

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Education:

Ph.D., History, Dalhousie University, 2006
M.A., History, Dalhousie University, 2001
B.A. with Honors in History, University of Sierra Leone, 1993

Academic Positions:

Professor of History, Delaware State University, 2022 –
Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, 2018- 2021
Associate Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, 2011- 2018
Assistant Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, 2005-2011
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dalhousie University, 2000-2004
Lecturer, Milton Margai College of Education (Sierra Leone), 1995-2000
Part Time Lecturer/Teaching Assistant, Fourah Bay College (Sierra Leone), 1994-2000

Administrative Experience:

Chair, Faculty Development Committee, Kalamazoo College, 2019- 2020
Chair, Search Committee, Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean History,
Kalamazoo College 2017-2018
Chair, Department of History, Kalamazoo College, 2016 – 2020
Director, African Studies Program, Kalamazoo College, 2005-2021

Major Service Activity:

President - Association of Global South Studies, 2024-2025
Program Chair and Co-Convener, Association of Global South Studies Conference, Merida,
Mexico, October 14-16, 2025
Program Chair and Convener, Association of Global South Studies Conference,
Sofia, Bulgaria July 20-24, 2024
Vice President, Association of Global South Studies, 2023 - 2024

Associate Editor for Africa, *Journal of Global South Studies*, 2023 –
<https://journals.upress.ufl.edu/jgss>.

Member, 2022 Annual Meeting Program Committee, American Historical Association, 2020-2022

Series Editor: Anthem Advances in African Cultural Studies, 2018-Present
<http://www.anthempress.com/anthem-advances-in-african-cultural-studies>

Editorial Board Member, West African Research Association Conflict and Peacebuilding Review,
2010 – 2011

Member, Atlantic Slave Trade and Sierra Leone Collections Board, University of Illinois at
Chicago, 2009-2021

Publications

Books

Joseph J. Bangura, *The Temne of Sierra Leone: African Agency in the Making of a British Colony*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017 (paperback, 2018)

Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds., *Democratization and Human Security in Sierra Leone*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015

Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds. *Sierra Leone beyond the Lomé Peace Accord*,
New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Cloud on the Horizon: African Migration, Transnationalism, and Social Osmosis,”
Insight Turkey, Vol. 21/No. 1/2019, pp. 94-109

“Constitutional Development and Ethnic Entrepreneurism in Sierra Leone: A
Metahistorical Analysis.” In Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds.,
Democratization and Human Security in Postwar Sierra Leone. New York: Palgrave
Macmillan, 2015: pp.15-49

“Gender and Ethnic Relations in Sierra Leone: Temne Women in Colonial
Freetown,” *History in Africa: A Journal of Methods*, 39 (2012): 267-292

“Understanding Sierra Leone in Colonial West Africa: A Synoptic Socio-Political History,”
History Compass 7/3 (2009): 583-603

“The Anatomy of Peacekeeping: ECOMOG’s Role in the Sierra Leone Civil War.” In
Marda Mustapha and Joseph J. Bangura, eds., *Sierra Leone Beyond the Lomé Peace Accord*,
New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010. pp. 35-48

“Temne Agency in the Propagation and Africanization of Islam in Colonial Freetown, 1920-1961.”
In Toyin Falola and Fallou Ngom, eds., *Facts, Fiction and African Creative Imaginations*: Vol. II.
New York: Routledge, 2009. pp. 134-150

Current Works-in-Progress:

Books

Joseph J. Bangura, *Introducing Africa*. (Under Contract with Routledge)

Joseph J. Bangura, *A History of Modern Sierra Leone* (Commissioned by Cambridge University Press)

Journal Article

Joseph J. Bangura, “Of Social Identities and Polemics: An Appraisal of the “Creole/Krio”
Dialectic in Freetown History”

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“The Recaptives/Liberated Africans of Sierra Leone” in *Encyclopedia of the Middle Passage*
West Port: Greenwood Press, 2007

“African Slave Trade and European Economic System in the Era of Colonization,” in *Analyz
Perspective ABC-CLIO World History*, January 2012

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Out of War: Violence, Trauma and the Political Imagination in Sierra Leone* by
Marianne C. Ferme, *International Journal of African History*, 2018. 318 pp.

