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## Education:

<b>Ph.D.</b>	University of Wisconsin	<b>2004</b>	Anthropology
<b>B.A.</b>	University of Rochester	1986	Anthropology, With Distinction and Highest Honors
<b>A.A.</b>	Dutchess Community College	1984	Liberal Arts, Honors

**Dissertation Title:** On the Edge of a City: An Historical Ethnography of Urban Identity in the Northwest Suburbs of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

## Professional Work Experience:

2006-	Wright State University, Dayton Ohio	Assistant Professor
2005-2006	Miami University, Oxford Ohio	Visiting Assistant Professor
2004-2005	Drake University, Des Moines Iowa	Visiting Assistant Professor
2003	Northeast Illinois University, Chicago Illinois	Instructor, Peoples of Africa
1992-1993, 2000, 2004	University of Wisconsin	Teaching Assistant, Anthropology and Human Diversity
1997, 2000- 2002	University of Wisconsin	Instructor, Rhetoric and Composition
1992, 1993	University of Wisconsin	Reader, Cultures of the World

## Courses Taught:

Comparative non-Western Cultures	Anthropology of Religion
Introduction to Anthropology (four fields)	African Oral Traditions
Peoples and Cultures of Africa	Anthropological Methods
Peoples and Cultures of the United States	Anthropological Theory
Political Anthropology	Anthropologists at Work

## **Refereed Publications:**

In Preparation "In Search of the New Suburbs of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: The 'Suburban Vanguard,' Urban Farming and New Peri-urban growth."

2007 "Exploring the Articulation of Sovereignty and Governmentality: The Chwaka Road and the Bombardment of Zanzibar, 1895-1896." *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 8(2), Fall.

2006 "The Shomvi: A Precursor to Global Ethnoscapes and Indigenization in Precolonial East Africa." *Ethnohistory* 53(3):715-751, Fall.

2005 "The Secret History of TANU: Rumor, Historiography and Muslim Unrest in Contemporary Dar es Salaam, Tanzania." *History and Anthropology* 16(4):441-463, December.

2003 "What! Me a Spy?: Intrigue and Reflexivity in Zanzibar." *Ethnography*. 4(1):122-144, March.

## **Travel/Research:**

2002	Tanzania	Conference "Dar es Salaam in the Twentieth Century" and Continuing Field Research
1998-1999	Tanzania	Continuing Field Research
1995-1996	Zanzibar	Field Research
1992	Tanzania and Zanzibar	Fulbright-Hays Swahili Group Project Abroad

## **Fellowships/Grants/Academic Honors:**

1998-1999	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
1995-1996	University of Wisconsin Graduate School Travel Grant
1992	Fulbright-Hays Swahili Group Project Abroad
1991	Title VI FLAS Fellowship, Michigan State University
1984-1986	Rochester National Scholarship

## **Service:**

Anthropology Curriculum Committee  
Sociology Search Committee  
Student Affairs Committee  
COLA Senate  
Undergraduate Symposium Committee

## Professional Affiliations:

British Institute of East Africa

EACROTANAL (East African Centre for Research in Oral Traditions and African National Languages).

ASA (African Studies Association).

AAA (American Anthropological Association).

## Presentations:

April 2008	A Suburban World? Global Decentralization and the New Metropolis, Reston VA.	In Search of the New Suburbs of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: The 'Suburban Vanguard,' Urban Farming and New Peri-urban growth.
November 2006	American Anthropological Association, San Jose	Intersections in the Cultural Construction of Space: Suburbanization in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
December 2004	American Anthropological Association, Atlanta.	"Neighboring on an Urban Borderland: The Case of the post-Ujamaa Suburbs of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania"
July 2002	University of Dar es Salaam	"Collective Villages and Private Farms: State Policy and the Transformation of Dar es Salaam's Suburbs"
November 2000	American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.	"The Secret History of TANU: Spatial Practices and Political Hegemony in Dar es Salaam"
October 1998	University of Wisconsin	"How Hidden Are Hidden Transcripts?: The Chwaka Road Zanzibar 1895-1896"
November 1997	University of Wisconsin	"'What! Me a Spy?!': Reflexivity and Political Intrigue in East Africa"
August 1995	University of Dar-es-Salaam	"Kusini na Kaskazini ya Makunduchi: Mbona Kuna Sehemu Mbili?"
May 1994	University of Wisconsin	"'Our Swords, Our Shields and Our Pens:' A Comparison of the Siku ya Mwaka in Makunduchi and Zanzibar City"