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### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

African migration and transnational studies; Judeo-Spanish language and culture; West African historical anthropology; Islam; African cinema; social organization; economic anthropology; anticolonial movements; intrahousehold processes; rural, urban and transborder trade; ecological history. Area focus: Burkina Faso, West Africa, Turkey.

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, University of Illinois (Urbana)

Department of Anthropology; Program in Jewish Culture and Society; Curator, The Spurlock Museum;

2004 *Associé de Recherche*, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale, Collège de France and Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.

2004 July 1-August 19 Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

1999 Fall DAAD Visiting Professor, Institute für Ethnologie, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany

1996-1997 Scholar in residence (Chargé de Recherche), Laboratoire ERMES, Orléans, France

1991-1992 Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology, Yale University

1982-1988 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois (Urbana)

1988 and 1989 Acting Director, Center for African Studies

Affiliated with: Center for African Studies, Center for South Asia and Middle Eastern Studies; Russian, East European and Eurasian Center; Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program.

### AWARDS

2012 Visionaries Award of *Utne Reader* magazine: "12 People Changing Your World" for the year.

2004 Distinguished Africanist Award, Association for Africanist Anthropology, section of American Anthropological Association.

2002 Amaury Talbot Prize of the Royal Anthropological Institute , UK.

1982 Esther L. Kinsley Outstanding Dissertation Award.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

2001 *West African Challenge to Empire: Culture and History in the Volta-Bani Anticolonial War* (with Patrick Royer), 404 pp. Ohio University Press, Athens, and James Currey, Oxford.

- Amaury Talbot Prize
- Outstanding Academic Title, *Choice*

2013 *Judeo-Spanish in the Time of Clamoring Nationalisms*. Istanbul: Libra Books. (edited), 267 pp.

2010 *Viewing African Cinema in the Twenty-First Century: Art Films and the Nollywood Video Revolution*. Edited with Ralph A. Austen. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press. 248 pp.

Forthcoming: *Sepharad as Imagined Community: Language, History and Religion From The Early Modern Period to the Twenty-First Century*. Edited with José Ignacio Hualde. New York, Bern: Peter Lang .

### **Special Issue editor**

2014 *Global African Entrepreneurs*, thematic special issue of *Urban Anthropology* (UAS), vol. 43, no. 1, 2, 3 (edited with Michaela Pelican), 309 pp.

### **Web**

2015. "Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)." In *Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies*. Ed. Thomas Spear. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming peer reviewed web resource, 57 pages.

### **Journal Articles**

2014 A Different *Kargo*: Sub-Saharan Migrants in Istanbul and African Commerce. *Urban Anthropology*, vol. 43, no. 1, 2, 3, pp. 143-204.

2014 Global African Entrepreneurs: A New Research Perspective on Contemporary African Migration (with Michaela Pelican). *Urban Anthropology*, vol. 43, no. 1, 2, 3, pp. 1-16.

- 2013 Sahra Altı Afrika Ülkelerinden Türkiye'ye İş Göçü (Work Migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Turkey). *Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi* 68, no. 1, pp. 83-121.
- 2011 Istanbul Judeo-Spanish (with José Ignacio Hualde). *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* 41, no. 1, pp. 89-110.  
[http://journals.cambridge.org/repo\\_A82p8x2D](http://journals.cambridge.org/repo_A82p8x2D)
- 2010 İlhan Başgöz'ün Halk Edebiyatı Araştırmalarına Katkısı ("An assessment of İlhan Başgöz's contribution to folk literature research"). *Milli Folklor: Üç Aylık Uluslararası Kültür Araştırmaları Dergisi* 22, no. 85, pp. 19-25.
- 2007 Méthodes en histoire orale. Genèse de l'autorité politique *moogo*. *L'Homme. Revue française d'anthropologie*, no.182, pp. 215-232.
- 2006 Islam and West African Anthropology. *Africa Today*, vol. 53, no. 1, pp. 2-33.
- 2006 Le *fanga* comme savoir et destinée: Signification sociale de la réussite personnelle au Soudan occidental. *L'Homme. Revue française d'anthropologie*, no. 179, pp. 63-90.
- 2005 Claude Meillassoux (1925-2005). *American Anthropologist*, vol. 107, no. 4, pp. 753-57.
- 2005 The Circulation of Coins and the Roman Periphery. *Archaeological Dialogues*, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 31-34.
- 2004 Money in Colonial Transition: Cowries and Francs in West Africa. *American Anthropologist*, vol. 106, no. 1, pp. 71-84.
- 1998 The War Houses of the Watara in West Africa. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, vol. 31, no. 3, pp. 537-570.
- 1997 The Meanings of Environmental Terms (with Donald Johnson, S. H. Ambrose, T. J. Bassett, M. L. Bowen, D. E. Crummey, J. S. Isaacson, P. Lamb, and A. E. Winter). *Journal of Environmental Quality*, vol. 26, no. 3, pp. 581-589.
- 1997 Islam et appropriation mimétique comme ressource historique de la religion bobo. *Journal des Africanistes*, vol. 67, no. 2, pp. 7-24.
- 1997 The Fragile Victory of French Ecologists (with Jean-Paul Deléage). *Environmental Politics*, vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 152-57.
- 1997 Military Alliance, Personal Submission, and Oaths in Precolonial Sudan. *Working Papers on African Societies*, Göthe Universität, Institut für Historische Ethnologie

