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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Islam and Muslim Societies in Sub-Saharan Africa, Comparative Politics, Islamic politics, religion and transnational migration, African Islamic intellectual history.

EDUCATION

Doctorat (Ph.D) in Political Science. Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques. Paris, France. 1993. Areas of specialization: Comparative Politics (Sub-Saharan Africa).

Maîtrise (M.A.) in translation and documentation. Ecole Supérieure d'Interprètes et de Traducteurs, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris, France. 1988.

DEA (M.Phil) in Political Science. Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques. Paris, France. 1987. Area of concentration: Political Sociology (Sub-Saharan Africa).

Diplôme Supérieur d'Etudes Islamiques (Advanced Degree in Islamic Studies). Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France. 1985. Area of concentration : Islamic history and civilisation.

Diplôme d'Arabe Classique (BA in Classical Arabic). Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris, France. 1985. Area of concentration : Arabic language, Islamic civilisation.

Diplôme d'Arabe Dialectal (B.A in Colloquial Arabic). Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris, France. 1985. Concentration: dialects of the Middle East with emphasis on Colloquial Arabic of Syria, Lebanon and Palestine.=

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Grant from the Gerda Henkel Stiftung Germany to fund research on “Islamic Institutions of Higher Learning in Africa. Their Rise and Significance for development.” May 2010 –August 2011

Awards from various Columbia Department to organize an international conference titled: The Challenge of Integration. Muslim Immigrants in the United States and France” held at SIPA on April 2, 2010

Grant from the Rockefeller Foundation Spring 2009

Grant from the Rockefeller Foundation Fall 2008

Travel Grant from the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, Northwestern University, Summer 2008

Grant from the Endowment of United States Institute of Peace, June 2006 to December 2008

Summer Travel Grant, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, summer 2006

Institute for Advanced Study Berlin (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin) fellowship, September 2003-July 2004

Grant from the Muslims in New York Project (Columbia University) to work on West African Muslim Communities in New York City, 2002-2004

Postdoctoral fellowship, Columbia University, January 2002-June2002

Senior ISITA research fellowship, Northwestern University, Evanston, Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, Fall 2001

Postdoctoral fellowship, Yale University, September 2000 - May 2001

Resident fellowship, The Rockefeller Foundation. Center of Bellagio, Italy (November-December 1999).

Grant from the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (Codesria) to fund library research at Northwestern University, Evanston, September 1999

Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship, the University of London (November 1996- August

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Alwaleed Professor of Contemporary Islamic Religion and Society,
Harvard Divinity School & Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations,
Faculty of Arts and Science, Harvard University, July 2012 to date.

Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University,
July 2002 –July 2012.

Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study
Berlin), September 2003-July 2004

Postdoctoral Scholar, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University,
January-June 2002,

Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University September 2000 – May 2001,

Leverhulme Research Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, The University of London
(November 1996-August 1997). (40,000

Visiting Professor

(Fall semesters of 1994 and 1995)

African & African American Studies The University of Kansas, Lawrence Courses taught
include The History of Islam in Africa, Comparative Politics

Maître-assistant (Assistant Professor) 1993-2002

Department of Political Science, Université de Saint-Louis (Sénégal)

Head of Department (1998-2000)

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Books authored

In progress: *Timbuktu and Beyond. Rethinking African Intellectual History*, Cambridge:
Harvard University Press.

2012 *Non Europhone Intellectuals*. Dakar: CODESRIA, 2012. (Full text available at
<http://www.codesria.org/spip.php?article1650&lang=en>)

2011 *The Homeland is the Arena: Religion, Transnationalism and the Integration of
Senegalese Migrants in America*, New York: Oxford University Press.

- 2011 *Africa y la produccion intellectual no eurofona. Introduccion al conocimiento islamico al sur del Sahara (Spanish translation of Intellectuels non europhones).* Madrid, Oozebap, 2011.
- 2003 *Muslim Modernity in Postcolonial Nigeria. A Study of the Society of the Removal of Innovation and Reinstatement of Tradition,* Leiden and Boston: E.J.Brill 2nd edition 2008.
- 2005 *Al-muthaqqafun al-ifriqiyyun al-mutahaddithun bi-lughat ghayr 'urubiyya,* Cairo : Center for Arab Studies, (Arabic translation of Intellectuels non europhones)
- 2003 *Intellectuels non europhones, Dakar : Codesria*
- 1997 *Al-Makhtutat al-islamiyya fi Sinighal, (Handlist of Islamic Manuscripts in Sénégal),* London, Al-Furqan.

Edited books

- 1998 *Islam et islamisme au Sud du Sahara,* Paris, Karthala, 1998, (with Jean-Louis Triaud).

