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Personal Birth Date: July 4, 1945  
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Education 1970-1975: Columbia University  
Jan. 1973 - Certificate in African Studies  
May 1975 - PhD, Political Science  
(*Dissertation defended with distinction*)  
1962-1968: University of California, Davis  
Mar. 1968 - M.A. Political Science  
June 1966 - B.A. French and Political Science  
1964-1965 - University of Bordeaux

Professional Positions 1975- Tufts University, Department of Political Science – Tenured faculty member  
1994-2001: Director, Program in International Relations  
1994 Spring: University of Georgia, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Political Science  
1994-5; 2016: The Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy – Adjunct Associate Professor  
1997-1998: Makerere University - Ford Foundation Visiting Professor, Dept. of Political Science  
& Public Administration  
2002-2003: University of Dar es Salaam - Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science  
& Public Administration  
2004-2007: Director, Africa and the New World Interdisciplinary Minor

*Courses taught:* African Politics; African Political Economy; Regionalism in African International Relations;  
Race & US Africa Policy; Mitigating Electoral Violence in Africa; Regionalism, Women & Power in Africa; A  
World View of Race; GhanaGold CSR Study Tour & Colloquium; Politics and Global Africa; Political  
Transitions in Africa; Africa in the New International Order; African-American Political Thought; African-  
American Politics; Recurring Themes in African-American Political Thought; Urban Politics; Black Politics;  
Cross-Cultural Political Analysis; Work in America

Other Employment 1974-1975: The Ford Foundation, Middle East & Africa Office, Training Associate  
1968-1970: Peace Corps Volunteer Niger, Public Health Educator

Professional Affiliations American Political Science Association, African Studies Association, Council on Foreign Relations, West  
African Research Association, African Politics Conference Group, National Conference of Black Political  
Scientists

Foreign Travel Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti,  
Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mexico,  
Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland,  
Tanzania, The Gambia, The Netherlands, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom,  
Zambia, Zimbabwe

Languages Fluent in French and Hausa

## Publications

### **BOOKS**

Transformation and Resiliency in Africa (As Seen by African-American Scholars), co-edited with Elliott P. Skinner (Washington, D.C.: Howard University Press, 1983). Reprinted in paperback (Howard University Press Classic Edition, 2003).

Stabilizing Nigeria: Sanctions, Incentives, and Support for Civil Society, with Peter M. Lewis and Barnett R. Rubin (New York: The Century Foundation Press, 1998). A CFR Center for Preventive Action publication. *The roadmap proposed framed the Clinton Administration's Nigeria strategy during the transition from military to civilian rule.*

### **AFRICAN STUDIES: EPISTEMOLOGY**

#### **Articles, Book Chapters**

"Ralph Bunche the Africanist – Revisiting Paradigms Lost," in Robert A. Hill and Edmond J. Keller, eds., Trustee for the Human Community: Ralph J. Bunche and the Decolonization of Africa, Ch. 5 (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2010), pp. 69-90.

"Ralph Bunche and African Studies: Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge," African Studies Association Presidential Address 2007, African Studies Review, Vol. 51, No. 1 (April 2008): 1-16.

"Area Studies in Search of Africa," in David L. Szanton, ed., The Politics of Knowledge: Area Studies and the Disciplines (Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press, 2004), Ch. 3 - pp. 119-183.

*Online*: "Area Studies in Search of Africa," University of California eScholarship, Global, Area, and International Archive. Edited Volumes, 3: 2002

<http://escholarship.org/uc/search?keyword=Area+Studies+in+Search+of+Africa>

*Reprinted*: "Area Studies in Search of Africa: The Case of the United States," in Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Adebayo Olukoshi, eds., The Study of Africa, Vol. 2: Global and Transnational Engagements (Dakar: Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, 2007), pp. 235-276.

Local/Global Linkages and the Future of African Studies," Africa Today, Vol. 44, No. 2 (April-June 1997): 169- 177.

"On Paradigms and Political Silence," (CODESRIA) Bulletin 4 (December 1990): 6.

"Key Issues and Changing Dynamics of the African/Afro-American Connection," in Adelaide Cromwell, ed., Dynamics of the African/Afro-American Connection (Howard University Press, 1988), pp. 3-14.

"Looking Toward the Future with an Eye on the Past," in Robinson and Skinner, eds., Transformation and Resiliency in Africa (Howard University Press, 1983) pp. 253-269.

### **AFRICAN STUDIES: POLITICS & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Articles, Book Chapters, Guest Editor, Contributing Author, Consultancy, Commentary**

"Improving Democratic Governance for Sustainable Development: An Assessment of Change and Continuity in Niger," (with Robert Charlick, Leslie Fox, Sheldon Gellar and Tina West), USAID consultancy, Associates for Rural Development, Contract No. AFR-0542-C-00-1109-00, October 27, 1994, 141pp.