- 1992 Matrilineal Inheritance and Post-colonial Prosperity in Southern Bobo Country. *Man: The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, vol. 27, no. 2, pp. 341-362.
- 1991 The Bobo 'House' and the Uses of Categories of Descent. *Africa* (London: International African Institute), vol. 61, no. 1, pp. 71-97.
- 1989 Corporate Authority, Exchange, and Personal Opposition in Bobo Marriages. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 16, no. 1, pp. 58-76.
- 1987 The Organization of a West African Grain Market. *American Anthropologist* vol. 89, no. 1, pp. 74-95.
- 1986 Development of the Grain Market and Merchants in Burkina Faso. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 127-153.
- 1984 The Quranic School Farm and Child Labour in Upper Volta. *Africa* (London: International African Institute), vol. 54, no. 2, pp. 71-87.
- 1983 The Mother Tongue of the Polyglot: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism among the Sepharadim of Istanbul. *Anthropological Linguistics*, vol. 25, no. 3, pp. 326-358.
- 1983 Work Parties, Wages and Accumulation in a Voltaic Village. *American Ethnologist* vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 77-96.
- 1981 Beer, Sorghum and Women: Production for the Market in Rural Upper Volta. *Africa* (London: International African Institute), vol. 51, no. 3, pp. 746-76.

### **Book Chapters**

2015. "Geçmişten Bugüne Siyah Afrika'dan Türkiye'ye Göçler: Kölelikten Küresel Girişimciliğe" [Past and Present Sub-Saharan African Migrations to Turkey: From Slavery to Global Entrepreneurship]. In M. Murat Erdoğan and Ayhan Kaya, *14. Yüzyıldan 21. Yüzyıla Türkiye'ye Göçler* [Migrations to Turkey, 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries]. pp. 75-117. Istanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları.
- 2014 "Burkina Faso," in *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ed. by Thomas Riggs, volume 2, pp. 243-252. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Publishers. (expanded and updated from 2005)
- 2013 "What's In a Name? *Ladino, Espanyol, Djudyo, Judeoespañol, Sefardi.*" In *Judeo-Spanish in the Time of Clamoring Nationalisms*. Mahir Şaul, editor, pp. 179-253. Istanbul: Libra Books.

