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EDUCATION

West Virginia University

Ph.D. in African History (1994)

Dissertation: "On the Frontiers of Empire: British

Administration in Kenya's Northern Frontier District, 1905-1935"

Directed by Robert M. Maxon

Troy State University (1985)

MS in International Relations

European Division, Athens, Greece

University of Pittsburgh (1976)

Fifteen credits towards MBA

Waynesburg College (1976)

BA in Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

High Point University (1993-Present), Professor

History Department Chair (2008-2011)

Foundations of African History

Africa since 1800

Middle East 1798-1945

United States and the Middle East since 1945

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Russia since 1800 (retitled Modern Russia)

Eastern Europe since 1800

Modern East Central Europe

Western Civilization to the Enlightenment

Western Civilization since the Enlightenment

United States since 1877

Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe

History Senior Seminar (director of senior theses)

War and the Modern State (team taught)

Regional and Political Geography (team taught)

Readings in Colonial Africa (graduate)

Readings in the Modern Middle East (graduate)

Writing Seminar in the Modern Middle East (graduate)

Director for Masters Theses (two complete)

Semesters Abroad (University of Oxford—Fall 1999/Prague Institute—Spring 2014)

Frostburg State University (1993)

Part-time Lecturer

Pre-Revolutionary Russia
Twentieth Century World

West Virginia University (1987-1991)

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Western Civilization to 1600
Western Civilization since 1600
United States since 1865

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Cold War, Hot Summer: Superpower Involvement in the War of Attrition in 1970,”
forthcoming in *Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 6(2015).

“Samburu Transhumance and British Colonial Rule,” in *Conditions of Pastoral Mobility: Historical Cases in an Anthropological Perspective*, eds. Günther Schlee and Anatoly Khazanov (Oxford: Bergahn Books, forthcoming 2014). Co-written with Kenyan historian Peter Waweru.

“Becoming Samburu: The Ethnogenesis of a Pastoral People in Nineteenth-Century Northern Kenya,” *Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 3(2012): 175-97. Co-written with Peter Waweru.

“Arab-Israeli Wars, 1948–Present,” Oxford Bibliographies Online, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012); available online at <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199791279/obo-9780199791279-0013.xml?rskey=YPvdsK&result=7&q=>.

“Behind the Iranian Menace—Russia and China’s Support for Tehran,” *Middle East Quarterly* Spring 17(2010): 63-72.

“Mad Mullahs and the Pax Britannica: Islam as a Factor in Somali Resistance to British Colonial Rule,” in *Political Islam from Muhammad to Ahmadinejad: Defenders, Detractors, and Definitions*, ed. Joseph Morrison Skelly (New York: Praeger, November 2009), 91-104.

“British Perspectives on Aulihan Somali Unrest in the East Africa Protectorate, 1915-8,” in *Northeast African Studies* 6(1999): 7-43.

“Gerontocrats and Colonial Alliances,” in *The Politics of Age and Gerontocracy in Africa*, ed. Mario I. Aguilar (Trenton: Africa World Press, 1998), 65-96.

“Land and Murder in Colonial Kenya: The Leroghi Land Dispute and the Powys ‘Murder’ Case,” co-written with John Duder, in *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, 15(1997): 440-465.

“Frontier Banditry and the Colonial Decision-Making Process: The East Africa Protectorate’s Northern Borderland prior to the First World War,” in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 29 (1996): 279-308.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of Pastoralism and Politics in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia by Günther Schlee and Abdullahi A. Shongolo (Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK: James Currey, 2012) forthcoming in *Journal of Third World Studies*, 31(2014).

Review of *Bin Laden's Legacy: Why We're Still Losing the War on Terror* by Daveed Gartenstein-Ross (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2011) Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, (2012) available on-line at <http://asmeascholars.org>.

Entries on “Arab-Israeli Wars (1948),” Arab-Israeli Wars (1956),” “Arab-Israeli Wars (1967),” and “Arab-Israeli Wars (1973),” in *Conflict and Conquest in the Islamic World: Historical Encyclopedia*. ed. Alexander Mikaberidze (Santa Barbara CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, 2011).

Review of *Global Security Watch: Kenya*, by Donovan C. Chau, (New York: Praeger, 2010), *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, 2011.

Entry on “Muhammad Ali” in *The Encyclopedia of Middle East Wars*, ed. Peter H. Wilson (New York: ABC-CLIO, 2011).

Entries on “The battle of Mazar 1-Sharif,” “The battle of Qala 1-Janghi,” “The battle of Ramadi,” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Middle East Wars: A Social, Political, and Military History*, eds. Spencer C. Tucker and Paul Pierpaoli, (New York: ABC-CLIO, 2010).

