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**Degrees in Higher Education**

- Ph.D. Political Science with Minor in African Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1996.
- M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1991.
- B.A. Government with Minor in Economics, Skidmore College, 1985.  
Phi Beta Kappa, College and Departmental Honors.

**Knowledge of Foreign Languages**

Proficient in French

Familiarity with Wolof (Senegal and Gambia)

**Professional Experience in Higher Education**

Acting Director of the Institute of African Studies, Spring 2003, Academic Year 2005-06.  
Columbia University.

Assistant Professor, July 1996 to Present.  
Department of Political Science, Barnard College.

Program Assistant for SSRC-Mac Arthur Scholars Program, 1995-1996.  
Global Studies Research Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Visiting Instructor for African Politics Course, Fall 1994.  
Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

Teaching Assistant for Africa Introductory Survey Course, Summer 1994.  
African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### **Other Professional Experience**

Co-Organizer a Symposium on African Immigrants in New York City with the Museum of African Art and the Museum of the City of New York, April 2006.

Consultant for Freedom House as a Sub-Saharan Africa regional advisor for *Countries at the Crossroads*, 2004-present.

Lead Investigator for World Bank study on the role of Social Accountability in Mongolia's International Budget Project, 2005-present.

Convener of Workshop on "Mapping of 'the Gray Zone': Clientelism & Democracy," April 2003.

Co-Organizer with the African Service Committee of "The Forum of African Immigrant Associations" in Metropolitan New York, March 2003.

Lead Investigator for World Bank study on Civic Engagement and Decentralization in Senegal, Winter 2003.

Consultant for State Department Interagency Project on Conflict Prevention and Recovery in Senegal, The Fund for Peace, Fall 2002.

Team Leader for Study on the Role of Civil Society Organizations in the Casamance Peace Process. Coordinating work of five African researchers in Senegal, The Gambia and Guinea-Bissau. Study for Associates in Rural Development with USAID funding, August-September 2001.

Coordinator for the English as a Second Language Program for African Immigrants. African Services Committee in New York City, 2000-2002.

Consultant for the Organization of the Senegalese Diaspora Meeting "*Rencontre de New York*" held at Barnard College, October 2000.

Interviewer for Focus Groups on Muslims in New York Project Middle East Institute and Urban Studies at Columbia University, Fall 2000.

Consultant to Train Pollsters for Exit Poll during the Ivorian Constitutional Referendum *Rassemblement des Républicains*, Cote d'Ivoire, July 2000.

Coordinator of Exit Poll in New York City for Senegalese Presidential Elections, in conjunction with Sud-Communications USA, February and March 2000.

Co-Editor for Book Manuscript *The Political Philosophy of Idi Amin* by B. T. Ruyyema (Madison: African Studies Center, 1997).

Foreign Observer with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.  
Senegalese Presidential Elections, February 1993.

Peace Corps Volunteer, Community Development Program. Toubacouta, Senegal 1986-87.

## **Publications**

### **\* Journal Articles**

“Who are the *Sénégalais d’Amérique*?” accepted for publication in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, publication date in 2006.

“Democratization and the ‘Hidden Public’: The Participation of Senegalese Women in Patronage Politics,” *Comparative Politics* 35:1 (2003).

“Reining in the Marabouts? Decentralization and Political Accountability” *African Affairs* (2001).

"Patrimonial Democrats: Incremental Reform and the Obstacles to Consolidating Democracy in Senegal," *The Canadian Journal of African Studies* 31:1 (1997).

### **\* Chapters in Edited Volume**

“Patronage Politics: A Fond Farewell?” *Sénégal du ‘socialisme’ à l’ajustement structurel: Quelles politiques pour le XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle?* Edited by Momar-Coumba Diop, Mamadou Diouf, Paul Ndiaye and Lat Soucabé Mbow, (Paris: Karthala, 2002).

“Senegal’s Enlarged Presidential Majority: Deepening Democracy or a Detour?” *State, Conflict and Democracy in Africa*, edited by Richard Joseph (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Press, 1998).

### **\* Encyclopedia Entry and Serial Reports**

“Senegal: Country Profile,” published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (1999).

“Senegal Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1999,” published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (1999).

“Senegal: A Calming of the Political Waters,” in *Africa Contemporary Record, 1990-92* (1998).

### **\* Publications in Working Papers Series**

“Senegalese Patronage Politics and Decentralization: The Origins of the Casamance Secessionist

Movement," MacArthur Working Paper Series (Madison: University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1997).

"Advancing Beyond Semi-Democracy: Political Accountability and Popular Participation in Senegal," in *The Democratic Challenge in Africa*. (Atlanta: The Carter Center of Emory University, 1994).

#### **\* Book Reviews**

Review of *Women and Politics in Uganda* by Aili Marie Tripp, *Political Science Quarterly* (2000).

Review of *Sovereigns, Quasi-Sovereigns, and Africans* by Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui in *Political Science Quarterly* (Spring 1998).