Translation

- 2011 *Tombouctou. Pour une histoire de l'érudition en Afrique de l'Ouest.* Dakar & Cape Town, Codesria and HSRC: Translation of *The Meanings of Timbuktu* (Editors Souleymane Bachir Diagne and Shamil Jeppie), Dakar & Cape Town, Codesria and HSRC, 2008.
- 2008 *La CIA et la fabrique du terrorisme islamique,* Paris, Demopolis, 2008. Translation of Mahmood Mamdani, *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim. America, the Cold War and the Roots of Terror,* New York, Pantheon book: 2004.
- 1999 *L'historiographie indienne en débat. Colonialisme, nationalisme et sociétés post-coloniales,* Paris: Karthala/Sephis, 494 p. Translation of a selection of articles by Indian Subaltern Historians (Editor Mamadou Diouf).

Journal articles

- 2012 « L'islamisme d'hier et d'aujourd'hui. Quelques enseignements de l'Afrique de l'Ouest,» *Cahiers d'Etudes africaines*, LII (2-3) ; 206-207, 2012, 545-574.
- 2009 “Les marabouts sénégalais et leur clientèle aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique. Une économie spirituelle transnationale,” *Afrique contemporaine*, 231, 209-28.

- 2009 "Reconciling Islam and Non Islamic Beliefs: Reflection on a Talismanic Textile of the Art Institute of the Chicago" *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 2, 137-161.
- 2009 "Islamism. What is New What is Not? Lessons from West Africa" *African Journal of International Affairs*, 11, 2, 157-87.
- 2007 "Moderate Revivalists. Islamic Inroads in Sub-Saharan Africa" *Harvard International Review*, XXIX, 2.
- 2002 "Réflexion sur les émeutes interconfessionnelles au nord du Nigéria," *Politique étrangère*, 3, 749-764
- 1998-99 "La Citoyenneté, la Société et l'Etat: le modèle sénégalais," *Revue sénégalaise de sociologie*, 2-3, 231-240.
- 1990 "Les mouvements religieux et le champ politique au Nigéria septentrional: le cas du réformisme musulman à Kano," *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 4, 7-24 .
- 1989 "La confrérie Tijaniyya ibrahimiyya de Kano et ses liens avec la zawiya-mère de Kaolack," *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 3, 27-40.

Book chapters

- 2006 "Political Islam in Nigeria" in Michael Broening and Holger Weiss (eds), *Politischer Islam in Westafrika: Eine Bestandsaufnahme*, Berlin, Lit Verlag und Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 153-178.
- 2003 "Senegambia II: Other Tijani Writers" (with John Hunwick), in John Hunwick (ed.), *Arabic Literature of Africa. Volume 4. The Writings of Western Sudanic Africa*; Leiden and Boston, E.J. Brill, 308-395.
- 2003 "Writers of the Murid Tariqa," (with John Hunwick) in John Hunwick (ed.), *Arabic Literature of Africa. Volume 4. The Writings of Western Sudanic Africa*; Leiden and Boston, E.J. Brill, 396-462.
- 2003 "Other Writers of the Senegambian Region," (with John Hunwick), in John Hunwick (ed.), *Arabic Literature of Africa. Volume 4. The Writings of Western Sudanic Africa*; Leiden and Boston, E.J. Brill, 463-490.
- 2003 "Senegambia I The Niassene Tijani Tradition," (with John Hunwick and Rudiger Seeseman) in John Hunwick (ed.), *Arabic Literature of Africa. Volume 4. The Writings of Western Sudanic Africa*, Leiden, E.J. Brill, 272-307.

- 2000 "Muhammad Niasse (1881-1956) et sa réplique contre le pamphlet anti-tijani de Ibn Mayaba, in Jean-Louis Triaud & David Robinson (eds.) *La Tijaniyya. Une confrérie musulmane à la conquête de l'Afrique*. Paris, Karthala, 219-236.
- 1999 "La polémique contre le soufisme et les ordres soufis en Afrique de l'Ouest post-coloniale," in Frederick de Jong & Bernd Radtk (eds.), *Islamic Mysticism Contested. Thirteen Centuries of Controversies and Polemics*. Leiden, E. J. Brill, 324-340.
- 1998 "The Crisis of Democracy and the Emergence of an Islamic Opposition," (with Leonardo Villalon) in Leonardo Villalon & Phillip Huxtable (eds.), *The African State at a Critical Juncture*. Boulder & London, Lynne Rienner, 143-166.
- 1997 "Un pluralisme en quête de démocratie," in François Constantin & Christian Coulon (eds.), *Religion et transition démocratique en Afrique*. Paris, Karthala, 51-79.
- 1997 "Shaikh al-Islam al-Hajj Ibrahim Niasse," in David Robinson and Jean-Louis Triaud (eds.) *Le temps des marabouts. Itinéraires et stratégies islamiques en Afrique occidentale française v. 1880-1960*, Paris, Karthala, 299-316.
- 1997 "Senegal," entry in Kevin Boyle & Juliet Sheen (eds.), *Freedom of Religion and Belief. A World Report*. London, Routledge, 58-63.
- 1997 "Muslim Missionaries and African States," in Susan Hoeber Rudolph and James Piscatori (eds.), *Transnational Religion and Fading States*. Boulder, Westview, 47-62.
- 1994 "Izala. The Rise of Muslim Reformism in Nigeria," in Martin Marty and Scott Appelby (eds), *Accounting for Fundamentalisms: The Dynamic Character of Movements*. Chicago, The University of Chicago Press, 490-512.

