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Education:

Ph.D.	University of Wisconsin	2004	Anthropology
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Dissertation Title: On the Edge of a City: An Historical Ethnography of Urban Identity in the Northwest Suburbs of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

B.A.	University of Rochester	1986	Anthropology, With Distinction and Highest Honors
A.A.	Dutchess Community College	1984	Liberal Arts, Honors

Professional Experience:

2009-	Wright State University	Associate Professor
2006-2009	Wright State University	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

Professional Associations:

EACROTANAL (East African Centre for Research in Oral Traditions and African National Languages). ASA (African Studies Association). AAA (American Anthropological Association).

Courses Taught:

CST 241	Comparative non-Western Cultures	ENG 100	Rhetoric & Composition
ATH 341	Peoples & Cultures of Native North America	ATH 346/546	Anthropology of Religion
ATH 447	Peoples and Cultures of Africa	ATH 410	African Oral Traditions
ATH 410/610	Peoples and Cultures of the United States	ATH 410	Anthropological Methods
ATH 450/650	Political Anthropology	ATH 448/468	Anthropological Theory

Graduate Thesis Supervised:

Megan Werth- *Spirit Possession: Exploring the Textual Tradition in Islam*.

Independent Studies:

Renee Antoine- "Anthropology and Ethics" Graduate Course Summer, 2007

Megan Werth- "Anthropology and The Ulama Tradition" Graduate Course Summer 2008
"Islam and Spirit Possession." Graduate Course Spring 2009

Michael Peters- "Conquest from the African Perspective" Undergraduate, Fall 2009.

Guest Lectures:

Spring 2008 (with Dr. Jeremy Forbis) "The Nature of Human Nature," St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakwood.

Fall 2008 "Worldview and Spirit Possession in East Africa", University of Dayton, introductory anthropology course.

Spring 2009 "The Context of Muslim-Christian Relations in Africa" St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakwood.

Refereed Publications:

Under Review "The Kamba War: Foundation Narratives, Ethnogenesis, and the Invention of the Zaramo in Precolonial East Africa.

2010 "Postcolonial Migration: Virtual Culture, Urban Farming, and New Peri-Urban Growth in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 1975-2000" *Africa* 80 (2):249-274, May (R).

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 (R).

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

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 (R).

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

March (R).

Travel/Research:

2010	Tanzania	Field 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

Grants/Fellowships/Academic Honors:

2010	Wenner-Gren Foundation Post-Ph.D. Research Grant
2010	Wright State University Faculty Teaching Development Award
1998-1999	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Grant
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:

University:

Faculty Senate 2010
Budget Priority Committee 2010

College of Liberal Arts:

Co-Chair, Undergraduate Symposium Committee 2009-2010
Committee on COLA Conversion to Semesters 2009-2010
Undergraduate Symposium Committee 2008
COLA Senate 2007-2009
Faculty Affairs Committee 2008-2010
Faculty Mentor 2008-2009

Department of Sociology and Anthropology:

Co-chair Department Committee on Conversion to Semesters 2009-2010
Chair, Sociology Instructor Search Committee 2008
Sociology Search Committee 2007, 2008 and 2009
Anthropology Curriculum Committee 2006-
Student Affairs Committee 2007-
Student Anthropology Club Advisor

Other Service:

Co-lead CTL Workshop on Productive Peer Participation within Lecture Structure 2009
 Co-lead CTL Workshop on Midterm Student Evaluations 2008
 Co-lead CTL Workshop on Teaching Portfolios 2008
 Reviewer for Norton Publishing 2006
 Reviewer for *Comparative Civilizations Review* 2008
 Reviewer for McGraw Hill 2010
 Full Graduate Faculty Member 2009-

Professional Presentations:

November 2010	American Anthropological Association, New Orleans	Confronting the Sovereign Gaze in the Colonial Context: The Chwaka Road and the Bombardment of Zanzibar. (Read <i>in absentia</i>)
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	Dar es Salaam in the 20 th Century, 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"