"Confronting the Challenge of Co-Development: A Post-Nairobi Agenda for African and African-American Women," African Commentary (August 1990): 4-5.

Guest editor, Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women, special issue on Rural Africa, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Summer 1990).

"Transnational NGO's: A New Direction for U.S. Policy," Issue: A Journal of Opinion 18 (Winter 1989): 41-46.

The Economist Intelligence Unit, Quarterly Economic Review, "Niger"

No. 3, 1986, p. 7; pp. 21-27

No. 2, 1986, pp. 6-7; pp. 18-27

No. 1, 1986, pp. 6-7; pp. 15-19

Annual Supplement 1985, pp. 22-41  
No.4, 1985, pp. 6-7; pp. 17-23  
No.3, 1985, pp. 7-8; pp. 19-24  
No.2, 1985, pp. 6-7; pp. 18-2

"Sahelian Regional Development in a Changing World Order," Journal of African Studies Vol. 11, No. 4, Special Issue: Food Policies and Problems in Africa (Winter 1984-85): 175-181.

"Playing the Arab Card: Niger and Chad's Ambivalent Relations with Libya," in Bruce Arlinghaus, ed., African Security Issues: Sovereignty, Stability & Solidarity (Westview Press, 1984), pp. 171-84

"After the Famine: A New Development Policy for the West African Sahel," Radcliffe Quarterly, vol. 67, No. 1 (1981): 16-18.

"The Political Context of Regional Development in the West African Sahel," Journal of Modern African Studies, Vol. 16, No. 4 (December 1978): 579-595.

#### **POLITICAL SCIENCE: POLITICAL PARTICIPATION – AFRICAN & AFRICAN-AMERICAN**

##### **Articles, Book Chapters**

"Ralph Bunche, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barack Obama: Three African-American Nobel Laureates Debate War and Peace," in Adekeye Adebajo, ed., Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Peace Laureates of African Descent (London & New York: Zed Books, 2014): 59-78.

"Traditional Clientage and Political Change in a Hausa Community," in Robinson and Skinner, eds., Transformation and Resiliency in Africa (Howard University Press, 1983, paperback 2003), pp. 105-128

"TransAfrica," in Jack Salzman, editor, Encyclopedia of African American History and Culture (New York: Macmillan, 1995)

"The National Conference Phenomenon in Francophone Africa," Comparative Studies in Society and History, Vol. 36, No. 3 (July 1994): 575-610  
Excerpted in précis, MIT Center for International Studies (Spring/Summer 1991-92): 5, 8-9

"Grassroots Legitimation of Military Governance in Burkina Faso and Niger," in Goran Hyden and Michael Bratton eds., Governance and Politics in Africa (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1992), pp. 143-165. French Edition (Paris, Nouveaux Horizons, 1994).

"Democratization: Understanding the Relationship between Regime Change and the Culture of Politics," African Studies Review, Vol. 31, No. 1 (April 1994): 39-67  
Reprinted in Peter Lewis, ed. Africa: Dilemmas of Development and Change (Boulder: Westview Press, 1998), pp. 310-340.

"Niger: Anatomy of a Neotraditional Corporatist State," Comparative Politics Vol. 24, No. 1 (October 1991): 1-20.

"Testing the Limits of Popular Participation Under Military Rule," in Beyond Autocracy in Africa, Working Papers for the Inaugural Seminar of the Governance in Africa Program (Atlanta: The Carter Center, 1989), pp. 69-74.

"New Conflicts," in Ali Mazrui and Toby Levine, eds., The Africans: A Reader (New York: Praeger, 1986), pp. 133-155.

"Black Political Power--Upward or Downward?" in The State of Black America 1982 (New York: National Urban League, 1983): 81-111.

"Whither the Future of Blacks in the Republican Party?" Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 97, No. 23 (Summer 1982) 207-231

Reprinted, the Voter Education Project, Atlanta, 1983  
Reprinted, Study Guide for Black Politics, Indiana University Independent Study, 1983  
Excerpted in Point of View, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (Summer 1984): 579-595

Review of Standing Fast: The Autobiography of Roy Wilkins by Roy Wilkins and Tom Matthews in PSQ  
Vol. 99, No. 1 (Spring 1984): 148-49

Review of The Ebony Kinship by Robert Weisbord in PSQ (Winter 1974-1975): 899-90

## **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

### **Book Chapters & Online Content**

“Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Experiments in Collaboration across Two Digital Divides,” Partnership for Higher Education in Africa.