Review of *Freedom's Debtors: British Antislavery in Sierra Leone in the Age of Revolution* by
Padraic X. Scanlan. *American Historical Review*, 124: 4, (2019): 1563-1564

Review of *Muslim Business Elites and Politics in Sierra Leone* by Alusine Jalloh. *Business
History Review* 92, 04 (2018): 794-796

Review of *The African Union: Pan Africanism, Peacebuilding and Development* by Timothy
Murithi. *Africa Today* 54, 3 (2008): 133-136

Review of *Screening Culture: Constructing Image and Identity* by Heather Norris Nicholson.
Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, 25, 2, (2005): 504-505

Dissertation

Ph.D. Dissertation: “The Temne in Freetown History: Rethinking the History of the Sierra Leone
Colony, 1890-1961”

Theses

M.A. Thesis: “Ethnic Invention and Identity Formation: A Case Study of the Sierra Leone
Creoles, 1870-1960”

B.A. (Hons) Thesis: “The Historical Development of Sierra Leone’s Foreign Policy - A Case Study of Relations with the State of Israel”

COURSES TAUGHT:

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY, 2022 -

World History Since the Sixteenth Century

Themes in World History

Introduction to Africana Studies

Language and Culture in the African World

Seminar in Africana Studies

African American History to 1865

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE, 2005- 2021

Introduction to African Studies Politics

of Sub-Saharan Africa

Islam in Africa

Civilizations of Africa

Contemporary Africa

Gender Relations in Africa

Africa and the Atlantic Slave Trade

The Atlantic Slave Trade

Historical Methods (Sophomore Seminar)

African Christianity (Sophomore Seminar)

Globalization and International Politics (Sophomore Seminar)

Globalization and Africa (First Year Seminar)

War and Peace in Africa: (First Year Seminar)

The Cold War in Africa (First Year Seminar)

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, 2000-2004

European History since Napoleon (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Survey of Global History (1502 A&B) (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

FOURAH BAY COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE, 1994-2000

Colonial and Postcolonial Economic History of Sierra Leone

MILTON MARGAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (Sierra Leone), 1995-2000

Precolonial History of Africa

History of West Africa Since 1800

Problems in Sierra Leone History

The Spread of Islamic Civilization in West Africa

Colonial and Postcolonial History of Sierra Leone

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

Co-Convener, International Conference: “Ebola in Perspective: Our Roles as Global Citizens,”
Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2015

Co-Convener, International Conference: “Reconnecting Sierra Leone Universities with the
Diaspora.” Symposium on Tertiary Education in Sierra Leone, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2013

Co-Convener, National Conference, “Religion and Religious Identities in Africa and in the
African Diaspora,” Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University, Michigan, 2008

Member, Assessment Committee, 2014-2017

Member, Faculty Development Committee, 2007-2010

Member, Educational Policies Committee, 2010-2013

Member, sub-Committee, Mellon Research Fellowship Award, 2008

Member, Search Committee, Early Europe, Department of History, 2008

Member, sub-committee, Frances Lucasse Research Award, 2007-2009

Member, Steering Committee, International and Area Studies Major, 2005- 2021

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

President – Graduate History Society, 2001-2002

Graduate Students’ Representative, Executive Committee, Department of History, 2001-2002

Vice President- Graduate History Society, 2000-2001

Graduate Students’ Representative: British Professor Search Committee, 2000-2001

FOURAH BAY COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SIERRA LEONE

Secretary- General, Fourah Bay College Students’ Union, 1992-1993

Student Representative, Student Welfare Committee, 1992-1993

Student Representative, Senior Administrative Officers Committee, 1992-1993

Student Representative, College Discipline Committee, 1992-1993
Assistant Secretary- General, National Union of Sierra Leone Students, 1992-1993
Social Secretary: Solomon Caulker Hall, Fourah Bay College, 1991-1992

MILTON MARGAI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY, SIERRA LEONE

Supervisor of Students' Press (Editing Student articles and Campus Journals), 1998-2000
Faculty Representative, Sierra Leone Teachers Colleges' Council Committee, 1998-2000
Faculty Representative, College Council (College Board of Trustees), 1998-2000
Asst. Secretary – General, Teachers' Colleges Senior Staff Association, 1999-2000
Faculty Representative, Academic Board, 1998-2000
Assistant Warden/Dean of Students, 1998-2000
Public Relations Officer, 1998-2000
Secretary, College Research Committee, 1998-2000
Secretary, Faculty/Staff/ Students Welfare Committee, 1998-2000
Secretary- General: Senior Staff Association, 1996-2000

