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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-23 Director. *African Migration to Turkey and the Mediterranean Basin* research project (International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers program, the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey -BIDEB 2232)

1982-2022 Professor (assistant, associate and full), University of Illinois, Urbana. Department of Anthropology

2010 Fall Visiting Professor, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

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 Chargé de Recherche, Laboratoire ERMES (Laboratoire d'enseignement et de recherche sur les milieux et les sociétés). IRD and Université d'Orléans, Orléans, France

1992. Visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology, Yale University

1988 and 1989 Acting Director, University of Illinois, Center for African Studies

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

Joint appointments (0 percent): Program in Jewish Culture and Society; Curator of the Spurlock Museum.

EDUCATION

PhD Indiana University (1982); MA Indiana University (1978); BA Boğaziçi University (1975); Galatasaray Lisesi (1970)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019-2021 TÜBİTAK International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers 2232 BİDEB program. Migration from sub-Saharan Africa to Turkey and the Mediterranean basin.

2017 National Science Foundation: An Ethnographic Investigation of Recent Shifts in Migration from the Global South (Award Id : 1733640)

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 for fieldwork 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

AWARDS

2012 Visionaries Award of *Utne Reader* magazine: “12 People Changing Your World” in the year of 2012.

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

2002 Amaury Talbot Prize of the Royal Anthropological Institute, UK. Best book in African Studies.

1982 Esther L. Kinsley Outstanding Dissertation Award.

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)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

in press *Küresel Çağda Afrika'dan Türkiye'ye Göç ve Göç Teorileri: İşçiler, Patronlar, İşportacılar, Öğrenciler, Sporcular, Mülteciler*. İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi yayınları (edited).

2017. *Sepharad as Imagined Community: Language, History and Religion from the Early Modern Period to the 21st Century*. Edited with José Ignacio Hualde. New York, Bern: Peter Lang.

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.

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 -best publication in African anthropology
- Outstanding Academic Title, *Choice*

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, peer reviewed on-line publication, 57 pages.

Journal Articles

2020 Fespaco and Cultural Valorization. *Black Camera. An International Film Journal* 12, no. 1, pp. 129-132.

2020 The Opening of South Africa and the Future of African Film. *Black Camera. An International Film Journal* 12, no. 1, pp. 315-320.

2017 "La jarre révolutionnaire bouillait". 1915-1916 : guerre anticoloniale dans l'Ouest Volta. *Les Temps Modernes* N° 693-694 : 59-86.

2017 The Migrant in a Plotted Adventure: Self Realisation and Moral Obligation in African Stories from Istanbul. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 55, no. 1, pp. 129-153.

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/rep0_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

- in press "Giriş Bölümü: Afrika'dan Türkiye'ye Göç, Yaklaşımlar, Teoriler, İnsanlar ve Konular" in *Küresel Çağda Afrika'dan Türkiye'ye Göç ve Göç Teorileri: İşçiler, Patronlar, İşportacılar, Öğrenciler, Sporcular, Mülteciler*. İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi yayınları.
- in press "Uluslararası Göç ve Kutsal Ruh: İstanbul'da Afrikalı Göçmenlerin Pentekost Kiliseleri" in *Küresel Çağda Afrika'dan Türkiye'ye Göç ve Göç Teorileri: İşçiler, Patronlar, İşportacılar, Öğrenciler, Sporcular, Mülteciler*. İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi yayınları.
- 2021 "The Language Shift Origins of Judea-Spanish and its Impact on Sephardic Self-perception." *Endangered Languages and Diaspora*, pp. 145-149. Edited by Eda Derhemi. Tirana: Foundation for Endangered Languages and QSPA.
- 2018 "Film and Video as Historical Sources." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*. Oxford University Press. Article published November 2018. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.013.247>
2018. "Markets in West Africa: Karl Polanyi, or what sort of social formation." In *Market as Place and Spaces of Economic Exchange*, pp. 123-142. Edited by Hans Peter Han and Geraldine Schmitz. Oxford: Oxbow Books.
2018. "Dogon." *Encyclopaedia of Islam THREE*. Edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas and Everett Rowson, vol. 4, 13-16. Leiden and Boston: Brill.
2017. "Sepharad as Imagined Translocal Mediterranean Community: Introduction." In *Sepharad as Imagined Community: Language, History and Religion from the Early Modern Period to the 21st Century*. Edited by Mahir Şaul and José Ignacio Hualde, pp 1-25. New York, Bern: Peter Lang.
2015. "Geçmişten Bugüne Siyah Afrika'dan Türkiye'ye Göçler: Kölelikten Küresel Girişimciliğe" [The Past and Present of 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, 14th to 21st Centuries]. pp. 75-117. Istanbul: Bilgi University Press.
- 2014 "Burkina Faso," in *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, 2nd 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, Djudyö, Judeoespañol, Sefardi*." In *Judeo-Spanish in the Time of Clamoring Nationalisms*. Mahir Şaul, ed., 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 Mazzocchi, 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>
- 2007 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 21st Century*, ed. by Sylvain H. Boko, Mina Balamoune-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