- 2013 "Les foyers Zara de Sia et de Tunuma à la fin du dix-neuvième siècle." In *La ville de Bobo-Dioulasso au Burkina Faso: Urbanité et appartenances en Afrique de l'ouest*, ed. by Katja Werthmann and Mamadou Lamine Sanogo, pp. 43-67. Paris: Karthala.
- 2013 "Paul Bohannan." In *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Richard L. Warms and Jon McGee. vol. 1, pp. 86-89. Los Angeles: Sage Publications.
- 2013 "Claude Meillassoux." In *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*. Edited by Richard L. Warms and Jon McGee, vol. 2, pp. 546-548. Los Angeles: Sage Publications.
- 2012 Africa South of the Sahara, Chapter 30 in *A Handbook of Economic Anthropology*, Second Edition, ed. by James G. Carrier, pp. 512-528. London: Edward Elgar. (revised and expanded from 2005)
- 2012 Le roi et la multiplication des pouvoirs. In *La terre et le pouvoir. À la mémoire de Michel Izard*, ed. by Dominique Casajus and Fabio Viti, pp. 163-179. Paris : Éditions Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.
- 2012 Gaston Kaboré. In *Dictionary of African Biography*, ed. by Henry Louis Gates and Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, v. 3. Oxford University Press.  
<http://www.oxford-africanbiography.com/entry?entry=t338.e0987>
- 2012 Idrissa Ouédraogo. In *Dictionary of African Biography*, ed. by Henry Louis Gates and Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, v. 5. Oxford University Press.  
<http://www.oxford-africanbiography.com/entry?entry=t338.e1646>
- 2010 Les mages magnats de l'après-ajustement structurel. In *Révoltes et oppositions dans un régime semi-autoritaire. Le cas du Burkina Faso*, ed. by Mathieu Hilgers and Jacinthe Mazzocchetti, pp. 107-116. Paris: Karthala.
- 2010 Art, Commerce and Politics in Francophone African Cinema. In *Viewing African Cinema in the Twenty-first Century: Art Films and the Nollywood Video Revolution*. Ed. By M. Şaul and R. Austen, pp. 133-159. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- 2009 Koranic Schools and Child Labor in West Africa. In *The World of Child Labor: An Historical and Regional Survey*. Edited by Hugh D. Hindman, pp. 199-201. Armonk, N.Y.: ME Sharpe.  
<http://books.google.com/books?id=lrKec5YTVYAC&lpg=PA199&ots=z0mx2VrC8Z&dq=mahir%20saul&pg=PA199#v=onepage&q=mahir%20saul&f=false>
- 2006 History as Cultural Redemption in Gaston Kaboré's Precolonial-Era Films. In *Black and White in Colour: African History on Screen*. Edited by Vivian Bickford-Smith and Richard Mendelsohn, pp. 11-27, 324-326. Cape Town: Double Storey Books; Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.

- 2005 Burkina Faso, in *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, ed. by Thomas Riggs, volume 2, pp. 155-163. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Publishers.
- 2005 Women Cross-border Traders in West Africa (with Gayle A. Morris). In *Women in African Development: The Challenge of Globalization and Liberalization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, ed. by Sylvain H. Boko, Mina Balianoune-Lutz, and Sitawa R. Kimuna, pp. 53-82. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.
- 2005 Africa South of the Sahara, Chapter 31 in *A Handbook of Economic Anthropology*, ed. by James G Carrier, pp. 500-514. London: Edward Elgar.
- 2004 The Dominance of the Cowry Relative to the Franc in West Africa, in *Values and Valuables: From the Sacred to the Symbolic*, edited by Cynthia Werner and Duran Bell, pp. 101-127. Society for Economic Anthropology Monograph Series, Volume 21. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press.
- 2003 The Wild Vegetation Cover of Western Burkina Faso: Colonial Policy and Post-Colonial Development. (with Jean-Marie Ouadba and Ouétian Bongnounou) in *African Savannas: Global Narratives and Local Knowledge of Environmental Change*, edited by Thomas Bassett and Donald Crummey, pp. 121-160. Oxford and Portsmouth, N.H.: James Currey and Heinemann.
- 2001 The Mother Tongue of the Polyglot: Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism among the Sepharadim of Istanbul. In *Turkish-Jewish Encounters: Studies on Turkish-Jewish Relations through the Ages*. Edited by Mehmet Tütüncü. Haarlem: Stichting SOTA, pp. 129-166. [revised from Saul 1983]
- 1999 [2001] Les maisons de guerre des Watara du Mouhoun précolonial. *Burkina Faso: Cent Ans d'Histoire, 1895-1995*. Edited by Georges Madiéga. Paris: Karthala, and DPU of the University of Ouagadougou, pp. 381-417.
- 1995 Economic Life in African Villages and Towns. In *Africa*, Third Edition. Edited by Phyllis M. Martin and Patrick O'Meara. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, pp. 190-210.
- 1993 Land Custom in Bare: Agnatic Corporation and Rural Capitalism in Western Burkina. In *Land in African Agrarian Systems*. Ed. by Thomas Bassett and Donald Crummey. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, pp. 75-100.
- 1991 Farm Production in Bare, Burkina Faso: The Technical and Cultural Framework of Diversity. In *Savoirs Paysans et Développement*. Ed. by Georges Dupré. Paris: Editions Karthala and ORSTOM, pp. 301-329.