<http://www.foundation-partnership.org/linchpin/ccd.htm>

“Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Negotiating Power/Knowledge Dynamics across Two Digital Divides,” (with Paula Aymer and Steve Cohen), in Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Adebayo Olukoshi, eds., African Universities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Vol. I: Liberalisation and Internationalisation (Dakar: CODESRIA, 2004), Ch. 11, pp. 209-217.

“Students on two continents explore African issues, virtually.” Op-Ed, the Learning section, The Christian Science Monitor, 30 July 2002, p. 21 and <http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/0730/p21s01-lecs.html>

## Movies & Documentaries

*BLOG POSTS*. 2016, 2017. Mama Kyoto Movie Tour: A Civic Engagement Film Project.

Blog Post #1 – Background: Mama Kiota Teaches Women to Think New Thoughts

Blog Post #2 – The Sultan of Sokoto at the Wilson Center in DC: Conversation with His Royal Eminence

Blog Post #3 – Movie Night at the Kiota Mosque: 500 “Mama Fans” Attended the Outdoor Screening

Blog Post #4 – From Slave to Not Quite Free: Read? ... What would an ex-slave like me do with that?

Blog Post #5 – Moustapha Alassane, Tahoua & Politics: All My Films Have A Political Dimension

Blog Post #6 – Niamey Screening Draws 2000: A Media Event at the Martial Arts Stadium

Blog Post #7 – The JND Delegation Arrives in Niamey: My Introduction to the Prayer Market

Blog Post #8 – Sokoto, Nigeria: A Sultan, a Governor and a Past President, All in One Day!

*WRITER, PRODUCER & DIRECTOR*. 2016. “*Mama Kyoto*” a documentary about a Tijaniyya Sufi Muslim women’s movement in Niger. Themes: female empowerment, Islamic civil society, political interest representation, public policy, literacy, peace movement.

*PROFILED IN DOCUMENTARY*. 2010. One of ten PCV’s featured in *Niger 66: A Peace Corps Diary*” by Judy Irola.

*PLANNING CONSULTANT*. 2001. The Ford Foundation and Blackside, Inc. “*Hopes on the Horizon*,” a made-for-TV documentary chronicling the rise of pro-democracy movements in six African countries during the 1990s. Premiered on PBS.

*CURRICULUM CONSULTANT*. 1985. WETA Public Television. “*The Africans: A Triple Heritage*,” a 9-part PBS/BBC TV series by Ali Mazrui.

## Curricular Initiatives

*TUFTS BLACK FREEDOM TRAIL*. 2015. Spearheaded efforts to memorialize the scholarship and vision of Tufts History Professor Gerald (1948-2007) to map the African-American presence on Tufts’ campus. The African American Trail Project is now a citywide organizational network and archive coordinated by Tufts History Professor Kendra Field.

*SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT*. 2012. Developed a Social Media toolkit for my course on Mitigating Electoral Violence in Africa. Toolkit facilitated student observation of African election dynamics on the ground in real-time. Templates enabled students to connect commentary posted on twitter and Facebook with assigned readings.

*GHANAGOLD: A CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY STUDY TOUR & COLLOQUIUM*. 2005-2010. Conceptualized and Implemented an interdisciplinary, experiential learning course focused on stakeholders in Ghana's gold mining industry. Template includes instruction in fieldwork methods, extensive background readings, guest lectures, production of a digital movie, and preparation of electronic portfolios.

*CURRICULUM CO-DEVELOPMENT (CCD) WITH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES*. 2001-04. Shared curricular resources and organized online dialogues linking students studying African International Relations at Tufts, *Makerere University (Uganda) and the University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)*. Secured funding to equip a computer lab at Makerere, purchase 2 digital scanners, and provide academic technology training for East African colleagues. Funded by Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation, and USAID. Initiative highlighted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Issues in Black Higher Education*, *Christian Science Monitor* newspaper, and *The Congressional Record*. Special recognition from American Council on Education for the use of technology as a tool for internationalization.

*TUFTS-IN-GHANA*. 1996. Co-founder, Tufts' study Abroad program with the University of Ghana at Legon.

Symposia &  
Conferences  
Organized

*RE-THINKING AFRICAN LIBERATION: INDIGENOUS RESPONSES TO THE LEGACIES OF SLAVERY AND SERVILE PEOPLES*. 2008. Received planning grant from Humanity United to explore holding a Practitioners' Conference at the Gorée Institute in Senegal. Under the sponsorship of Tufts' Tisch College.

