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- Education 1970-1975: Columbia University
Jan. 1973 - Certificate in African Studies
May 1975 - Ph.D. Political Science
(Dissertation defended with distinction)
1962-1968: University of California, Davis
Mar. 1968 M.A. Political Science
June 1966 B.A. French and Political Science
1964-1965 University of Bordeaux
- Professional Positions 1975- Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Department of Political Science – Tenured faculty member
2004-2007: Director, Africa and the New World Interdisciplinary Minor
1994-2001: Director, Program in International Relations
1994,1995: The Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy – Adjunct Associate Professor
2002-2003: University of Dar es Salaam
Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration
1997-1998: Makerere University
Ford Foundation Visiting Professor, Dept. of Political Science & Public Administration
1994 Spring: University of Georgia, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Political Science
- Courses taught:* African Politics, African Political Economy, Regionalism in African International Relations, Politics and Global Africa, Political Transitions in Africa, Africa in the New International Order, African Political Thought, African-American Politics, Recurring Themes in African-American Political Thought Urban Politics, Cross-Cultural Political Analysis, Work in America
- Other Employment 1974-1975: The Ford Foundation, Middle East & Africa Office, Training Associate
1968-1970: Peace Corps Volunteer Niger, Public Health Educator
- Professional Affiliations African Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Council on Foreign Relations, Francophone Africa Research Group, National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- Foreign Travel Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, , Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, The Gambia, The Netherlands, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Languages Fluent in French and Hausa

Publications

AFRICAN STUDIES/ EPISTEMOLOGY

"Ralph Bunche and African Studies: Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge," African Studies Association Presidential Address 2007, African Studies Review, Vol. 51, No. 1 (April 2008): 1-16.

"Area Studies in Search of Africa: The Case of the United States," in Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Adebayo Olukoshi, eds., The Study of Africa, Vol. 2: Global and Transnational Engagements (Dakar: Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, 2007), pp. 235-276.

"Area Studies in Search of Africa," Ch. in David L. Szanton, ed., The Politics of Knowledge: Area Studies and the Disciplines (Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press, 2004), pp. 119-183.

"Area Studies in Search of Africa," in David L. Szanton, ed., The Politics of Knowledge: Area Studies and the Disciplines, University of California International and Area Studies Digital Collection, Edited Volume #3, 2002. <http://repositories.cdlib.org/uciaspubs/editedvolumes/3>
3,047 full-text downloads as of June 15, 2008 since date of posting (2003-01-16).

"Local-Global Linkages and the Future of African Studies," Africa Today (April 1997)

"On Paradigms and Political Silence," (CODESRIA) Bulletin 4 (December 1990): 6

"Looking Toward the Future with an Eye on the Past," in Robinson and Skinner, eds., Transformation and Resiliency in Africa (Howard University Press, 1983) pp. 253-269

POLITICAL SCIENCE/ AFRICAN STUDIES

In Process

"Ralph Bunche the Africanist – Revisiting Paradigms Lost," in Robert A. Hill and Edmond J. Keller, eds., Trustee for the Human Community: Ralph J. Bunche and the Decolonization of Africa, Ch., 5 (manuscript accepted for publication by Ohio University Press).

Books

Stabilizing Nigeria: Sanctions, Incentives, and Support for Civil Society, with Peter M. Lewis and Barnett R. Rubin (New York: The Century Foundation Press, 1998)

Transformation and Resiliency in Africa, co-edited with Elliott P. Skinner (Washington, D.C.: Howard University Press, 1983)

Articles and Book Chapters

"The National Conference Phenomenon in Francophone Africa," Comparative Studies in Society and History, Vol. 36, No. 3 (July 1994): 575-610

Excerpted in précis, MIT Center for International Studies (Spring/Summer 1991-92): 5, 8-9

"Democratization: Understanding the Relationship between Regime Change and the Culture of Politics," African Studies Review, Vol. 31, No. 1 (April 1994): 39-67

Reprinted in Peter Lewis, ed. Africa: Dilemmas of Development and Change (Boulder: Westview Press, 1998), pp. 310-340

