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EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Ph.D., May 2007, Anthropology

Examination fields: Anthropology of Africa, Anthropology and Population Studies,
Anthropology of Globalization

Dissertation: *Exile Knows No Dignity: African Transnational Migrants and the
Anchoring of Identity.*

A.M., 2003, Anthropology

Master's Thesis: "Staying Soninké: Migration, Multilocality and Identity in a Community
of the West African Sahel"

Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota

B.A., magna cum laude, 1993, major in English with minor in French Studies

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Peace Corps, Mali. Regional Representative (Sikasso Region), 1999 – 2000

U.S. Peace Corps, Mali. Natural Resources Management Extension Agent, 1997 – 1999

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC. Research Assistant in African
Studies, 1993 – 1996

B. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

2012 *Migrants and Strangers in an African City: Exile, Dignity, Belonging*, Indiana University
Press.

Book chapters

2016. "Mali." In *Africa Yearbook: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2015*,
edited by Jon Abbink, Sebastian Elischer, Andreas Mehler, and Henning Melber, Brill,
pp. 118-124.

2013 "Overcoming the economistic fallacy: Social determinants of voluntary migration from
the Sahel to the Congo Basin." In *African Migration: Patterns and Perspectives*,
edited by Abdoulaye Kane and Todd Leedy, Indiana University Press, pp. 19-34.

2012 "Centripetal Forces: Reconciling cosmopolitan lives and local loyalty in a Malian
transnational social field." In *West African Migrations: Transnational and Global*

Pathways in a New Century, edited by Olufemi Vaughan and Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome, Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 145-165.

Refereed journals

- Forthcoming. "Political Participation and Mobilization after Mali's 2012 Coup." *African Studies Review* 60(1).
- 2016 "Sadio's Choice: Love, Materialism and Consensual Marriage in Bamako, Mali." *Africa Today* 62(3), 28-46.
- 2015 "Introduction: Rethinking Challenges to State Sovereignty in Mali and Northwest Africa." *African Security* 8(4): 213-226 (with Francesco Strazzari).
- 2014 "Women in limbo: Life course consequences of infertility in a Nigerian community." *Human Fertility* 17(3): 188-191 (with Marida Hollos).
- 2014 "Definitions and the Experience of Fertility Problems: Infertile and Sub-fertile Women, Childless Mothers and Honorary Mothers in Two Southern Nigerian Communities." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 28(1): 122-139 (with Marida Hollos).
- 2013 "'A Festival of Brigands': In Search of Democracy and Political Legitimacy in Mali." *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* 35(2), November issue.
- 2013 "The Stranger's Code: Explaining the Persistence of Distinct Identity among West African Traders in Brazzaville, Congo." *TSEG/Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History* 10(2): 82-101.
- 2013 "One hippopotamus and eight blind analysts: A multivocal analysis of the 2012 political crisis in the divided Republic of Mali." *Review of African Political Economy* 40 (137): 343-357 (Baz Lecocq, Gregory Mann, Bruce Whitehouse, Dida Badi, Lotte Pelckmans, Nadia Belalimat, Bruce Hall & Wolfram Lacher).
- 2012 "The Force of Action: Legitimizing the Coup in Bamako, Mali." *Africa Spectrum* 47(2-3): 93-110.
- 2011 « Approche comparative des familles dispersées (Mali/Congo) : Education et espaces nationaux ». *Autrepart* 57/58: 233-246.
- 2009 "Discrimination, despoliation and irreconcilable difference: host-immigrant tensions in Brazzaville, Congo." *Africa Spectrum* 1/2009: 39-59.
- 2009 "Transnational childrearing and the preservation of transnational identity in Brazzaville, Congo." *Global Networks* 9(1): 82-99.

Editorships

- 2016 "New Insights on Marriage and Africa," special issue of *Africa Today* 62(3) (co-edited with Dinah Hannaford).
- 2015 "Rethinking Challenges to State Sovereignty in Mali and Northwest Africa," special issue of *African Security* 8(4) (co-edited with Francesco Strazzari).

Other publications

- 2016 Comment on "Here Be Dragons: Mapping an Ethnography of Global Danger" by Ruben Andersson. *Current Anthropology* 57(6).
- 2014 "The Malian Government's Challenge to Restore Order in the North." *CTC Sentinel* 7(2): 12-14, February 24.
- 2012 "What went wrong in Mali?" *The London Review of Books* 34(16): 17-18.
- 2011 "Enterprising Strangers: Social Capital and Social Liability Among African Migrant Traders." *International Journal of Social Inquiry* 4(1): 93-111.

