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EDUCATION

- 1983 Ph.D., Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.
Major Field: African History.
- 1977 Graduate Certificate of African Studies, College of Arts and Sciences,
Northwestern University.
- 1972 B.A. (Honors), Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1983-5 Assistant Professor, George Williams College, Downers Grove, Illinois
- 1985- Assistant to Associate Professor, Texas A&M University

COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT AT TEXAS A&M

African History to 1800.
Modern Africa (Africa since 1800).
History of South Africa.
Slavery in World History.

PUBLICATIONS

I. Book

Asante and the Dutch, 1744-1873 (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990), published in the series, "Oxford Studies in African Affairs."

II. Book Chapters

"A West African 'Middle Ground': Elmina in the Nineteenth Century," in T. Falola and S. Salm, eds. *Globalization and Urbanization in Africa* (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2004), 271-282.

- "The Kingdom of Wasa and Fante Diplomacy in Eighteenth-Century Ghana," in T. Falola (ed.), *Ghana in Africa and the World* (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2003), 141-153.
- "New Sources for the Study of Akan Slavery and Slave Trade: Dutch Military Recruitment in the Gold Coast and Asante, 1831-72," in *Source Material for Studying the Slave Trade and the African Diaspora*, ed. R. Law (Stirling, Scotland: Centre of Commonwealth Studies, University of Stirling, 1997), 35-60.
- "Slavery and the State in Asante History," in *The Cloth of Many Colored Silks: Papers on History and Society, Ghanaian and Islamic, in Honor of Ivor Wilks*, eds. J. Hunwick and N. Lawler (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1996), 223-40.
- "Kwasi Boakye and Kwame Poku: Dutch-Educated Asante 'Princes'," in *The Golden Stool: Studies of the Asante Center and Periphery*, ed. E. Schildkrout (New York: American Museum of Natural History, 1987), 131-45.
- "Murder and Theft in Early Nineteenth Century Elmina," in *Banditry, Rebellion and Social Protest in Africa*, ed. D. Crummey (London: J. Currey, 1986), 33-47.

III. Editor

Founding editor of the peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal, *Ghana Studies*, published by the Program of African Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998-2002.

IV. Articles

- "A Dutch Embassy to Asante, 1857: The Journal of David Mill Graves," *History in Africa: A Journal of Method*, 24 (1997).
- "West African Coastal Slavery in the Nineteenth Century: The Case of the Afro-European Slaveowners of Elmina," *Ethnohistory*, 36, 1 (Winter 1989), 44-60.
- "Elmina and Greater Asante in the Nineteenth Century," *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, 56, 1 (1986), 33-52.
- "The 'Elmina Note': Myth and Reality in Asante-Dutch Relations," *History in Africa: A Journal of Method*, 13 (1986), 363-382.

V. Translations, Notes and Comments

- "Early Photography in Elmina", *Ghana Studies Council Newsletter*, 8 (1995), 9-11.
- "'Inventing Tradition' in Elmina: A Note on the Bakatue Festival," *Akan Studies Council Newsletter*, 6 (1993), 3-4.
- "Northwestern University Library Microfilm Collection of Dutch Archival Records," *History in Africa: A Journal of Method*, 13 (1986), 399-408.
- "Dating Asantehene Osei Kwadwo's campaign against the Banna," *Asantesem. The Asante Collective Biography Project Bulletin*, 10 (January 1979), 58. Translation.
- "Asante Interest in Europe in the Reign of Opoku Ware I," *Asantesem*, 9 (June 1978), 70-1. Translation.
- "A Dutch Account of the Asante-Fante War of 1806-7," *Asantesem*, 9 (June 1978), 44-9. Translation.

“The Dutch-Elmina Peace Initiative of 1754-1758,” *Asantesem*, 7 (June 1977), 26-31.
Translation.

“The Chronology of the Asante Kings: a Further Revision,” *Asantesem*, 8 (March 1978),
39-40 (co-author I. Wilks).

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, Fall Semester, 2000.

International Research Travel Assistance Grant, Texas A&M University, Summer 1996
(Ghana).

Faculty Development Leave, Texas A&M University, Fall Semester, 1994.

Social Science Research Council Advanced Area Research Grant, 1993-4 (Ghana and
the Netherlands).

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship, U. S. Department of Education,
1993-4 (Ghana and the Netherlands).

Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1993 (Ghana).

International Enhancement Travel Grant, Texas A&M University, Summer 1990
(Ghana).

Council for the International Exchange of Scholars and Netherlands America
Commission for Educational Exchange, Fulbright Faculty Research Fellowship,
Spring Semester, 1990 (the Netherlands).

Travel to Collections Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer 1988 (the
Netherlands).

International Enhancement Travel Grant, Texas A&M University, Summer 1988 (the
Netherlands).

Social Science Research Council International Doctoral Dissertation Research
Fellowship, 1978-80 (Ghana, the Netherlands, United Kingdom).

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Training Grant, U. S. Department of
Education, 1978-79 (Ghana, the Netherlands, United Kingdom).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Dutch: Fluent.

Akan: Partial fluency - understanding, speaking.

Spanish: Partial fluency - understanding, reading, speaking, writing.

German: Partial fluency - understanding, reading.

French: Reading knowledge.