Short articles

- 2013 « Is Islam in Sub-Saharan More (or less) Peaceful than elsewhere? » *Sightings*. Martin Marty Center, Chicago Divinity School.
<http://hnn.us/articles/ousmane-kane-islam-sub-saharan-africa-more-or-less-peaceful-elsewhere>
- 2012 Understanding the Presidential Elections in Senegal, Report, Al-Jazeera Center for Studies, 5 April.
<http://studies.aljazeera.net/ResourceGallery/media/Documents/2012/4/5/20124510932185734Presidential%20Elections%20in%20Senegal.pdf>

- 2005 Preface“ in *Les marabouts de l'islam politique : le Dahiratoul Moustarchidina wal Moustarchidaty, un mouvement néo-confrérique sénégalais* by Fabienne Samson, Paris, Karthala, 7-14.
- 2005 Senegal—Die Sufi-Bruderschaften” in *Informationsprojekt Naher und Mittlerer Osten*, 41, 19-23.
- 2005 Entry for “Sufism” in Maryanne Cline Horowitz (ed.) *New dictionary of the history of ideas*, New York : Charles Scribner's Sons,
- 2004 Entries for “Timbuktu”, “Songhai” and “Mansa Musa” in Richard C. Martin (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim world*, New York : Macmillan Reference USA : Thomson/Gale,
- Entries for “Sultan West Africa ”, "Sha'ir Western and Central Sudan" and "Shinqit," in *The Encyclopedia of Islam*, 2nd edition, E.J. Brill, 1960-2004.
- 1996 "La Tijaniyya," in Gilles Veinstein and Alexandre Popovic (eds.) *Les voies d'Allah. Les ordres mystiques dans le monde musulman des origines à nos aujourd'hui*, Paris, Fayard, 475-478.
- 1994 Entry for “zawiya” in John Esposito (ed.) *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, New York, Oxford University Press, vol. 4, pp. 370-373.
- 1994 "Expanding Nigerian Democratic Space," *Codesria Bulletin*, (3), pp. 4-6
- 1993 "L'islam au Nigéria," in Andrée Girard (ed.), *Clés pour l'Islam: Du religieux au politique. Des origines aux enjeux d'aujourd'hui*, Bruxelles: GRIP, pp. 66-67.
- 1993 "Repères bibliographiques 1991-1992," in *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 239-244 ,(with Jean-Louis Triaud).
- 1992 "Niasse Abdoulaye, El Hadji [Sénégal 1844-1922]," in Marc Gaborieau, Nicole Grandin, Pierre Labrousse and Alexandre Popovic (eds.), *Dictionnaire des Savants et Grandes Figures du Monde Musulman Périphérique*, Paris, CNRS, pp. 44-47
- 1992 "Niasse Ibrahim, El Hadji [Sénégal, 1900-1975]," in Marc Gaborieau, Nicole Grandin, Pierre Labrousse and Alexandre Popovic (eds.), *Dictionnaire des Savants et Grandes Figures du Monde Musulman Périphérique*, Paris, CNRS, p. 47.
- 1992, "Repères bibliographiques 1990-1991," *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 6, Oct. pp. 163-168. (with Jean-Louis Triaud).

1992 "Le sixième sommet de l'Organisation de la Conférence islamique à Dakar, réussite ou échec ?" *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 6, pp. 103-105

Reviews

2012 *Muslim Families in Global Senegal*, Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 2011 by Beth Bugenhagen, in *Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, in press.

2012 *Etat et corruption en Afrique. Une anthropologie comparative des relations entre fonctionnaires et usagers* (Bénin, Niger, Sénégal). Paris, Karthala, 2007 in *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 46, 3.

2012 La controverse islamo-chrétienne en Afrique du Sud. Ahmed Deedat et les nouvelles formes de débat by Samadia Sadouni, Aix-En-Provence, Presses de l'Université de Provence, 2011 in *The Journal of African History*, 53, 2

2011 *Islam and social Change in French West Africa* by Sean Hanretta, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2009 in *The Journal of African History*, 52, 1; 129-3131.