"Grassroots Legitimation of Military Governance in Burkina Faso and Niger," in Goran Hyden and Michael Bratton eds., Governance and Politics in Africa (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1992), pp. 143-165; French Edition by Nouveaux Horizons Press, 1994

"Niger: Anatomy of a Neotraditional Corporatist State," Comparative Politics Vol. 24, No. 1 (Oct 1991): 1-20

Guest editor, Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women, special issue on Rural Africa, Vol. 9, No. 1

(Summer 1990)

"Confronting the Challenge of Co-Development: A Post-Nairobi Agenda for African and African-American Women," African Commentary (August 1990): 4-5

"Testing the Limits of Popular Participation Under Military Rule," in Beyond Autocracy in Africa, Working Papers for the Inaugural Seminar of the Governance in Africa Program (Atlanta: The Carter Center, 1989), pp. 69-74

"Transnational NGO's: A New Direction for U.S. Policy," Issue: A Journal of Opinion 18 (Winter 1989): 41-46

"Key Issues and Changing Dynamics of the African/Afro-American Connection," in Adelaide Cromwell, ed., Dynamics of the African/Afro-American Connection (Howard University Press, 1988), pp. 3-14

"New Conflicts," in Ali Mazrui and Toby Levine, eds., The Africans: A Reader (New York: Praeger, 1986), pp. 133-155

The Economist Intelligence Unit, Quarterly Economic Review, "Niger"

No. 3, 1986, p. 7; pp. 21-27

No. 2, 1986, pp. 6-7; pp. 18-27

No. 1, 1986, pp. 6-7; pp. 15-19

Annual Supplement 1985, pp. 22-41

No.4, 1985, pp. 6-7; pp. 17-23

No.3, 1985, pp. 7-8; pp. 19-24

No.2, 1985, pp. 6-7; pp. 18-24

"Sahelian Regional Development in a Changing World Order," Journal of African Studies Vol. 11, No. 4, Special Issue: Food Policies and Problems in Africa (Winter 1984-85: 175-181)

"Playing the Arab Card: Niger and Chad's Ambivalent Relations with Libya," in Bruce Arlinghaus, ed., African Security Issues: Sovereignty, Stability and Solidarity (Westview Press, 1984), pp. 171-184

"Traditional Clientage and Political Change in a Hausa Community," in Robinson and Skinner, eds., Transformation and Resiliency in Africa (Howard University Press, 1983), pp. 105-128

"After the Famine: A New Development Policy for the West African Sahel," Radcliffe Quarterly, vol. 67, No. 1 (1981): 16-18

"The Political Context of Regional Development in the West African Sahel," Journal of Modern African Studies, Vol. XVI, No. 4 (December 1978): 579-595

Review of The Ebony Kinship by Robert Weisbord in Political Science Quarterly (Winter 1974-1975): 899-90

POLITICAL SCIENCE/ AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICS

"TransAfrica," in Jack Salzman, editor, Encyclopedia of African American History and Culture (New York: Macmillan, 1995)

"Black Political Power--Upward or Downward?" in The State of Black America 1982 (New York: National Urban League, 1983): 81-111

"Whither the Future of Blacks in the Republican Party?" Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 97, No. 23 (Summer 1982) 207-231

Reprinted, the Voter Education Project, Atlanta, 1983

Reprinted, Study Guide for Black Politics, Indiana U Independent Study, 1983

Excerpted in Point of View, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (Summer 1984): 579-595

E-LEARNING AND CURRICULUM CO-DEVELOPMENT

"Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Negotiating Power/Knowledge Dynamics across Two Digital Divides," (with Paula Aymer and Steve Cohen), in Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Adebayo Olukoshi, eds., African Universities in the 21st Century, Vol. I: Liberslisation and Internationalisation (Dakar: Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, 2004), Ch. 11, pp. 209-217.