Review of *The Secret War with Iran: The 30-Year Clandestine Struggle Against the World's Most Dangerous Terrorist Power*, by Ronen Bergman, (New York: Free Press, 2008), *Journal of Middle East and African Studies*, 2010.

Entry on “The Giveaway at Yalta” in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*. ABC-CLIO, 2010.

Review of *History Turned Upside Down: The Roots of Palestinian Fascism and the Myth of Israeli Aggression*, by David Meir-Levi, (New York: Encounter Books, 2007), Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, (2008) available on-line at <http://asmeascholars.org>.

Review of *Managing British Colonial and Post-Colonial Development: The Crown Agents, 1914-1974* by David Sunderland, (Suffolk: Boydell and Brewer, 1007), *Journal of British Studies* 47(2008).

Review of *The Search for Arab Democracy: Discourses and Counter-Discourses* (New York: Columbia, 2004) by Larbi Sadiki in *The Journal of Third World Studies*, 24(2007).

“Arab-Israeli Wars” and “Cold War,” thirty-six thematic essays in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, ABC-CLIO, (2005) available on-line at <http://www.abc-clio.com>.

Review of *Rethinking Pastoralism in Africa: Gender, Culture & the Myth of the Patriarchal Pastoralist* edited by Dorothy L. Hodgson (Oxford: James Currey, 2000), in *Journal of Third World Studies*, 21(2004).

- Review of *Conflict, Age & Power in North East Africa: Age Systems in Transition* edited by Eisei Kurimoto and Simon Simonse (Oxford: James Currey, 1998), in *Journal of Third World Studies*, 21(2004).
- Review of *East Africa in the Fifties: A View of Late Imperial Life* by S.J. Coleman (London: Radcliffe, 1998), in *Journal of Third World Studies*, 19(2002).
- Review of *Mau Mau and Kenya: An Analysis of a Peasant Revolt* by Wunyabari O. Maloba (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1993), in *Journal of Third World Studies*, 19(2002).
- Review of *Stoics without Pillows: A Way Forward for the Somalilands* by John Drysdale (London: Haan Publishers, 2000), in *Northeast African Studies*, 7(2000).
- Review of *Endogenous Knowledge: Research Trails* edited by Paulin Houtondji (London: CODESRIA, 1997), in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 32 (1999).
- Review of *The Gabra: Camel Nomads of Northern Kenya* by Paul Tablino (Limuru, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 1999) in *The African Book Publishing Record* 25 (1999).
- Review of *Quest for the Jade Sea: Colonial Competition around and East Africa Lake* by Pascal James Imperato (Boulder: Westview, 1998) December 1998 on H-Net@h-net.msu.edu.
- Review of *African Pastoralist Systems: An Integrated Approach* edited by Elliot Fratkin, Kathleen A. Galvin, and Eric Abella Roth (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1994) in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 29 (1995).
- Review of *Eclipse of Empire* by D.A. Low (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992) in *Journal of Third World Studies* 11 (1994).
- Entries on “Haile Selassie,” “Menelik II,” and “Seyyid Said” in *Historic World Leaders* (Washington: Gale Research, 1994), 1:192-196; 412-415; and 560-563.
- Review of *I Accuse the Press: An Insider's View of the Media and Politics in Africa* by Philip Ochieng (Nairobi: Initiatives Publishers and Acts Press, 1992) in *Executive*, September 1992.
- Review of *Control & Crisis in Colonial Kenya: The Dialectic of Domination* by Bruce Berman (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 1990) in *Journal of Third World Studies* 9 (1992).
- Review of *The Kenya Pioneers* by Errol Trzebinski (New York: W.W. Norton, 1985) in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 25 (1991).

PROFESSIONAL PANELS AND PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Cold War, Hot Summer: Superpower Involvement in the War of Attrition in 1970,” Association of Scholars of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2014.
- “Smooth Operators: Maintaining Ethiopia’s Political Class,” Panel Moderator, ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2014.

