach better on line Jan. 2-Jan, 23 2014 called the UW System Online Instructor Training Course.
- 2013 2 classes at UMD’s University for Seniors in Spring ’13 until the end of February: one on getting better with snazzy electronic presentations techniques and one of the roots of early religions which is very archaeology based and helps with my preparation on history of world religions.
- 2012 April 17-18 2012 in Eau Claire I attended the UW System Wisconsin Women in Higher Education and September 27-28 I attended the UW System Assessment Coordinators’ Meeting in Eau Claire
- 2011 With other members of the Gen Ed Committee I attended the AAC&U Conference in Chicago on “Using Creative Artifacts to Assess Liberal Learning” in March 2010 Compass Institute Conference of UW System I in the Dells 11.10.10-11.12.10.
- 2009 UW Stout CLA Conference run by CETL/OPID Feb 6-7
- 2007 Fall Semester Sabbatical at UW Superior. I did research in the Phillips Library Archives of Salem, MA and other published materials on the relationship between the East African Slave Trade and the Economic Development of Salem, MA and other areas o[and institutions of New

England which led to my presentation at WHA of 2009 on “Globalizing the Teaching of Slavery & the Slave Trade”

**Administrative Experience and Service :**

**Wrote the report on the Interdisciplinary and Individually Designed Majors at the University of Wisconsin-Superior spring 2016.**

Secretary and member of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council, previously Chair of the Academic Advising Committee, Chair of the largest department at UWS 2001-2004 covering 8 disciplines: (Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Women's Studies, History, & Philosophy.) Former Chair of Women's Studies Program, member Global Awareness Committee, Chair General Education Committee, member Credits Committee, Women's Studies, Personnel, Faculty Development and Sabbaticals, International Education and Promotions committees. Served on European historian search committee, Social Studies Education search, Chaired Asian historian search committee 2X's, member Faculty Senate, Faculty mentor to new Sociologist Dr. Fujieda, Languages Not One's Own ad hoc committee, it goes on and on back to being on the nursery School committee at Bayero University.

**Consultancies, Workshops and Overseas Experience:**

Travel in UK 1971, travel in Syria, Turkey & Lebanon 1972

Lived in Kano, Nigeria 1974-1989

Travel in Sierra Leone, Senegal, & Cote d'Ivoire 1976,

Travel in Niger Republic, often 1977-83

Consultant to US Peace Corps in Nigeria, summer 1991

Director of Fulbright Advanced Hausa Language Institute, summer 1991 for Boston University

Consultant to US State Department on Islam in Nigeria May 5, 1993

1993-1994 member Teachers' Advisory Committee, Harvard University Teacher Resource Center, Center for Middle East Studies project on Middle Eastern literature for secondary schools

1993-1992- consultant and photographer for the Chicago Field Museum of

1993 Natural History for the current Africa Exhibit section on

Kurmi Market, Kano City, Nigeria. & Educator's Consultant at the

Official Opening Teachers' Conference in Chicago, November, 1993

Week Long Workshops secondary school teacher seminars at Keene State

College NH . In 1998 it was “Teaching About the Middle East” and in 1999 it was “Teaching About Africa”.

2000 summer, took the APHistory North Eastern University, Boston , MA workshop & became AP World History consultant to the College Board

2000 November 21st presenter AP World History, Indianapolis, IN

2001 March 6th AP World History presenter, Detroit , MI

2001 Advisory report for the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board on Nigerian Islam