*SMALL STATES IN A CHANGING WORLD: GLOBALIZATION, REGIONALISM, CULTURE & IDENTITY*. 2000. Conference sponsored by Tufts Program in International Relations, co-sponsored with the Fletcher School. Included film festival featuring works by filmmakers from small states, and an essay competition for students from small states. Facilitated by a grant from The Ford Foundation. <http://ase.tufts.edu/irconf/>

*JAZZ AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM*. 1997. Sponsored by Tufts' Program in International Relations and the A&S Deans.

*TRANSITIONS IN AFRICA: VIOLENCE AND THE POLITICS OF PARTICIPATION*. 1996. International conference sponsored by the SSRC/ACLS Joint Committee on African Studies. Hosted by Université Abdou Moumouni and the OAU Centre for Research on Oral Tradition, Niamey, NIGER. Carnegie Corporation grant.

*BLACK AMBASSADORS' FOREIGN POLICY SYMPOSIUM & COMMEMORATIVE BANQUET*. 1983. Co-organizer, as a member of TransAfrica Boston Chapter. Symposium held at Harvard Law School honored 18 former U.S. ambassadors and resulted in establishment of the Association of Black American Ambassadors.

Conferences &  
Public Lectures

"Saïda OumulKhairi Ibrahim Niasse: How an African Muslim Woman Became a Global Humanitarian Citizen," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 30 November 2018

Film Screening and discussion, "Mama Kiota: The Floodgate of African Muslim Female Leadership and Authority." Maryam Sharrieff presiding, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, 17-18 November 2018.

Film screening & discussion: "Mama Xiota: A Civic Engagement Film Examining Islam & Female Empowerment: Sayyeda Oumalkhairi Ibrahim Niasse of Niger," presented at the Quadrennial meeting of the Parliament of the World's Religions, Toronto, Canada, 3 November 2018.

Conferences &  
Public Lectures

Invited Participant & Paper, "Randall Robinson: A Pan-Africanist Foreign Policy Virtuoso," presented at the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation's Conference on *THE PAN-AFRICAN PANTHEON*, The University of Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA, 16-18 June 2017

Invited Presentation, "Mama Kiota: Koranic Education in Postcolonial Niger," *MAMA KYOTA* movie clips & commentary. Harvard Divinity School Conference on *TEXTS, KNOWLEDGE, AND PRACTICE: THE MEANING OF SCHOLARSHIP IN MUSLIM AFRICA*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 18 February 2017

American Historical Association Presidential Panel. *Regionalization in West Africa: Balkanization to Unity?* "Saïda Ouul Khairy Niase and the Women of the Jamiyat Nassirat Dine." Invited Paper presented at the AHA annual meeting, Denver, CO 6 January 2017

Moderator. Roundtable: *Assessing Obama's Foreign Policy Legacy in Africa*. African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., 3 December 2016

*Mama Kyota* movie tour. Month-long, 3-country launch of the documentary for Hausa-speaking audiences in Niger, Northern Nigeria and the University of Ghana. July-August 2016

Invited Presenter. "I Had To Live Among the Women To Do My Work." Film clips & discussion of *Mama Kyota* documentary. THE HOME FESTIVAL: AFRICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA FEMALE ARTISTS TELL THEIR STORIES ABOUT HOME. UNC-Chapel Hill, 6 April 2016

Invited Speaker. Inauguration of the Archive of the Republic of Niger at Boston University's African Studies Library. Keynote address given by Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou. 3 April 2016

Opening remarks. "The Tree: Libations to the Ancestors of Africana Studies at Tufts." SOCIAL MOVEMENTS & THE BLACK INTELLECTUAL TRADITION, a Symposium organized by Tufts' Africana Studies Program, Medford, MA, 20 November 2015

*Introductory remarks on U.S. Africa Policy*, at ASA annual meeting Plenary Session with Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Linda Thomas-Greenfield. San Diego, CA, 19 November 2015

*Mama Kyota* movie Screenings. Held 9 events for Hausa-speaking audiences in Niger. Included a Screening & Press Event at the American Cultural Center in Niamey. August 2015

"Seeing the Unseen: Lessons from my Research on a Sufi Muslim Women's Group in Niger," Phi Beta Kappa Oration, PBK Delta Chapter initiation ceremony, Tufts University, 19 April 2015.

Book launch Panelist. *Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Laureates of African Descent*, Boston University's African Studies Center, Pardee School for International Affairs, 5 February 2015

Book launch Panelist. *Africa's Peacemakers*, Tufts University – The Fletcher School. 4 February 2015

Film Clips & Paper Presentation. "*Mama Kiota!* A Civic Engagement Film Project examines Islam and Female Empowerment." Annual meeting of the ASA, Indianapolis, IN, 20 November 2014.