- “Richard Nixon and the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” invited lecture, West Bohemia University, Pilsen, Czech Republic, March 2014.
- “United States Policy towards the Middle East, 1945-1967: A Counter-Narrative,” ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2013.
- “Plagues and Pestilences in Samburuland, c.1869-c.1893,” co-authored with Peter Waweru, ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2012.
- “Preparing to Fight: Lessons Learned and Lost,” Panel Moderator, ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2012.
- “Becoming Samburu: The Ethnogenesis of a Pastoral People in Nineteenth-Century Northern Kenya,” co-authored with Peter Waweru, ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2011. The paper was winner of the best paper on an African topic.
- “Finding Meaning in Controlling Interests of the Middle East,” Panel Moderator, ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2011.
- “The ‘*Lkimaniki*’ and the End of Colonial Grazing Regulations: Samburuland, Kenya 1948-1963,” Invited for Workshop on Mobility and Territoriality, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, May 2011.
- “Spanning the River Kwai: The Obama Administration’s Iran Policy,” Association of Scholars of the Middle East and Africa ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2010.
- “Africa: Contemporary Challenges Across the Continent,” Panel Moderator, ASMEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2010.
- “Behind the Iranian Menace: Russia and China’s Support for Teheran,” ASMEA, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2009.
- “Political and Economic Challenges in Modern Africa,” Panel Moderator, ASMEA, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2009.
- “Mad Mullahs and the Pax Britannica: Islam as a Factor in Somali Resistance to British Colonial Rule,” ASMEA, Inaugural Conference, Washington, D.C., April, 2008.
- “Teaching World History,” Panel Discussant, Conference of the North Carolina Association of Historians, Campbell University, April 2006.
- “*Kimaniiki*, the Last Years of Colonial Rule in Samburu District, Kenya,”—African Studies Association 2000 Annual Meeting, Nashville, November 2000.
- “*Nyama Yangu*: Arthur Neumann and the Place of a Rogue Ivory Hunter in Kenya’s Early Colonial History,”—African Studies Association (ASA) 1998 Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 1998.
- “The Imposition of Colonialism and Economic Change among the Pastoral Peoples of Northern Kenya,”—ASA 1998 Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, November 1997.

“Land and Murder in Colonial Kenya: The Leroghi Land Dispute and Powys ‘Murder’ Case,”—South-East Regional Society for African Studies, Spring 1995 Meeting, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, April 1995.

“Colonial Manipulation of Water Resources in Kenya’s Northern Frontier District,”—ASA 1993 Annual Meeting, Boston, December 1993.

“The Imposition of Colonial Rule in Northern Kenya,”—Sociology of Development Graduate School, Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany, November 1993.

“Frontier Banditry and Colonial Decision-Making: Kenya’s Northern Frontier District prior to the First World War,”—IRPS Seminar Paper Series, Maseno University College, Maseno, Kenya, June 1992.

“Turkana Resistance to British Rule: the British ‘Punitive Expedition’ of 1912-1913,”—Duquesne History Forum, October 1990.

“The Jews of Poland’s Piotrków Province in the 1905 Revolution,”—University of Virginia Symposium on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, April 1990.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Academic Fellowship with the Summer Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis University as a participant in a rigorous three-week seminar in June-July 2010 for university professors who teach aspects of Israeli history.

Editor, *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*.

Academic Fellowship with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and participant in intensive ten-day seminar in Israel entitled “Defending Democracy, Defeating Terrorism, May-June 2005.

Professional consultant to the History Channel’s “Shockwave” television series, 2008.

Book referee for manuscripts submitted to E.J. Brill Press.

Journal referee for articles submitted to *The International Journal of Africa Historical Studies*

Journal referee for articles submitted to *The African Journal of History and Culture*

Journal referee for articles submitted to *The North Carolina Association of Historians*

Participant in the seminar, “War and Conflict Resolution,” sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC (Chosen as one of twenty-six faculty members from over two hundred applicants from universities and colleges around the United States—1996)

Robert and Wyona Wilkins Award for outstanding doctoral student in the Department of History, West Virginia University (1993)

Fulbright-Hays Scholarship for study in Kenya (1991-1992)

College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, West Virginia University (1987-1991)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Undergraduate Research Committee (2012-present)
College of Arts and Sciences General Education Assessment Committee (2012-present)
Professional Growth Committee (2010-2012)
Cultural Affairs Committee (2000-2002; 2010-2012)
Chair, Department of History (2008-2011)
Admissions Committee (2004-2009)
Faculty Athletic Committee (2001-2005)
Graduate Affairs Committee (2006-2009)
Global Studies Committee (2003-2004)
Faculty Council (2000-2003; 2005-2008); chair (2008)
International Studies Committee (1994-2000; 2002-2003)
Student Life Committee (1993-1994)
Faculty Advisor College Republicans (2004-2012)
Organizer and Coordinator of the War on Terrorism Lecture Series (2006-present)
Academic Advisor (eight students)

MEMBERSHIP

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa
Association of Third World Studies
Middle East Forum
North Carolina Association of Historians
Phi Alpha Theta (History Honorary)
Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honorary)
Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (advanced)
Swahili (reading)
Arabic (beginning)

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Air Force
Staff Sergeant
Electronic Security Command/Air Training Command
Active Duty 1977-81; 1983-87; Reserve 1987-88

Served as a Middle East analyst and as a technical school instructor with tours of duty at Fort George G. Meade, Hellenikon Air Base, and Goodfellow Air Force Base with TS-SCI clearance.

Recipient of two air medals and Air Force commendation medal. Honorable discharge.

REFERENCES:

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