#### **\* Other Publications**

Forward for *The Trilateral Conspiracy: The French Colonialist, The British Empire and the Vatican* by Shaykh Moustapha Mbacke (2003).

"An American's View of Mouridism and the Mourides of New York," A Special Publication of the Murid Islamic Community in America, July 2001.

#### **Works Submitted for Publication**

*Brokering Democracy in Africa: The Rise of Clientelist Democracy in Senegal*, Prospectus and book chapters submitted to various publishers.

"Clientelist Democracy," Submitted for publication in *Comparative Political Studies*.

"The 'Other' Black Muslims: West African Immigrant Communities in New York City," to be published in an edited volume by the "Muslims in New York City" project of the Middle East Institute and the Center for Urban Research and Policy at Columbia University.

#### **Conference Papers**

The Dual *Fremdheit* (Foreignness) of West African Muslims in New York City: Interactions, Tensions and Confluence with Fellow Muslim 'Foreigners' and African-American 'Autochthons,' Conference on African Migration at the Center for the Modern Orient (Zentrum Moderner Orient), Berlin, December 12-14, 2005.

"The 'Other' Black Muslims: West African Immigrant Communities," Muslims in New York Conference, Columbia University, October 4-5, 2004.

- “Brokering Democracy in Africa: Political Competition, Participation and Stability,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2004.
- “Associational Life among the Senegalese in New York City,” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, November 2003.
- “Reforming Senegal’s Clientelist Democracy: The Role of the Diaspora,” Association of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Northwestern University, September 2003.
- “Clientelist Democracy,” Workshop on “Mapping the ‘Gray Zone’: Clientelism and Democracy,” Columbia University, April 2003.
- “Who are the Senegalese of New York?” African Studies Association, Nashville 2000.
- “Sovereignty in Africa: From Colonial Inheritance to Ethnic Entitlement? The Case of the Casamance Secessionist Movement,” American Political Science Association, Atlanta 1999.
- “Islam and Politics in Senegal,” Conference on Islam in Africa sponsored by Institutes of African Studies and Middle East Studies at Columbia University, New York 1999.
- “Reining in the Marabouts? Decentralization and Political Accountability in the 1996 Senegalese Elections,” African Studies Association, Chicago 1998, revised version to be published in *African Affairs*.
- “Patronage Politics in Africa and the Former Soviet Union,” co-authored with Alex Cooley (Columbia University), Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York 1997.
- “Decentralization in Senegal: Political Reform or Rhetoric?” African Studies Association, 1996.
- “Democratization and the ‘Hidden Public’ Sphere: Continuity and Change in the Participation of Senegalese Women in Patronage Politics,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco 1996, revised version forthcoming in *Comparative Politics*.
- “‘Patrimonial Democrats’: Incremental Reforms and the Obstacles to Consolidating Democracy in Senegal,” American Political Science Association, Chicago 1995, revised version published in *The Canadian Journal of African Studies*.
- “Modern Mouridism: A Separation of Religion and Politics,” African Studies Association, Orlando 1995.
- “Advancing Beyond Semi-Democracy in Senegal: A Fair Electoral Code does not a ‘Full’ Democracy Make,” presented at a seminar on Democratization at the Carter Center of Emory University (May

1994), subsequently published in “The Democratic Challenge in Africa” as part of a Carter Center Working Paper Series.

### **Invited Lectures and Professional Presentations**

Participation in a Roundtable on the New African Diaspora, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 2004.

“From Personal Rule to Clientelist Democracy: The Persistence of Clientelist Politics in Africa,” University of Bordeaux, Centre d’Etude d’Afrique Noire, May 2004.

“Senegal’s Clientelist Democracy,” Rhodes College, April 2004.

“Application of the ARVIN Framework to Assess Civic Engagement in the Decentralization (Senegal),” Clinic on New Tools for Promoting Civic Engagement at the World Bank, March 2004 and June 2004.

Participant in the “Pre-Forum: Immigrants and Investment in Senegal,” organized by the Senegalese government, Trade Union leaders and leaders of the Senegalese immigrant community, May 2003.

“The ‘Other’ Black Muslims of New York City,” presentation of joint research project with Ousmane Kane and Gregory Mann, Workshop for the Muslims Communities in New York Project, Middle East Institute and Center for Urban Research and Policy at Columbia University, September 2003.

Participant in a colloquium on “The Contribution of African Diaspora Intellectuals to the African Union,” organized by the Senegalese Government and the Schomburg Center, Fall 2003.

“Beyond Marches: Women and Conflict Resolution in Senegal,” Barnard Center for Research on Women, February 2002.

Commentator on panel discussion of Joshua Goldstein’s book, *War and Gender*, Council on Foreign Relations, November 2001.

Participation in college-sponsored forum in the aftermath of 9/11, speaking on infringements on civil liberties of Muslims and other religious minorities in the United States, October 2001.