- 2009 « Migrants et insécurité existentielle : le cas de Brazzaville », *Hommes et Migrations* 1279: 80-87.

Reviews

- 2016 *Education and Empowered Citizenship in Mali* by Jaimie Bleck, *Journal of Modern African Studies* 54(4): 738-738.
- 2014 *Muslim Societies in Africa: A Historical Anthropology* by Roman Loimeier, *Africa Spectrum* 1/2014: 123-125.
- 2013 *Saharan Frontiers: Space and Mobility in Northwest Africa* by James McDougall and Judith Scheele (eds), *American Ethnologist* 40(4).
- 2012 *Nostalgia for the Future: West Africa After the Cold War* by Charles Piot, *American Ethnologist* 39(1): 221-222.

C. HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Bamako, Mali, 2011 - 2012
- Frank Hook Assistant Professorship, 2011 - 2013
- Fellowship for graduate study, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health, 2002 – 2004

D. RESEARCH FUNDING

- Paul J. Franz/Class of '68 Pre-Tenure Research Fellowship, Lehigh University, 2013 – 2014
- Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University, 2013 – 2014
- Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2011 – 2012
- Course Development Grant, Lehigh University Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2010 – 2011
- Faculty Research Grant, Lehigh University Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2010 – 2011
- Postdoctoral research fellowship, Brown University Population Studies & Training Center, 2007 – 2008
- Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University Graduate School, 2006 – 2007
- Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 2004
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2004
- Supplemental research funds, Andrew Mellon Program in Anthropological Demography, Brown University Population Studies & Training Center, 2002 and 2003

F. SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS & OTHER CONFERENCES

Invited presentations

- *Migrants, Strangers and Host Governments*. U.S. Department of State Analytic Exchange on Intra-African Migration, April 5, 2016

- *Interdisciplinary Encounters with the Global*. Global Studies Program, Temple University, March 30, 2016
- *The Fragile Sahel: Transnational Threats and Sustainable Solutions* (panel discussion.) Carnegie Endowment for International Affairs, June 24, 2015
- *Faces of the Enemy: Loyalist portrayals of Mali's rebellion*. Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, October 31, 2014
- *Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Perspectives on Political Crisis in the Sahel* (panel discussion). Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, October 28, 2013
- *A coup in Bamako: How Mali's Government Lost and Regained Political Legitimacy, 2012-2013*. Johns Hopkins School of Advances International Studies, October 23, 2013
- *Crisis in the Sahel* (panel discussion). Institute of Current World Affairs, June 1, 2013
- *Mobility, Empowerment & Precarity in African Migration*. Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, May 23, 2013
- *Perilous Desert: Security Challenges in the Sahara & Sahel* (panel discussion). Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, May 22, 2013
- *Témoignage sur le Mali*. Université de Toulouse 1 Institut d'Etudes Politiques, April 12, 2013
- *Regards Croisés sur le Mali: Paris-Bamako-Bruxelles-Washington* (panel discussion), IHEDN Association, Paris, April 9, 2013
- *Sadio's Choice: Understanding discourses about forced, arranged and consensual marriage in Bamako, Mali*. Rochester Institute of Technology, April 5, 2013
- *What Use is Globalization? Challenging the local and the global in the study of Africa*. Keynote address, Indiana University Graduate Symposium on African Studies, March 23, 2013
- *The Cosmic Ladder: Modernity and hierarchy in African transnational migrant destinations*. Brown University Population Studies & Training Center, March 14, 2013
- *"The Power is in the Street": Contextualizing the failure of the Malian state*. Northwestern University Program of African Studies, March 11, 2013
- *Does Mali Matter? What's at risk in the ongoing Sahel crisis*. University of California-Santa Barbara Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, March 8, 2013
- *Mali: Islamic militarism and foreign intervention* (panel discussion). University of Pennsylvania Africa Center, February 27, 2013
- *Questioning the Motherland: Do intra-African migrants belong to the African Diaspora?* Carleton College Symposium on African Diaspora Studies, February 16, 2013
- *Conflict and intervention in Mali: The humanitarian consequences*. Overseas Development Institute (panel discussion via video link), February 11, 2013
- *A Sinking Ship of State: Understanding Mali's crisis*. Syracuse University Maxwell School of Public Affairs, February 8, 2013
- *Does Mali Matter? What's at risk in the ongoing Sahel crisis*. Rutgers University Center for African Studies, February 4, 2013

Refereed presentations

- *The Trouble with Monogamy*. African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, December 2016
- *Public Perceptions of Violent Extremism in Mali*. International Workshop on Transnational Extremist Organizations, Rutgers University Newark, September 2016