- 2025 Les Winye du Centre-Ouest Burkina Faso : Mort, mariage et naissance dans une société de la frontière. By Jean-Pierre Jacob, Genève, Fondation culturelle Musée Barbier-Mueller, 2022. Canadian Journal of African Studies/Revue canadienne des études africaines. [doi:10.1080/00083968.2025.2503092](https://doi.org/10.1080/00083968.2025.2503092)
- 2023 *The Muridiya on the Move: Islam, Migration, and Place Making* by Cheick Anta Babou. (Ohio University Press, 2021). *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 93: 436-438. doi: 10.1017/S0001972023000438
- 2022 *Adventure Capital: Migration and the Making of an African Hub in Paris* by Julie Kleinman. (University of California Press, 2019). 224 pp. *American Ethnologist* 49 (1): 140-141. DOI: 10.1111/amet.13059
- 2018 *Curating Africa in the Age of Film Festivals: Framing Film Festivals*, by Lindiwe Dovey. *caa.reviews* <http://www.caareviews.org/reviews/3319>
- 2018 *Everyday Piety: Islam and Economy in Jordan*, by Sarah A. Tobin. (Cornell University Press, 2016). 248 pp. *American Ethnologist* 45 (1): 143-144.

- 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. MacGaffy, 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

RECENT CONFERENCE AND PANELS

June 2-4, 2017 University of Cologne
Talking Colors in Turkey and Beyond

November 26-28, 2015 Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
“Markets and Marketplaces in the West African Savanna: Non-Capitalist Exchange in the 19th Century.”
Market As Place, and Spaces of Economic Exchange conference

October 20-24, 2015
La Grande Guerre en Afrique: Conséquences économiques, culturelles et politiques de la Guerre de 14-18 sur les sociétés africaines.
workshop organized in Dakar, Senegal, by EHESS, IMAF (Institut des Mondes Africains), and CNRS, with the participation of the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar and Point Sud program in Frankfurt, Germany.
paper presented in Séance IV: “The Great Volta-Bani Anti-colonial War in the context of World War I.”

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. “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 September. 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

2013. “An Immigrant Geography of Istanbul.” Ethnographies of Istanbul, Turkish Studies Symposium. University of Illinois, Levis Faculty Center, Urbana. April 5.

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". 48th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 20, Washington, D.C. Sponsored jointly by the Middle East Studies Association and African Studies Association.

FIELD RESEARCH

September 2017-October 2018 West and Central African Migration to Turkey, traders, workers, and students.

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.

Consultant's Reports

2000 *Women's Business Links: A Preliminary Assessment of Women Cross-Border Traders in West Africa*. With Gayle A. Morris. Women in Development Technical Assistance Project (WID-Tech), Washington.

1987 *An Economic Anthropological Analysis of Grain Marketing in Burkina Faso: Interpretation Based on Field Observations*. 105 pages. Center for Research on Economic Development (CRED) University of Michigan. French version: *Une analyse anthropologique économique de la commercialisation des céréales au Burkina Faso. Interpretation basée sur des observations sur le terrain*. 111 pages. La Dynamique de la Commercialisation des Céréales au Burkina Faso, Volume IV. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

1979 Socioeconomic Study of a Traditional Village in the Zone of the AVV (Autorité des Aménagements des Vallées des Volta). Purdue West Africa Projects, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, In. 56 pages.