Book launch Panelist. *Africa's Peacemakers: Nobel Laureates of African Descent*, Ralph Bunche Institute, City University of New York, 27 November 2014

Book launch Panelist. *Africa's Peacemakers*, Howard University, Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, 14 November 2014

Presenter. "Leadership Is African, Is Female, Is Muslim Woman." Clips and discussion about my *Mama Kyota* documentary. Tufts Faculty Research Colloquium on Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies. 22 October 2014

Moderator. Council on Foreign Relations–Boston Roundtable on *Ebola in Africa*. 17 September 2014

Panelist. "Ralph Bunche, UN Trusteeship, and the Howard University Conference on Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, 1947," APSA-sponsored off-site panel on *Recovering the 'Howard School' of International Affairs*, Washington, D.C., 28 August 2014.

Session Chair. *Cross-Border Interactions, Regional Powers & Developmental States*. Policy Research Seminar on REGION-BUILDING AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN AFRICA, Centre for Conflict Resolution, Cape Town, South Africa, 28-30 April 2014.

Book launch Panelist. *Africa's Peacemakers*. International Peace Institute, New York City, 25 March 2014.

Keynote Speaker. Boston City Hall Annual Black History Month Celebration, 27 February 2014.

Roundtable Co-Chair and Co-Organizer: "Thirty-nine Years of African Politics: The influence of Edmond J. Keller," Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 20-23 November 2013.

Roundtable Panelist. OBAMA'S NOBEL ANCESTORS OF AFRICAN DESCENT, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 20-23 November 2013.

Roundtable Panelist. TELLING OUR STORY: POSITIONING AFRICAN STUDIES TO THRIVE WITHIN CHANGING RESEARCH AND POLITICAL LANDSCAPES, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 20-23 Nov 2013.

Response to President Pires. Keynote Address given by President Pedro Pires of Cape Verde titled "Afro-Optimism, Afro-Pessimism, Afro-Realism: The Disconnect between Surging Economic Growth and the Persistence of Poverty in Africa." Institute of the Black World, National/International Symposium on *The Future of Democracy and Development in Africa and the Caribbean*, Washington, D.C., 18 October 2013.

Community Presentation. "Leadership Is Female, Is Africa, Is Muslim Woman." *Mama Kyota* movie clips shown at annual meeting of the Boston PanAfrican Forum, Dudley Library, Roxbury, MA, 18 June 2013.

James S. Coleman Memorial Lecture. "African Muslim Women and the Global Feminist Movement: Rethinking the Empowerment Paradigm," UCLA African Studies Center, 21 May 2013.  
<http://www.international.ucla.edu/news/article.asp?parentid=132234>

Lecture & Video Clips of work-in-progress. "Saïda Oumul Khairy Niasse: Her Father's Daughter." Boston University's African Studies Center and the West African Research Association lecture series on *Rethinking Islam in West Africa: Legal, Political and Artistic Perspectives*, 11 October 2012.  
<http://www.bu.edu/wara/2012/10/22/rethinking-islam-niasse/>

Invited Speaker. "African Muslim Women and Civic Islam: A Civic Engagement Film Project," lecture and movie clips, Rosenfield Program Symposium on *Africa's Role in the International Arena*, Grinnell College, 12 April 2012

African Awareness Week Distinguished Lecture. "African Muslim Women and Civic Islam," African Studies Program, Bridgewater State University, 22 March 2012

Lecture. "Ralph Bunche, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Barack Obama: African-American Nobel Laureates Debate War & Peace." *Ralph Bunche Society*, Tufts—The Fletcher School, 2 March 2012.

Book launch Panelist. Jendayi Frazer & E. Gyimah-Boadi, eds. *Preventing Electoral Violence in Africa*, Heinz College CIPI, Carnegie Mellon University, Washington, DC, 19 January 2012.

Paper Presented. "Ralph Bunche, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barack Obama: African-American Nobel Laureates Debate War and Peace." Annual Meeting of the ASA, Washington, DC, 17 November 2011.

Invited Presenter. "President Obama's Africa Policy: A Three-Legged Stool," *US-Africa Relations: Dilemmas of Democracy Conference*, Loyola Marymount University Institute for Leadership Studies, March 7, 2011.

Keynote Address. "Ralph Bunche: An African-American Africanist," presented at *Circuits & Connections: A Symposium on Africa & the African Diaspora*, the African and African-American Studies Research Center, University of California, San Diego, 27 May 2011.

Invited Participant & Panel Moderator. "Mechanisms for Coordinating Violence Prevention Efforts," *Conference to Mitigate the Use of Violence in Liberia's 2011 Elections & Civil Society Peer-Learning Workshop*, hosted by Liberia's National Elections Commission, in partnership with Carnegie Mellon CIPI and the CDD-Ghana, Monrovia, Liberia, 2-4 December 2010.