COMMENTATOR AND/OR CHAIR

“Climate Change and Health Concerns in the Global South,” Association of Global South Studies, 39th Annual Conference, Halifax, Canada, October 9-11, 2022
“Postcolonial Issues and Imagery,” Association of Global South Studies, 37th Annual Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, December 15-17, 2019
“Democracy and Human Security in Sierra Leone,” African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2010
Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies Conference, Kentucky State University, March 25-28, 2010
Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies Conference, Kentucky State University, April 2-5, 2009
“Pentecostalism in Africa,” Religion and Religious Identities in Africa and the African Diaspora Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, October 10-11, 2008.
“Challenging the European Empires in Africa and the Middle East” *The 34th Annual Great Lakes History Conference*, Grand Valley State University, November 13&14, 2009

EXTERNAL REVIEWER AND/OR MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Reviewer, *Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History*, January 2023
Reviewer, *Journal of Historical Geography*, December 2022
Reviewer, Promotion to Full Professor Dossier, Marquette University, September 2021
Reviewer, Promotion to Full Professor Dossier, Western Michigan University, October 2021
Reviewer, *Journal of African History*, Cambridge University, April 2021
Reviewer, *Journal of Global South Studies*, University of Florida, July 2020
Reviewer, *Journal of West African History*, Michigan State University, February 2017
Reviewer, *West African Research Association*, (Ideas Matter Initiative), 2016
Reviewer, Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor Dossier, Spelman College, 2013
Reviewer, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, August 2012
Reviewer, *The Michigan Academician*, July 2011
Reviewer, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, May 2011
Reviewer, *Journal of Notes and Records*, University of Louisville, October 2010 Reviewer,
Book manuscript, *Routledge (Taylor and Francis Press)*, March 2010
Reviewer, *National Endowment for Humanities, (NEH) (Africa/Middle East)*, November 2009
Reviewer: McMaster University Research Ethics Board Proposal on Liberia, December 2008
Reviewer, *Business History Review*, Harvard University, 2006
Chief Examiner, (History), *West African Examinations Council (Advanced Level School Certificate Exam)*, 1998-2000

PERSONAL APPEARANCES/INVITED TALKS

“African Agency in the Making of a British Colony: A Microhistorical Analysis,” African Studies Center, Michigan State University, Lansing, March 2, 2017
“The Trans-Saharan Caravan Trade and Spread of Islam in the Western Sudan,” Michigan State University, Lansing, July 17, 2015
Expert Consultant: “Seminar on Nigeria,” Army Directed Studies Office, United States Army, Springfield, Virginia, December 10-11, 2008
Expert Consultant: “Extremism in West Africa: Groups and the Conditions that Enable and Inhibit Them,” Army Directed Studies Office, United States Army, Springfield, Virginia, November 13-14, 2007.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS, 1996-Present

- “Decoloniality, Indigenous Sovereignty and Traditions of Governance in West Africa in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” Merida, October 2025
- “Globalism, Migration and Citizenship in Africa,” Association of Global South Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria, July 22, 2024
- “Social Representations and Conceptual History: Analyzing the Invention of Sierra Leone,” Association of Global South Studies, Decatur, Georgia, October 20, 2023
- “The Idea of History and Contested Narratives: Examining the Social Formation of the Sierra Leone Colony,” Roundtable Discussion, African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA November 17-19, 2022
- “The Atlantic Slave Trade and Atlantic World: A Forensic Examination,” African Holocaust Memorial Program, Halifax, Canada, August 20, 2022
- “Hermeneutics and Social History: Understanding Gendered Economic Activism in Colonial Freetown,” Association of Global South Studies Conference, Halifax, October 9-11, 2022
- “The Historical Imaginary: Epistemology and Temne Agency in the Sierra Leone Colony,” Association of Global South Studies, Buenos Aires, Argentina, December 15-17, 2019
- “Department and Division Chairs Workshop,” The Council of Independent Colleges Workshops, Phoenix, Arizona, June 2018
- “First Department Chairs Workshop,” American Historical Association, Chicago, June 2017
- “The Intersection of Nationalism and Democracy in Sierra Leone: A Historical Perspective,” African Studies Association conference, San Francisco, November 2010
- Panelist, “The Role of Child Soldiers in the Proliferation of Conflict.” West African Research Association, Freetown, December 8-11, 2010
- “The Dynamics of Peacekeeping in West Africa: Examining ECOMOG’s ‘Interposition’ Development and Democracy in Africa Conference,” University of Illinois at Chicago, April 28-29, 2009
- Faculty Symposium, Kalamazoo College, “Urbanization in Colonial West Africa: Rethinking Social Relations in the Sierra Leone Colony, 1890-1961,” Kalamazoo, January 23, 2009
- “African Faculty and Students on the American Campus: Perspectives and Lessons” Africa Network Conference, April 17-19, 2009, Chicago
- Panelist, Roundtable: “Counterterrorism in West Africa,” African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, November 13-16, 2008
- Panelist, “From the World to the Liberal Arts College and Back Again,” Workshop on Internationalizing the Curriculum: The Role of Technology, NITLE, Whittier College, Los Angeles, November 7-9, 2008
- “Possibilities of Studying Abroad: Senegal and Ghana,” Paper presented at Workshop on Study Abroad for K12 Teachers, Hendrix College, Arkansas, August 1-3, 2008