1984. An Evaluation of Proposed Local Participation Activities in the Dinderesso National Forest. US AID Burkina Faso. 18 pages.

INVITED LECTURES

2013 "A Migrant Geography of Istanbul" Ethnographies of Istanbul, 7th Turkish Studies Symposium, University of Illinois, Levis Faculty Center (April 5)

2012 "African Immigrants in Istanbul: South-South Work Migration and a Critique of Eurocentric and Refugee Perspectives," Hanyang University, ERICA Campus, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Institute of Globalization and Multicultural Studies, Ansan, South Korea, November 20, 3:30-5:00 pm.

2012 "Le cinéma africain au 21^e siècle: Au seuil d'une double bifurcation?" Université Libre de Bruxelles, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains (LAMC), October 19, 6-8.

2011 "Economic Anthropology and Development Economics," Marmara University, Department of Economics, Istanbul, Turkey, December 27, 2011.

2011 "Les immigrants africains à Istanbul. Transitaires ou entrepreneurs?" Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes, Istanbul (IFEA), June 15, 6 PM.

2011 "African Immigrants in Istanbul" Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Center for Middle East and African Studies, April 4.

2011 "African Immigrants as Entrepreneurs," Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Department of Anthropology, March 29.

- 2011 "Socio-cultural Evaluation of the African Immigrant Community of Istanbul," Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Department of Sociology Seminars, March 23.
2010. "Historical Cultural Contact Between the Ottoman Mediterranean and the Interior of West Africa," Sabanci University, Istanbul, October 12.
- 2010 "African Cinema from Post-Independence to the Current Era," University of Zurich, Seminarcolloquium, Völkerkunde Museum, December 6.
- 2010 "The Technology Factor in the Development of African Cinema," in Program "Patrimoine Científico, Técnico e Industrial," Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, September 14.
- 2010 "The Zara Houses of Sia and Tunuma," Colloque international: *Bobo-Dioulasso dans son contexte regional*, Centre Point Sud (Point Sud Center, Bamako, Mali, 4-7 mars 2010)
- 2009 Department of Philosophy and the Social Policy Forum, Boğaziçi University: 'Turkish Nation' An anthropological Essay on the Pathway from Early Young Ottoman Thought. June 5, 2009, Kriton Curi Hall.
- 2009 "Art and Politics in the Rise of African Francophone Cinema." Southern Illinois University, March 25, 4 PM, Museum Auditorium, Faner Hall.
- 2008 Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium), May 19, "Une anthropologie historique de l'Afrique peut-elle se passer d'une révision de l'anthropologie politique? »
- 2008 Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium), May 20 "L'anthropologie de l'Afrique dans le monde anglophone"
- 2007 University of Chicago, January 23, "Cultural Nostalgia in Gaston Kaboré's and Idrissa Ouedraogo's Films," African Studies Workshop.
- 2005 Indiana University, Program for African Studies, February 25 "West Africa and Islam, "
- 2005 Cape Town University (South Africa), African History Films Colloquium, scheduled for February 4-5. Title: "Historical and Ethnographic Truth in Gaston Kabore's Films."
- 2004 Distinguish Lecture, American Anthropological Association 103 annual meeting, December 17, Atlanta. Title: "Islam in West African Polity ad Culture and Imperial Misinvention." Invited by the Association for Africanist Anthropology.
- 2004 Brandeis University, Department of Anthropology. October 20. Title: "Spheres of Exchange and Money as Fetish."
- 2004 (April 5) Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Généalogies de africanismes

Title: "Discours et imaginaire de l'Etat au travers d'une étude de la guerre anticoloniale de 1915-1916"

2004 (April 27) Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale, Groupe de Recherche sur la Parenté
Title: "Parenté bobo, du réseau personnel à l'espace sociale du village"

2004 May 11 Centre de Recherches Africaines (Sorbonne), programme MALD. Title:
"Village, terroir et territoire dans les discours scientifiques et développementaliste sur l'Afrique de l'Ouest."