- 1989 Separateness and Relation: Autonomous Income and Negotiation among Rural Bobo Women. In *The Household Economy: Reconsidering the Domestic Mode of Production*, pp. 171-193. Edited by Richard Wilk. Boulder, Co.: Westview Press.
- 1989 Expenditure and Intrahousehold Patterns Among the Bobo of Burkina Faso. In *The Social Economy of Consumption*, pp. 349-378. Edited by Henry Rutz and Benjamin S. Orlove. Society for Economic Anthropology Monograph Series, Volume. 6. Lanham: University Press of America.
- 1988 Money and Land Tenure as Factors in Farm Size Differentiation in Burkina Faso. In *Land and Society in Contemporary Africa.*, pp. 243-279. Edited by R. E. Downs and S. P. Reyna. Hanover and London: University Press of New England.
- 1988 The Efficiency of Private Channels in the Distribution of Cereals in Burkina Faso. In *Production and Autonomy: Anthropological Studies and Critiques of Development*, pp. 87-104. Edited by J. W. Bennett and J. R. Bowen. Society for Economic Anthropology Monograph Series, Volume. 5. Lanham: University Press of America.

### **Shorter pieces**

- 2012 "Michel Izard. In Memoriam." *Anthropology News*. 53(5-May): 24.

### **Book reviews**

- 2015 Global Nollywood: the transnational dimensions of an African video film industry, by Matthias Krings and Onookome Okome. *Africa* 85 (3): 566-567.
- 2011 Living with Ambiguity: Integrating an African Elite in French and Portuguese Africa, 1930-61, by Alexander Keese. *The American Historical Review* February, 252-253.
- 2010 Masquerades of Modernity: Power and Secrecy in Casamance, Senegal, by Ferdinand De Jong, H-Africa, H-Net Reviews, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25884>
- 2009 Turkey's Modernization: Refugees From Nazism and Atatürk's Vision, by Arnold Reisman. *Review of Middle East Studies* 43, no. 1: 123-126.
- 2008 Locality, Mobility, and "Nation": Periurban Colonialism in Togo's Eweland 1900-1060, by Benjamin N. Lawrance. *International History Review* 30 (4): 861-863.
- 2008 African Filmmaking: North and South of the Sahara, by Roy Armes, H-AfrArts, H-Net Reviews, URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=144361203696670>.
- 2007 Tongnaab: The History of a West African God, by Jean Allman and John Parker. *The American Historical Review* , December 2007, pp. 1656-1657.

- 2007 Kola is God's Gift: Agricultural Production, Export Initiatives & the Kola Industry of Asante & the Gold Coast c. 1820-1950, by Edmund Abaka. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 40 (1): 162-163.
- 2006 Shea Butter Republic: State Power, Global Markets, and the Making of an Indigenous Commodity, by Brenda Chalfin. *African Studies Review* 49(1): 141-143.
- 2004 Colonial Rule and Crisis in Equatorial Africa: Southern Gabon, ca. 1850-1940, by Christopher J. Gray. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 38(1)
- 2003 Kongo Political Culture: The Conceptual Challenge of the Particular, by Wyatt MacGaffey (Indiana University Press). *American Ethnologist* 30(4): 631-632.
- 2003 Art, Innovation, and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Benin, by Paula Girshick Ben-Amos (Indiana University Press). *American Ethnologist* 30(4): 620.
- 2003 The Same but Different: Language Use and Attitudes in Four Communities of Burkina Faso, by Stuart Showalter (SIL International). *American Anthropologist* 105(2): 466-467.
- 2002 Feasts: Archaeological and Ethnographic Perspectives on Food, Politics, and Power, edited by Michael Dietler and Brian Hayden (Smithsonian Institution Press). *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 8(4): 775-776.
- 2002 Dynamics of Violence: Processes of Escalation and De-Escalation in Violent Group Conflicts, edited by G. Elvert, S. Feuchtwang and D. Neubert (Duncker & Humblot). *American Anthropologist*. 104(1):353-354.
- 2001 Femmes peules du Burkina Faso: Stratégies féminines et développement rural by Françoise Puget (L'Harmattan). *International Journal of African Historical Studies*.34(1): 232-233.
- 2000 Innovation and Individuality in African Development, by Dolores Koenig, Tiéman Diarra, and Moussa Sow (Michigan University Press). *American Anthropologist* 102(4): 949.
- 1997 The Culture of Politics in Modern Kenya, by Angelique Haugerud (Cambridge University Press). *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 3(2): 414-15.
- 1996 Enquête sur la parenté, by Francis Zimmerman (Presses Universitaire de France). *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 2(1): 181-182.
- 1995 The Real Economy of Zaire: The Contribution of Smuggling & Other Unofficial Activities to National Wealth, by J. MacGaffey, V. Mukohya, R. Wanekra, B.G. Schoepf, M. M. Beda, and W. Engundu. *American Ethnologist*. 22(3): 640-641.