Participant: “Africa and the Liberal Arts,” Africa Network Conference, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, April 18-20, 2008

“The Genius of Peacekeeping in West Africa: Assessing ECOMOG’s Role in the Sierra Leone Conflict, 1997-2000.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, New York City, 2007

Participant, “Teaching from the Inside Out: A Five-Day Fellowship in Learning, Teaching and Course Design,” Kalamazoo College, September 2007

Participant: “Teaching Islams: Majority Muslim Societies and Diasporas;” A Seminar organized by Al-Mushraka Initiative sponsored by NITLE, June 20, 2007, Pomona College, Los Angeles

“Temne Agency in the Propagation and Africanization of Islam in Colonial Freetown, 1920-1961” paper presented at Africa Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, March 30 – April 1, 2007

“Islamic Stewardship and Dynamism in Sierra Leone: Temne Agency in the Propagation of Islam in Colonial Freetown,” Paper Presented at “African Studies Association,” San Francisco, 2006

Participant: “International Studies Association Conference,” San Diego, March 22-25, 2006

“The Temne in Freetown History: Rethinking the Colonial History of Western Sierra Leone, 1890-1960,” African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, 2004

“African Nationalism is not Pan-Africanism: A Critical Look at the Concept of Pan- Africanism in African History,” Paper Presented at Dalhousie University, “Studies in the Era of Globalization and Development,” 2002

“The Dialectic of Identity: Ambivalence and Ambiguity in Creole Identity Discourse: 1870-1960,” Canadian Association of African Studies, Toronto, ON 2002

“The Dialectic of Creole Identity: Methodology and Perspective,” Paper Presented at “Council of Area Studies: Canadian Association of African Studies,” Toronto, 2002

“Ambivalence and Ambiguity in Modern African Thoughts in the 19th and 20th Centuries,” 3rd Annual Atlantic Graduate Conference Dalhousie University, 2001

“Regionalism and Peacekeeping in West Africa: A Critical Analysis of ECOMOG’s Role in Sierra Leone, 1997- 1999;” paper presented at “Canadian Association of African Studies,” University, Quebec City, 2000 Laval University

“War and Disaster in Sierra Leone: An Account of the Apocalypse in Sierra Leone, 1991-2000” Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada, 2000

Radio Democracy, FM 98.1 “Post-Independence History of Sierra Leone, 1961 to 2000,” Paper Presented on National Radio on Independence for Sierra Leone, Freetown, 2000

“The Pre- Independence History of Sierra Leone 1787-1960” Paper Presented on national radio, Independence celebrations in Sierra Leone, 1999

Participant, Workshop on “The Judiciary in the New Democratic Order in Sierra Leone,”
Freetown, 1996

Participant, “Tertiary Education Reforms in Sierra Leone Workshop,” Ministry of
Education, Freetown, 1998

Participant, “Developing Your Skills as A Lecturer Workshop,” British Council, Sierra Leone,
1996

AWARDS AND GRANTS

West African Research Association Grant for Resident Scholar, March 2010

West African Research Association Grant for Resident Scholar, February 2007

Kalamazoo College Faculty Development Committee Grant, November 2008

Kalamazoo College Faculty Development Committee Grant, November 2007

Center For International Programs, Kalamazoo College Travel Grant, 2005

Dalhousie University, Faculty of Graduate Studies Grant, 2000-2005

Sierra Leone Government Grants-in-Aid, 1988-1993

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVISM

Member, Task Force for Christian School, LifeHouse Church, Townsend, Delaware, 2022 – 2023

Interim Board Member, Clean Water for The World (an NGO which provides free pumps for Poor
Communities around the world), Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2006-2007

Secretary General, Association of Sierra Leoneans in Nova Scotia, Canada, 2001-2002

Weekly Radio Panelist, Non-Governmental Radio, FM 98.1, (an NGO), Sierra Leone, 1999-2000
Topics: African Culture, African Nationalism, Pan-Africanism, Security and Democracy

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association

African Studies Association

Association of Global South Studies