Invited Presenter. "Ralph Bunche's Howard Years, 1928-1951: The World John Hope Franklin Entered," *The Legacy of John Hope Franklin—The Howard Years: A Symposium*, Howard University, April 8-10, 2010.

Invited Participant & Panel Moderator. "The Role of Civil Society, Media and African Parliaments," international conference on *Preventing Electoral Violence and Instituting Good Governance*, hosted by the Center for International Policy and Innovation (CIPI), Carnegie Mellon University, in partnership with the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), Accra, Ghana, 22-24 March 2010.

Guest Lecture. "Ralph Bunche as Africanist: Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge," for Professor Hope Lewis' course on International Human Rights, Northeastern University Law School, 30 June 2010.

Panel Organizer & Presenter. "Debating Women's Equality: Legislative-Executive Relations and the Dynamics of Exclusion in Muslim Majority Niger," panel on LEGISLATIVE CHALLENGES IN AFRICA, the Annual Meeting of the APSA, Washington, D.C., 2-5 September 2010.

Invited Presenter. "Ralph Bunche, the Atlantic Charter and Africa: Working for Decolonization from the Inside." Conference on *AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY*, the African American Studies Program & the African Presidential Archives & Research Center, Boston University, 27-28 October 2010.

Paper Presenter. "Evading Political Accountability: Legislative-Executive Relations and the Dynamics of Female Marginalization in Muslim Majority Niger." Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 18-21 November 2010.

Paper Presenter. "Empowerment for the Women, Power to the Men! Democratization and Competing Feminisms in a Muslim Majority State." Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, 20 November 2009.

Invited Presenter. "Empowerment for the Women, Power to the Men! Democratization & Feminisms in a Muslim Majority State," Conference on *Gender, Islam & Health in Africa*, UNC-Chapel Hill, 16-18 April '09

Honoree and Panelist. *Madam President: Summit on Women of Color, Leadership and the Learned Societies*, hosted by Arizona State University Faculty Women's Association, ASU Tempe campus, February 27, 2009.

Roundtable Presentation. "The Atlantic Charter and Africa from an American Standpoint: Ralph Bunche's contribution to an Africa Policy for the State Department, 1941." *Finding Common Ground: The State Department's Bureau of African Affairs @ 50*, the Annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, 14 November 2008.

Invited Lecture. "Ralph Bunche: An African Odyssey." Presented in the Ralph Bunche Library at the US Department of State, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration event, Bureau of African Affairs. Washington, D.C., 22 February 2008.

Chair and Organizer. Roundtable on CHINA IN AFRICA, held at the 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the African Studies Association, New York City, 20 October 2007.

ASA Presidential Address. "Ralph Bunche and African Studies: Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge," presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New York City, 19 October 2007.

Discussion Group Chair. "The Horn of Africa," Council on Foreign Relations 2007 National Conference, *Navigating a Troubled World*, New York City, 8 June 2007.

Member of US Delegation to China. Center for Strategic and International Studies *Dialogue on China-Africa-US Relations*, November 28-December 1, 2006. Report by Bates Gill, Chin-hao Huang and J. Stephen Morrison, *China's Expanding Role in Africa: Implications for the United States*, (CSIS, January 2007).

Organizer and Presenter. "Islam and Female Empowerment among the Tijaniyya in Niger," panel on *Muslim Modernity in Africa*, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, 17 November 2006.



Invited Presentation. "Ralph Bunche and Josephine Baker: Two Modes of Black Internationalism." UCLA forum on *African Diaspora: Identity and Transformation*, co-sponsored by USA for Africa, UCLA African Studies Center, UCLA Globalization Research Center—Africa, and UCLA Latin American Center, 3 November 2006.

Invited Participant. *The Kofi Annan Legacy for Africa* Conference, Georgetown University, 31 October 2006.

Invited Participant. *Effective Support to Tertiary Education and Research in Developing Countries*. Nuffic expert meeting in The Hague, The Netherlands, 23-25 May 2005.

Public Lecture. "Femmes et Démocratisation en Afrique: leçons tirées de cas d'études," presented at the American Cultural Center, Niamey Niger, 23 July 2004.

Invited Participant. "Ralph Bunche the Africanist: Revisiting Paradigms Lost." Presented at the UCLA Ralph Bunche Centennial Conference, TRUSTEE FOR THE HUMAN COMMUNITY: RALPH J. BUNCHE AND THE DECOLONIZATION OF AFRICA", MAY 13-14, 2004.