- *Suspecting the State: How mass suspicion brought down a president in Mali, West Africa*, American Anthropological Association, December 2014
- *Reflecting on the Ways Forward in Mali* (panelist on invited roundtable), African Studies Association, Baltimore, November 2013
- *West African Migrants: Examining Citizenship, Marriage, and the State in Historical Perspective* (discussant), African Studies Association, Baltimore, November 2013
- *Sadio's Choice: Understanding discourses about forced, arranged and consensual marriage in Bamako, Mali*, Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, April 2013
- *The Modernity of Polygyny? Tensions between multiple marriage and companionate ideals in Bamako, Mali*, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012
- *Dressing Up Dictatorship? The governance of public relations in the Republic of Congo*, Nordic Africa Days meeting, Reykjavik, October 2012
- *Diaspora as a Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: Sahelian West Africans in the Congo Basin*. African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2010
- *The Stranger's Code: Explaining the persistence of distinct identity among West African traders in Brazzaville, Congo*, European Social Science History Conference, Ghent, Belgium, April 2010
- *Bridging the Distance: A Comparison of Domestic and Transnational Split Households in Bamako, Mali and Brazzaville, Congo*. American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 2009
- *In the Wake of Rapatriement: Causes and effects of mass deportation of West African immigrants from Brazzaville, Congo*. African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 2009
- *Strangers in Brazzaville: Maintaining identity and community transnationally*. Canadian Association of African Studies, Queens University, May 2009
- *Hollow citizens: West African immigrants, nativism and the state in Brazzaville, Congo*. Racism, Immigration and Citizenship Conference, Johns Hopkins University, April 2009
- *Metonymical Transnationalism: Culture, identity and the state in contemporary African cross-border migration*. International Studies Association-NE, Baltimore, October 2008
- *Brazzaville, plaque tournante des flux migratoires maliennes en Afrique centrale*. Workshop on Malian migration, Bamako, Mali, June 2008

Organized sessions

- "Marriage and Transformation in Modern African Societies," African Studies Association, Philadelphia, December 2012
- "New Dynamics of Love and Marriage in Africa," American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012 (co-organized with Adeline Masquelier, Tulane University)
- "African Regimes of International Expulsion and Forced Repatriation," African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 2009
- "Mobile Bodies and Sovereign States," Globalization and Social Change Initiative conference on Global Tensions, Lehigh University, October 2009
- "Ambiguous Identities: Second-Generation Immigrants and the Dynamics of Difference in African Societies." American Anthropological Association, Washington, November 2007

- “Transnational Processes and Muslim Identities in the Modern World.” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 2006

Other presentations

- “The trouble with monogamy: companionate marriage and gendered suspicions in Bamako, Mali.” Africana Studies Program faculty brown bag, November 17, 2016
- “Why Polygamy?” Department of Sociology & Anthropology faculty research forum, December 10, 2015
- “Discussion: Moussa Touré’s *La Pirogue*.” Moravian College Arts & Lectures, March 25, 2014
- “‘Hands off my junta!’ Reflections on Mali’s transition from democratic model to failed state.” Lehigh University Department of Political Science, September 13, 2012
- “Globalization and Culture: Anthropological reflections.” Presentation to incoming first-year students in the Lehigh University Global Preclusion program, August 23, 2010
- “Mobile Bodies and Sovereign States” (panel discussant). Lehigh University Globalization and Social Change Initiative conference on Global Tensions, October 9, 2009

G. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor

- *Introduction to Global Studies*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University
- *Medical Anthropology*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University
- *Cultural Study and Globalization*, undergraduate seminar course, Lehigh University
- *Cultural Diversity and Human Nature*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University
- *Globalization and Development in Africa*, undergraduate seminar, Lehigh University
- *Sex and Marriage Around the World*, First-Year Seminar, Lehigh University
- *Peoples & Cultures of Africa*, undergraduate seminar, Lehigh University
- *Global Capitalism*, undergraduate seminar, Lehigh University
- *Introduction to Anthropology*, undergraduate lecture course, Lehigh University
- *Anthropology of the Muslim World*, undergraduate seminar, Lehigh University
- *Anthropologie et Développement : La migration internationale*, Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Bamako
- *Political Economy of Globalization*, undergraduate seminar, Lehigh University
- *African Issues in Anthropological Perspective*, undergraduate course, Brown University
- *Globalization and Society in the 21st Century*, Summer Studies, Brown University

Teaching Certificates

- *Sheridan Teaching Seminar*, Certificate I, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, Spring 2004
- *Classroom Tools Seminar*, Certificate II, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, Spring 2007
- *Professional Development Seminar*, Certificate III, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Brown University, Spring 2007