"Students on two continents explore African issues, virtually," Op-Ed in the Learning section of The Christian Science Monitor, 30 July 2002, p. 21 and <http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/0730/p21s01-lecs.html>

CURRENT PROJECTS & RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Ralph Bunche the Africanist – Working on an intellectual biography

Islam, Female Empowerment and Political Change in Niger – Ongoing research; writing an article

US-Africa University Collaborations – Negotiating an MOU involving the African Studies Association, CODESRIA and the Association of African Universities; discussing funding with MacArthur Foundation

Ghana Gold: A Corporate Social Responsibility Study Tour and Colloquium – Co-Director (with Prof Edward Kutsoati, Tufts/Economics) of Tufts African in the New World program launched with seed grant from Tisch College.

Selected Conferences & Colloquia

"Ralph Bunche: An American Odyssey," lecture presented at the US Department of State to mark the 50th anniversary of the Bureau of African Affairs, Washington, D.C., 22 February 2008

Chair and organizer of roundtable on CHINA IN AFRICA at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New York City, 20 October 2007

"Ralph Bunche and African Studies: Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge," African Studies Association Presidential address, presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New York City, 19 October 2007

Chaired Discussion Group on "The Horn of Africa" at the Council on Foreign Relations 2007 National Conference, *Navigating a Troubled World*, New York City, 8 June 2007.

Member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies delegation to China on China-Africa-US Relations, November 28-December 1, 2006. Report by Bates Gill, Chin-hao Huang and J. Stephen Morrison, China's Expanding Role in Africa: Implications for the United States, (CSIS, January 2007).

"Islam and Female Empowerment among the Tijaniyya in Niger," paper presented at panel on *Muslim Modernity in Africa* at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 17 November 2006

"Ralph Bunche and Josephine Baker: Two Modes of Black Internationalism," presentation given at UCLA forum *African Diaspora: Identity and Transformation*, co-sponsored by USA for Africa, UCLA African Studies Center, UCLA Globalization Research Center—Africa, and UCLA Latin American Center, 3 November 2006

Invited participant, *The Kofi Annan Legacy for Africa* Conference, Georgetown University, 31 October 2006

"Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Fostering International Dialogues across Two Digital Divides," Paper prepared for A CHANGING LANDSCAPE, Nuffic expert meeting on Effective Support to Tertiary Education and Research in Developing Countries, The Hague, The Netherlands, 23-25 May 2005

"Femmes et Démocratisation en Afrique: leçons tirées de cas d'études," public lecture presented at the American

Cultural Center, Niamey Niger, 23 July 2004

"Ralph Bunche the Africanist: Revisiting Paradigms Lost," paper presented at the UCLA Ralph Bunche Centennial Conference, TRUSTEE FOR THE HUMAN COMMUNITY: RALPH J. BUNCHE AND THE DECOLONIZATION OF AFRICA", MAY 13-14, 2004

"Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Crossing Digital Divides," Luce Seminar @ Tufts, 1 March, 2004 [HTTP://WWW.TUFTS.EDU/PROVOST/INITIATIVES/TUFTSAFRICAFORUM/WORKSHOPS.HTML](http://www.tufts.edu/provost/initiatives/tuftsafrikaforum/workshops.html)

Panelist, Roundtable on Ralph J. Bunche: Africa and African Studies, Board-sponsored panel, the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, 1 November 2003

"Ralph Bunche the Africanist: In Search of the Talented Tenth," paper presented at the IPSA Plenary Session on Ralph Bunche, Durban, South Africa, 2 July 2003

"Setting Directions for ICT at UDSM," a Future Search stakeholders' workshop, UDSM, 3-5 October, 2002

"Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Experiments in Collaboration across Two Digital Divides," paper presented at conference on Effective Use of ICT to Create a New Environment for Learning and Teaching, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29 July – 1 August 2002

Organizer, Curriculum Co-Development Project Training Workshop for UDSM, Makerere & Tufts partners, held at the UDSM Computing Centre, 21-23 November 2001

Invited participant, Policy Forum organized by The Ford Foundation on Innovations in Higher Education in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 1-3 October 2001