Luce Seminar presentation. "Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Crossing Digital Divides," Tufts University, 1 March 2004.

Invited Panelist. Roundtable on Ralph J. Bunche: Africa and African Studies, Board-sponsored panel, the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, 1 November 2003.

Panel Presentation. "Ralph Bunche the Africanist: In Search of the Talented Tenth," International Political Science Association Plenary Session on Ralph Bunche, Durban, South Africa, 2 July 2003.

Invited External Stakeholder. *Setting Directions for ICT at UDSM: A Future Search stakeholders' workshop*. University of Dar es Salaam, 3-5 October, 2002.

Invited Participant. "Curriculum Co-Development with African Universities: Experiments in Collaboration across Two Digital Divides." Paper presented at The Ford Foundation conference on Effective Use of ICT to Create a New Environment for Learning and Teaching, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29 July – 1 August 2002.

Invited Participant. *Innovations in Higher Education in Africa*, Policy Forum organized by The Ford Foundation in Nairobi, Kenya, 1-3 October 2001.

Organizer & Moderator. SSRC/JCAS Roundtable on "Images of Africa in the Media," at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Orlando, FL, October 1995.

Invited Participant. *The White House Conference on Africa*, 26-27 June 1994.

Professional &  
Community  
Service

**LOCAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

*Current:*

African Studies Association, Member Distinguished Africanist Award Committee (2017-2020)  
Senior Advisor, Boston PanAfrica Forum

**Tufts University – Current**

Member, Tufts University Faculty Senate  
Member, *ad hoc* Working Group on Faculty Workload  
Core Faculty & Member Africana Studies Program Steering Committee  
Core Faculty & board member, Peace & Justice Studies  
Core Faculty, Program in International Relations  
Core Faculty, American Studies Program

**Previous National Service:**

West African Research Association, Board member  
Council on Foreign Relations, member National Program Advisory Committee (2005-2014)  
Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowships Review Panel – East Africa, 2014  
Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, Fulbright – East Africa review panel, 2009

President, African Studies Association, 2007-2008; ASA Board member 2005 - 2008  
Vice President African Studies Association, 2006-2007  
Member, the APSA's standing Committee on Professional Ethics (2001-2004)  
Herskovits Prize Committee Member, ASA Award for the best book in African Studies (2001-2004)  
Advisory Committee, Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College (1999-2001)  
Foreign Policy Advisory Committee, National Summit on Africa (1998-2000)  
Boston PanAfrica Forum, Senior Advisor  
Advisory Board, Council on Foreign Relations Center for Preventive Action (1995-1998)  
Chair, SSRC/ACLS Joint Committee on African Studies (1994-1996)  
National Board Member, TransAfrica (1993-1996)  
Advisory Board, Lincoln University's Center for Public Policy and Diplomacy (1991-1993)  
President, TransAfrica Boston Chapter (1990-1994)  
Consultant to WBZ-TV for Nelson Mandela's visit to Boston, 1990  
International Advisory Board, National Council of Negro Women (1988-94)  
Task Force on Minority Recruitment, Council on Foreign Relations (1989-1991)  
Board member & Chair of Overseas Projects Committee, Oxfam-America (1977-1986)

#### **Journals (*Past Service*)**

Editorial Board of Advisors, Mawazo: Journal of the Faculties of Arts & Soc Sciences, Makerere  
Consulting Editor, Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women  
Editorial Board: TransAfrica Forum

#### **International Observer & Study Missions**

Member, CSIS Delegation to China. Dialogues on China-Africa-US Relations, 28 Nov-1 Dec 2006  
International Observer—UNDP, Niger Local Elections, 24 July 2004  
International Observer—The Carter Center, Nigerian Presidential Elections, 27 Feb 1999  
Council on Foreign Relations-Center for Preventive Action, Study Mission to Nigeria, Jan 1997  
International Observer, Niger National Conference on Political Reform, 29 July-29 August 1991

#### **Congressional Testimony**

U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs hearings on African Development, panel on Higher Education in Africa, 17 May 1993

U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa hearings on Recent Developments in Western and Southern Africa, West Africa panel, 29 April 1993

#### **Community Forum**

Organizing Committee Member. TransAfrica-Boston community forum on "*AIDS in Africa: Its Clinical and Social Dimensions*," 26 June 1993 (co-sponsored with Boston Multicultural AIDS Coalition)