2004 July 20 University of Bayreuth, Germany. Title: "Money and Spheres of Exchange: The Migration of Theory from the Pacific to Africa."

2004 July 27 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. Title: "Kinship and House in Political Process in Western Burkina Faso"

2003 Memories of a Colonial War as Narrative Self-Understanding and Literary Narrative. Wednesday, February 5. International Programs War and Combat in the Arts series, Urbana, Illinois, Levis Center.

2002 Recent Developments in American Social Anthropology. Thursday, May 23

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

2002 Pathways to the Nation. The legacy of Islam in the emergence of secular Turkey and the Tragedy of the Balkans, May 29, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

2002 From Regional to Transcontinental Trade in West Africa, June 5, Katholieke

Universiteit Leuven

2002 Social Memories of a Forgotten War and its Plotted Historicity June 12, Katholieke

Universiteit Leuven

2002 Cowries and the Impact of Money in Colonial West Africa, 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Toronto, Canada, April 19-20.

2002 The West and the Other of Islam: Modernization and Empire in Turkey, ACDIS Millennium Series, University of Illinois, February 20.

- 2000 Rites of Nature 16th Satterthwaite Colloquium on African Religion and Ritual, 16-19 April.
- 2000 Religion in the 1915-16 Anti-colonial War of the Muhun-Bani Region. Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt am Oder, Anthropology Seminar, January 19.
- 1999 Clash of Currencies: Women, Cowries, and Value. Institut für Ethnologie, Freie Universität, November 29.
- 1999 The 1915-16 Muhun-Bani War Against the Colonial Administration: Islam and Ethnicity as Categories of Understanding. Humboldt Universität, Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften, November 24.
- 1999 "Peasant War in West Africa" Conference on Peasants in comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspective, Allerton Center, April 9 and 10
- 1997 "Pre-colonial Political Order of the West Volta (Burkina Faso) University of Frankfurt (Göthe Universität), Institut für Historische Ethnologie, Afrika Colloquium. April 10.
- 1997 "Savoir nomologique et critique dans une anthropologie de l'histoire" Collège de France, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale, "Le Champs Social, séminaire d'anthropologie comparée" March 10
- 1997 "Les grandes 'maisons' des Watara comme unités de production aux 18^e et 19^e siècles (Ouest Burkina Faso) Université de Paris 1-CNRS, Laboratoire d'Ethnobiologie, Biogéographie, Séminaire sur "Histoire Rurale et Environnement en Afrique" February 18.
- 1997 "Traces de contacts anciens avec l'Islam dans la religion des Bobo" Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie "Dynamique Religieuse et Pratiques Sociales Anciennes et Actuelles" February 4.
- 1996 Rejecting and Embracing Islam. Workshop on Tijaniyya Traditions and Societies in West Africa. Allerton Conference Center, Illinois. April 1-5.
- 1993 Islam in Africa. Department of Education Workshop, Center for the Study of Islamic Civilizations, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri (May).
- 1993 Fanga: A Conception of Political Power in the West Volta. Colloque sur *Le Pouvoir, la Maîtrise et la Force: Représentations Comparées de la Boucle du Niger*. Marseille, Centre de la Vielle Charité, March 23-28.
- 1989 Village Bobo: identité et organisation sociale. Université de Provence I, Aix-en-Provence, France (October 18).
- 1989 Cults of Within, Cults of Without: Religious Experience and Social Transformation in Southern Bobo Country. Fifth Satterthwaite Colloquium on African Religion and Ritual, Satterthwaite, England (April 18-21).

- 1988 The Paradox of Custom: Land Control in a Bobo Village. Annual Spring Symposium of the Center for African Studies: Land in African Agrarian Systems. University of Illinois, Urbana (April 11).
- 1987 Norms, Politics and the Emergence of Society: Bobo Social Structure. The University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology (October 26).
- 1987 Language Purification in Turkey: A Social History. The University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies (October 27).
- 1982 Agricultural Credit in Early Republican Turkey. The First International Conference of Turkic Studies, Bloomington, In. (May 19).
- 1980 The Economics of Sorghum Beer. Workshop on Sahelian Agriculture, Purdue University, West Lafayette, In. (May 22).