Organizer, Tufts University International Relations Program conference on *Small States in a Changing World: Globalization, Regionalism, Culture and Identity*, 31 Mar–2 April, 2000

Co-organizer & panelist, SSRC conference on *Political Transitions in Africa: Violence and the Politics of Participation*, Niamey, Niger, June 1-3 1996

Organizer and moderator, Roundtable Discussion on "Images of Africa in the Media" at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Orlando, FL, October 1995

Invited participant, The White House Conference on Africa, 26-27 June 1994

Organizing committee, TransAfrica- Boston community forum on "AIDS in Africa: Its Clinical and Social Dimensions," 26 June 1993 (co-sponsored with Boston Multicultural AIDS Coalition)

Professional Service

National & International Advisory Boards and Committees

Current:

African Studies Association, Board member and the Executive Committee member
Council on Foreign Relations, member National Program Committee

Previous Service:

President, African Studies Association, 2007-2008
Vice President African Studies Association, 2006-2007
Member, the APSA's standing Committee on Professional Ethics (2001-2004)
Member, the Herskovits Award Committee of the African Studies Association (2001-2004)
Advisory Committee, Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College (1999-2001)
Member, Foreign Policy Advisory Committee, National Summit on Africa (1998-2000)
Advisory Board, Council on Foreign Relations Center for Preventive Action (1995-1998)
Chair, SSRC/ACLS Joint Committee on African Studies (1994-1996)

Advisory Board, Lincoln University's Center for Public Policy and Diplomacy (1991-1993)

Journals

Editorial Board of Advisors, Mawazo: Journal of the Faculties of Arts & Social Sciences, Makerere (*Past Service*)

Consulting Editor, Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women

Editorial Board: TransAfrica Forum

International Observer & Study Missions

Member, CSIS Delegation to China on China-Africa-US Relations, 28 November-1 December, 2006

International Observer, under the UNDP, of Niger Local Elections, 24 July 2004

International Observer, with The Carter Center, Nigerian Presidential Elections, 27 Feb 1999

Chair, Council on Foreign Relations-Center for Preventive Action Study Mission to Nigeria, January 1997

International Observer, Niger National Conference on Political Reform, 29 July-29 August, 1991

Congressional Testimony

U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs hearings on African Development, panel on Higher Education in Africa, 17 May 1993

U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa hearings on Recent Developments in Western and Southern Africa, West Africa panel, 29 April 1993

Extra-Curricular Activities

Boston PanAfrican Forum – Senior Advisor

TransAfrica, National Board Member (1993-1996)

National Council of Negro Women, International Advisory Board (1988-94)

Oxfam-America, Board Member & Overseas Projects Committee (1977-1986)

Media Consultancy

2008. Consultant and one of the featured subjects in "The Volunteers: Peace Corps Niger 1966," a documentary film production by producer/director Judy Irola. *In process.*

1999-2000. Blackside, Inc. and The Ford Foundation: Consultant for "Hope on the Horizon," a documentary film series about democratization in Africa. PBS Film debuted February 2001.

1990. WBZ-TV4 Boston: Consultant for Nelson Mandela's visit to Boston

1985. WETA Public Television: Curriculum consultant, PBS telecourse "The Africans"

Fellowships and Grants

Tufts University, Summer Faculty Research Awards Committee grant, 2008

Tufts University, Faculty Advisor to Kia Alston, Summer Scholar, 2007

Tufts Diversity Fund, grant to the Africa in the New World program for an African Diaspora Lecture Series followed by a Faculty Development Workshop focused on Course Development, \$23,000, 2005-06

UCLA Globalization Research Center-Africa, Visiting Research Fellow 2005

James S. Coleman African Studies Center, UCLA – Visiting Scholar 2005

Tufts University, Summer Faculty Research Awards Committee grant, 2005

Tufts University, Faculty Advisor to my student Anjuli Falhberg, recipient of a Summer Scholars grant, 2005

Ford Foundation Visiting Professor, Makerere University, Kampala Uganda, 1997-98

Scholar in Residence, Tufts European Center, Talloires, France, Summer 1996

University of Georgia, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Spring 1994