#### Grants & Fellowships

#### **RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP**

##### *National Awards*

UCLA Thayer Research Fellowship for Special Collections, 2014  
UCLA Globalization Research Center-Africa, Research Fellow for Bunche Papers, 2005  
James S. Coleman African Studies Center, UCLA – Visiting Scholar 2005  
MIT, Visiting Scholar at the Center for International Studies, 1991-92  
Social Science Research Council, Postdoctoral Research Grant 1991-92  
Institute for Advanced Study, NEH Fellow School of Social Sciences, 1989-90  
Rockefeller Foundation, Scholar in Residence, Bellagio, Italy, May-June 1985  
National Research Council, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 1983-84  
Princeton University, Compton Fellow, Center of International Studies, 1980  
Radcliffe College, Bunting Institute Fellow, Summer & Fall 1979  
Ford Foundation grant for Afro-American Africanists book project, 1978  
Ford Foundation Middle East and Africa Fellow, Dissertation fieldwork, 1972-73  
NDFL Fellowship (Hausa), and Columbia University Faculty Fellow, 1970-72

*Tufts University Awards*

Tisch Faculty Fellow, 2015-2016  
Tisch Faculty Fellow, 2011-2012  
Tufts University, Summer Faculty Research Awards Committee grant, 2008, \$5,000  
Tufts University, Summer Faculty Research Award for Niger project, 2005. \$3,000  
Scholar in Residence, Tufts European Center, Talloires, France, Summer 1996  
Tufts Mellon Fellow, Spring 1977

**CONFERENCES & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Humanity United, planning grant for Gorée Conference on legacies of slavery, \$10,000  
Tisch College Tufts, 3-year grant to ANW to launch Ghana Gold Study Tour, 2007-2009. \$60,000  
Tufts Diversity Fund, ANW program for a Lecture Series & Course Development workshop, 2005. \$23,000  
USAID EDDI, grant to set up Digital Repositories at UDSM & MUK libraries, 2003. \$100,000  
Ford Foundation, grant to launch the Curriculum Co-Development Project 2001-2004. \$265,000  
Carnegie Corporation, grant of for a CCD Training Workshop fat UDSM, 2001. \$15,000  
US-AID Leland Initiative, grant for a CCD Workshop at Tufts University, 2000. \$18,000  
Ford grant to Tufts IR Program for a conference on *Small States in a Changing World*, 2000. \$80,000.  
USA for Africa, development education grant to Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women for special issue on Women in Rural Africa, 1988.  
Ford grant to convene a symposium of African-American ME&A Field Research Fellows, 1979.

Awards & Honors

2017. Tufts Tisch College of Civic Life named Saïda Oumul Khairyh Niassé the inaugural recipient of its Global Humanitarian Citizen award. My documentary drew attention to her contributions to Female Empowerment, Education and Peace, and inspired the creation of this new prize.
2016. Certificate of appreciation from the JND for *Contributions à l'Emancipation de la Femme Nigérienne*
2015. Elected member of Phi Beta Kappa-Delta Chapter
2013. James S. Coleman Distinguished Memorial Lecture, UCLA African Studies Center, "African Muslim Women and the Global Feminist Movement: Rethinking the Empowerment Paradigm," 23 May 2013
2011. Teshome H. Gabriel Distinguished Africanist Award, presented by University of California, San Diego's Research Center in African and African American Studies
2011. Certificate of Appreciation, from *Casa Nueva Vida* in recognition of support for its mission to help homeless families gain the education & skills needed to permanently pull themselves out of poverty
2008. National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Special recognition as one of four African-American female political scientists who attained simultaneous leadership of national learned societies in the fields of Political Science and African Studies
2003. ACE/AT&T Award for the use of Technology as a Tool for Internationalization. Special Recognition for Tufts University's role in launching a prototype interactive course on "Regionalism in African International Relations" co-developed with Makerere University and the University of Dar es Salaam.
2002. Selected for inclusion in a Boston Public Library photo exhibit of 200 Boston area intellectuals. *Photos are now part of the Library's permanent collection*
2000. Recipient of the Gerald Gill Award, in recognition for "work that exemplifies commitment to enriching the lives of people of African descent in the Tufts community
2000. Recognition by the APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science
1999. Honorary Member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Tufts University
1997. Tufts University, Outstanding Faculty Award
1996. Commencement Speaker, UC, Davis, College of Letters and Sciences
1994. Cal Aggie Alumni Association, Citation for Excellence Award
1991. League of African American Women, recognition for professional achievement and contributions to the broader community in the field of Political Activism
1988. Certificate of Appreciation from US Peace Corps for "inspiring global Understanding through international contributions and increasing awareness among people of color"

Current Projects

*Ralph Bunche the Africanist: An Intellectual Biography.* Book project.

*Mama Kiota.* Writer, Producer & Director. Preparing an English-narrated version of my Hausa language documentary. Release date April 2019.