“Gender Politics in Senegal,” Conference organized in honor of Crawford Young, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2001.

Participant on panel discussion on African Immigrants in Europe, Center for European Studies at New York University, April 2000.

Participant in round table series on “Women Waging Peace and Inclusive Security,” Council on Foreign Relations, 1999-2000.

Participant in the Conference on Nigeria, Council on Foreign Relations, January 1998.

“Women and Politics in Senegal,” University of Florida, March 1998.

“Chiefs, Councils and Local Representation: Decentralization and Political Participation in Senegal,” West African Research Association, Dakar, Senegal, July 1997.

“Senegal’s Enlarged Presidential Majority,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 1997.

“The Socio-Economic Dimensions of Structural Adjustment,” presented to a group of African journalists during an exchange sponsored by the US Information Agency and the Institute of International Education Exchange, November 1996.

### **Grant Activity**

Faculty Grant from Barnard College to conduct research on changes in the Senegalese legal code in support of democratization, 2004-05.

Faculty Grant from the Muslims in New York Project administered by the Middle East Institute, Columbia University, funded by an institutional grant from the Ford Foundation, 2002-04.

Faculty Grant from Barnard College to conduct research on Transnational Senegalese Politics, funded by an institutional grant from the Ford Foundation, 2000-2001.

Faculty Grant from Barnard College to conduct research in Senegal on Decentralization and Gender, 1997.

Mac Arthur Scholarship for The Third World's Relationship to International Peace and Cooperation, 1991-92 and 1994-95.

Social Science Research Council Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1992-94.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, 1992-94.

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship for Arabic and Wolof: 1989-90, 1990-91, Summer 1991.

### **Academic Honors and Awards**

Award of Appreciation from the National Pulaar Speaking Association (USA) for volunteering as an instructor of English as a Second Language and commentator on their radio program.

Volunteer Service Award from the City of New York for Contribution to The African Services Committee, June 2002.

Gladys Brooks Teaching Award from Barnard College, 2001.

Teaching Award from Columbia College Class of 2000, April 2000.

Teaching Award from Barnard Students of Color, 1997 and 2000.

Nominee for the Gabriel Almond Prize for the outstanding dissertation in comparative politics. American Political Science Association, 1997.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1985.

### **Professional Memberships and Service**

African Studies Association. Member since 1991.

American Political Science Association. Member since 1991.  
Member of the Election Committee for the Africa Section (2003-2004).

Center for African Education at Teachers College, Columbia University.  
Member of the Executive Advisory Committee (2004-2006).

Institute of African Studies, Columbia University.  
Executive Committee (2001-2004), Acting Director (Spring 2003, 2005-2006).

*Irinkerindo: A Journal of African Migration*. Member of Editorial Board since 2002.

West African Research Association. Member since 1996; Elected to Executive Board, 2000-2004.

### **Service to the Profession**

Reviewer for article manuscripts for *African Studies Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*.

Reviewer for the Senegal Report by the Soros Democracy Coalition Project, 2002.

External mentor for Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at the University of Western Michigan under a Ford Foundation grant to promote minority graduate students, 2001-2004.

Grant reviewer for Minority Pre-Doctoral Fellowships, National Research Council and Ford Foundation, March 2000.

### **Professionally-Related Community Service**

Member of the Executive Board of Naweyone, a New York-based NGO working with the Sierra Leonean immigrant community, 2006.

Member of the Executive Board of the African Services Committee, the largest NGO working with the African immigrant community in New York City, 2005- present.

Expert witness on three asylum cases (names withheld for reasons of confidentiality), 2000-2005.

Literacy Instructor, Pulaar Speaking Association, June 2003 to December 2004.

Advised the Vera Institute on its project on NYPD Relations with the West African Immigrant Community, including a documentary funded by the US Department of Justice, 2004.

Co-Organizer with the African Service Committee of “The Forum of African Immigrant Associations” in Metropolitan New York, March 2003.

Guest speaker at a banquet for the Coalition of Ethiopian Women in New York City, December 2002.

Coordinator for the English as a Second Language Program for African Immigrants.  
African Services Committee in New York City, 2000-2002.

Interview with the BBC for a documentary on Muridism (Senegal), Summer 2002.

Met with African delegation with the US Department of State International Visitors Program, July 2002.

Coordinator for the Organization of the Senegalese Diaspora Meeting “*Rencontre de New York*” held at Barnard College, October 2000.

Interviews with various news organizations, including the *New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *Newsday*, and *Marie Claire* on the African immigrant community in the US.

Radio Commentator: “Africa Times” (a Senegalese weekly radio program); “Pulaar Radio (a West African weekly radio program), periodically 2000-present.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Undergraduate**

Contemporary African Politics  
(also taught at Michigan State University)  
Introduction to African Studies  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Islam and Politics  
Politics of Identity  
Senior Thesis Seminar

#### **Graduate**

Contemporary African Politics  
Islam and Politics  
Political Incorporation of  
Cultural Minorities

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