MIT, Visiting Scholar at the Center for International Studies, 1991-92

Social Science Research Council, Postdoctoral Research Grant 1991-92

Institute for Advanced Study, NEH Fellow School of Social Sciences, 1989-90

USA for Africa, Development Education Grant, 1988

Rockefeller Foundation, Scholar in Residence, Bellagio, Italy, May-June 1985

National Research Council, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 1983-84

Princeton University, Compton Fellow, Center of International Studies, 1980

Radcliffe College, Bunting Institute Fellow, Summer & Fall 1979

Ford Foundation grant for Afro-American Africanists book project, 1978
 Tufts Mellon Fellow, Spring 1977
 Ford Foundation Middle East and Africa Fellow, Dissertation fieldwork, 1972-73
 NDFL Fellowship (Hausa), and Columbia University Faculty Fellow, 1970-72

Conferences, Workshops Study Tour & Other Africa Collaborations

Co-Director (with Edward Kutsoati, Tufts/Economics) of *GHANAGOLD: A Corporate Social Responsibility Study Tour and Colloquium*. Launched with a 3-year, \$60,000 seed grant from Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service to Tufts' African in the New World program.

Website feature: <http://www.tufts.edu/home/feature/?p=ghana>

PI, USAID EDDI, \$100,000 grant to set up Digital Repository for documents on African Regionalism at UDSM & MUK libraries, 2003

PI, Ford Foundation, \$265,000 grant to launch the Curriculum Co-Development Project with Tufts University, Makerere University, and the University of Dar es Salaam, 2001-2004.

PI, Carnegie Corporation grant of \$15,000 for a Curriculum Co-Development Training Workshop for staff of Tufts University, the University of Dar es Salaam and Makerere University. The Workshop was held at the University of Dar es Salaam, 20-22 November 2001.

PI, US-AID Leland Initiative, \$18,000 grant for a CCD Workshop at Tufts University, Medford, Ma with 5 PS Department faculty and 2 ICT technicians from Makerere University & University of Dar es Salaam, September 2000.

PI, Ford Foundation grant of \$80,000 to Tufts IR Program for an international student conference and film festival on the theme *Small States in a Changing World: Globalization, Regionalism, Culture and Identity*, 31 March – 2 April, 2000

Ford Foundation-Dakar, grant to the SSRC for African capacity-building activities and a workshop on Elections in Niger, 5-7 January 1997

US Institute of Peace, grant to the SSRC for an international conference on *Transitions in Africa: Violence and the Politics of Participation*, held in Niamey, Niger, 1-3 June 1996

Carnegie Corporation planning grant, to the SSRC, for consultations with CODESRIA in Dakar, Senegal, June 26-July 5, 1995

Awards and Honors

- 2008. National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Special recognition (in my role as President of the African Studies Association) as one of four African-American female political scientists who attained simultaneous leadership of national learned societies in the fields of political science and in the comparative study of continental Africa.
- 2003. ACE/AT&T Award for the use of Technology as a Tool for Internationalization. Special Recognition for Tufts University's role in launching a prototype interactive course on "Regionalism in African International Relations" co-developed with Makerere University and the University of Dar es Salaam
- 2002. Selected for inclusion in a Boston Public Library photo exhibit of 200 Boston area intellectuals. Photos are now part of the Library's permanent collection.
- 2000. Recipient of the Gerald Gill Award, in recognition for "work that exemplifies commitment to enriching the lives of people of African descent in the Tufts community"
- 2000. Recognition by the APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science
- 1999. Honorary Member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Tufts University
- 1997. Tufts University, Outstanding Faculty Award
- 1996. Commencement Speaker, UC, Davis, College of Letters and Sciences
- 1994. Cal Aggie Alumni Association, Citation for Excellence Award
- 1991. League of African American Women, recognition for professional achievement and contributions to the broader community in the field of Political Activism
- 1988. Certificate of Appreciation from US Peace Corps for "inspiring global Understanding through international contributions and increasing awareness among people of color"