2009 *Autobiography and Decolonization. Modernity, Masculinity and the Nation-State*, by Philip Holden, Madison: the University of Wisconsin Press, 2008 in *Biography. An Interdisciplinary Quarterly* ; 32, 350-52

2008 *The Shifts in Hizbullah's Ideology: Religions Ideology, Political Ideology and Political Program*, by Joseph Alagha, Amsterdam, Amsterdam University Press, 2006, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, 30, 2, pp. 68-70.

2007 *Islam and the Prayer Economy. History and Authority in a Malian Town* by Benjamin Soares, London, Edinburgh University Press, in *African affairs*, 106, 422, January, 163-165.

2006 *Darfur: An Ambiguous Genocide* by Gerard Prunier, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2005, in *Political Science Quarterly*, 121, 2, 322-323.

2006 *Pride and Faith: Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa* by Charlotte A. Quinn and Frederick Quinn, *History of Religion*, 45, 3, 2006, pp. 279-281.

2004 "Political Talk, not Cultural Talk: Mamdani's Take on the Roots of Terror," review of *Good Muslim Bad Muslim, America, the Cold War and the Roots of Terror*, *Codesria Bulletin*, 4, 3.

- 1997 *Musulmans, Pouvoir et sociétés d'après les dits et écrits de son Eminence Serigne Madior Cissé*, by Abdoullah Cissé. Paris, L'Harmattan, 1997, *Université Recherche et Développement*, 8.
- 1997 *Islamic Society in Practice*, by Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, Florida, Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 1994 in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 1997, pp. 367-368.
- 1995 Historical Dictionary of Senegal, by Andrew F. Clark and Lucie Colvin Philips, London and Metuchen N.J., The Scarecrow Press, 1994, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*.
- 1992 Role of Shahuci and School for Arabic Studies in the Development of Legal Education in Nigeria to 1967," by Suleiman Alhaji Bala, master thesis, History Department, Bayero University Kano, 1990 *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 6, 1992, 150-152.
- 1990 *Al-muslimun fi al Sinighal ma'alim al hadir wa afaq al mustaqbal* (Senegalese Islam : landmarks of the present and horizons for the future)," by Abd Al-Qadir Sylla, Qatar, Al Wahda, 1986 in *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 4, 213-214.
- 1989 Shaykh Ibrahim Niyas al-Singhali hayatuhu wa ara uhu wa ta'alimuhu (The life, ideas and teachings of Shaykh Ibrahim Niassé of Senegal), by Muhammad Al-Tahir Maigari, Beyrouth, Dar al-'arabiyy li al-tiba'a wa al-nashr wa al-tawzi', 1979, in *Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*, 3, 1989, pp. 294-295

REFEREE SERVICE

Academic publishers

Yale University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Lynne Rienner, Codesria (Council for the Development of Social and Economic Research in Africa)

Academic Journals

Comparative Studies in Society and History; Die Welt des Islams; Africa Development; Identity, Culture and Politics: An Afro-Asian Dialogue; Islam et sociétés au sud du Sahara; Revue sénégalaise de sociologie; The Journal for Islamic Studies; Université, Recherche et Développement; Sociétés, Espaces, Temps; City and Society; Canadian Journal of African Studies; Political Science Quarterly; History of Religion; The Journal of Religion; African Affairs; Canadian Journal of African Studies; Arab Studies Quarterly; International Journal for African Historical Studies; Biography. An Interdisciplinary Quarterly; Islamic Africa; Africa Today; History of Religion, Cahiers d'Etudes africaines, Journal of Middle Eastern Studies,

Fellowship evaluation

The Institute of Advanced Study Berlin fellowship (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin), Bellagio Residence Fellowship of the Rockefeller Foundation, MacArthur Genius Fellowship

Editorial boards

1999 to date

Identity, Culture and Politics: An Afro-Asian Dialogue

1991 to date

"*Islam et Sociétés au Sud du Sahara*" A multidisciplinary Journal on Muslim Societies in Africa South of the Sahara published by the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris, France.

1994 to date

"*Sociétés, Espaces, Temps*" A multidisciplinary Journal on the Social Sciences in Africa published by a group of Senegalese scholars.

1999 to date

"*Afrique Sahel Recherche*" A multidisciplinary journal published by African Social Scientists based in Senegal.

1998 to date

"*The Journal for Islamic Studies*" published by the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Foreign Languages

Arabic, French, German, Hausa, Wolof and Pulaar

Membership in professional associations

American Academy of Religion

African Studies Association of America

Council for the development of social and Economic Research in Africa.

Print and broadcast media attention

Le Monde

"L'exportation du savoir-faire africain," 50 minutes interview in Série : recherche, démocratie et littérature africaine, Hilverstum, Radio Nederland International, 2004.

France 24 TV (April 2010)