- 1993 Dictionnaire de l'ethnologie et de l'anthropologie, edited by Pierre Bonte and Michel Izard. *American Anthropologist* 95(1): 181-182.
- 1990 The Mande Blacksmiths: Knowledge, Power, and Art in West Africa, by Patrick R. McNaughton. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 20(3): 281-282.
- 1989 Anthropology and Rural Development in West Africa, ed. by Michael M. Horowitz and Thomas M. Painter. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 23(3): 482-483.
- 1988 Beyond the New Economic Anthropology, edited by John Clammer. *American Anthropologist* 90(3):757-758.
- 1986 Chayanov, Peasants, and Economic Anthropology, edited by Paul Durrenberger. *American Anthropologist* 88(3): 762-763.
- 1983 Combined review: Honneur et Baraka: Les Structures Traditionnelles dans le Rif, by Raymond Jamous; and Du Bon Usage du Sex et du Mariage: Structures Matrimoniales du Haut-plateau Nigérian, by Jean-Claude Muller. *American Ethnologist* 10:380-382.
- 1980 The Peasant Venture, by Paul J. Magnarella. *The Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 4(1): 21-25.
- 1978 L'ambivalence de la Production: Logiques Communautaires et Logique Capitalist, by G. Berthoud and F. Sabelli. *American Anthropologist* 80:390-391.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Indiana University, 1982  
M.A. Indiana University, 1978  
B.A. Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, 1975

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2014 Hewlett International Research Grant for fieldwork
- 2012 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) International Short visit Grant (Decision IZKOZ1\_143983) for work in collaboration with the University of Zurich, Ethnologisches Seminar.
- 2010 The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

2010 Erasmus Mundus Fellowship. Master TPTI Program (Techniques, Patrimoine, Territoires de l'industrie). Consortium of Université Paris 1, Sorbonne (France), Universidade de Evora (Portugal), Università di Padova (Italy). May-September.

2004 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Award (\$40,000)

1992-1998 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Joint Research Grant One of Four Principal Investigators: "The African Environment: Experience and Control" (\$750,755). Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique, and Ethiopia.

1994 Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Fellowship (\$17,060)

1988-1990 National Science Foundation: "Social Relations and the History of Farming in Bobo Country, West Africa" BNS 88-15676 (\$103,800).

1988 William and Flora Hewlett International Research Grant: "Research in Missionary Archives in Rome, Italy" (\$3,650)

1988 The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research: "Social Relations and the History of Farming in Bobo Country, West Africa" (\$1,400)

1986 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation [Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security] (\$3,585). Course Development: "Development and Defense Spending in Africa."

1983-1984 National Science Foundation: "Income, Expenditure and Intra-Household Patterns in Bobo Country" BNS 83-05394 (\$64,430)

1983-1984 The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, "Income, Expenditure and Intra-Household Patterns in Bobo Country" #4392 (\$5,000)

### **University Grants**

Grants by the Research Board of the University of Illinois in 2010 (U of I Research Board grant #10179 PROJECT "African Immigrants In Istanbul" \$13,000); 2004 (RA support), 2003 (\$4,400), 2002 (\$3,300); 2001 (\$5,300); 1999 (RA support, computer equipment, research expenses); 1998; 1994 (\$9,600); 1990 (\$5,000); 1989 (\$2,500); 1988 (\$2,500); 1988 (\$2,125);

Grants by the George A. Miller Committee: 2005; 1987#87094: (\$3,600); 1985 #85371: (\$7,020); 1983 #83215: (\$4,000); 1983 #83089: (\$2450); 1982.

1988 International Programs and Studies, International Research Support in the Humanities and the Arts (\$1,700)

Minor travel grants and grants received as PI for student projects omitted

## **OTHER HONORS**

2005 Associate, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois (Urbana)

1993 Fellow, Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, University of Illinois (Urbana)

1992 Undergraduate Instructional Award, University of Illinois (Urbana)

1986 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois (Urbana)

## **REVIEW PANELS**

Belgium's FNRS, Commission Scientifique Sciences Humaines et Sociales – 1 (SHS-1)  
[Scientific funding agency of Belgium, Committee for the humanities and the social sciences [2010-2016]

Quality Board of the Techniques, Patrimoine, Territoires de l'Industrie (TPTI) of Erasmus Mundus, a joint graduate degree program of the Universities Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France), Padua (Italy), and Evora (Portugal). (2011)

## **RECENT CONFERENCE AND PANELS**

2014, June 20. "A Bobo Conception of Town: Ethnohistoric Component of a Modern City" Ninth International Conference on Mande Studies. MANSA Association des Études Mandé, RAN Hotel, Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, June 18-24.

2014, September 11. "The Plotted Adventure: How West African Migrants Settle and Work in Istanbul" African Studies Association UK (ASAUK), 2014 Biennial conference, University of Sussex, 9-11 Sept. Panel: African Migrants in Emerging Diasporas

2014 September 2-3. Conference organizer: *Sepharad as imagined community: language, culture, and religion from the early modern period to the twenty-first century* (with José Ignacio Hualde; 12 international participants and 4 local commentators). Room 210- Illini Union, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2011 June 7-8. Organizer: Symposium on Jewish Languages and the Spanish Legacy. Hosted by the Institut Français d'Études Anatoliennes, Istanbul, co-sponsored by the Cervantes Institute, Ottoman-Turkish Sephardic Culture Research Center, and Bogaziçi University.

2007 November 8-10. Organizer: African Film Conference. University of Illinois, Urbana. An extended report on this event in *Scope*, the University of Nottingham's online journal of film studies <http://www.scope.nottingham.ac.uk/confreport.php?issue=11&id=1025>

2005 Sponsored panel: "Islam and Africa/Islam in Africa". 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 20, Washington, D.C. Sponsored jointly by the Middle East Studies Association and African Studies Association.

2000 Organizer and chair of two panels (with Erdmute Alber, Bayreuth University) Power in non-territorial political space. November, African Studies Association Meeting, Nashville.

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

May 2010-August 2011 African Immigrants in Istanbul, Turkey

June-July 2005 Burkina Faso, Mayoral elections and ethnic politics in Bobo-Dioulasso

July August 2003 Northern Ghana with Isidore Lobnibe. Burkina Faso, Archives du Haut Commissariat, Bobo-Dioulasso, colonial trade and development projects.

June-July 2002 Burkina Faso, oral history project, cowries and credit in the colonial period

May -June 2001 Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, cercle appointments in the colonial period

June July 2000 Mali,, Senegal, Benin, Nigeria, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cross-border women traders

May-June 1998 The anti-colonial war in the Volta region, 1915-16. Interviews in villages.

May-August 1995 Research on environmental and political history, Bobo-Dioulasso

May-August 1994 The Bobo Transformation. Research on colonial history in the National Archives of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan

Dec 1993-Jan 1994 Burkina Faso: Environmental history in southern Bobo country.

July-Aug 1993 Burkina Faso: Environmental history in southern Bobo country.

Jan-June 1990 Burkina Faso: Bobo social organization and farming.

Nov-Dec 1989 French National Archives, Section Outre-Mer (Aix-en-Provence): Colonial social history in Bobo country.

April-Sept 1989 Burkina Faso: Bobo social organization, religious and economic history.

May-July 1988 Rome, Italy: Archives de la Société des Missionnaires d'Afrique.

May 1983-Aug 1984 Burkina Faso (Upper Volta): Social organization, income, expenditure and the farm economy among the Bobo.

May 1978-Aug 1979 Upper Volta: Labor use in traditional agriculture among the Moose and Bisa.