

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-	<b>Lecturer in Modern African History (2015 - present), King's College London</b> <b>Lecturer in World History (2013-2015), King's College London</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advanced Skills for Historians (Level 7)</li><li>- The experience of Power in Nigeria since 1900 (Level 6)</li><li>- Nations (Level 6)</li><li>- Authority (Level 6)</li><li>- Themes in the Study of Contemporary Africa (Level 5)</li><li>- History and Memory (Level 5)</li><li>- Sources and Approaches of African History (Level 4)</li><li>- Worlds of the British Empire (1700-1960) (Level 4)</li></ul>
2012-2015	<b>Master 1, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The British decolonisation: historiography, sources and archives (Level 7)</li></ul>
2013	<b>Leverhulme Teaching Fellow in French, University of Leeds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Algerian War of Independence (Level 6)</li><li>- Translation and Grammar (Level 5)</li><li>- French politics and society since 1945 (Level 5)</li><li>- Resistance and Desire in French literature (Level 4)</li></ul>
2008-2012	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Leeds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- History of Africa since 1900 (Levels 6-5)</li><li>- French politics and society since 1945 (Level 5)</li><li>- Translation and Grammar (English-French) (Level 5)</li><li>- Primary sources: Mandela, <i>Long Walk to Freedom</i> (Level 4)</li><li>- Historiography: Chartier, <i>The Cultural Origins of the French Revolution</i> (Level 4)</li></ul>
2011-2013	<b>Visiting Lecturer, Leeds Trinity University College</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Quantitative methods for historians (Level 5)</li></ul>
2009-2012	<b>GIS Research Assistant- Data Interface and Website Development Officer</b> AHRC funded project: The French Book Trade in Enlightenment Europe (1769-1787) Prof. Simon Burrows: University of Leeds
2007-2008	<b>English teacher, Tongling No. 3 High School, Anhui Province, China</b> Preparing and teaching English lessons for a Chinese state school
2005-2007	<b>History, Geography and Citizenship teacher, France</b> Preparation and teaching to students of 11 to 18 years old and to non French speaking students (FLE)

## SHORT-TERM POSITIONS

- 09/2014- **Translator for *History in Africa* (English-French)**
- 06/2016- **Editor for H-Africa**
- 01/2015 **Tutor for Academics and Postgraduate Students, University of Leeds**  
“Fundamentals of GIS and Online Map-Making”
- 12/2013-01/2014 **Digital Humanities Consultant, Western Sydney University**  
Charting the Book in the French Enlightenment: A Model for Mapping World Literatures and Cultural History
- 11/2013 **Visiting Lecturer, University of Dakar**  
Re-assessing the British decolonisation of Africa
- 11/2012 **African History seminar, INALCO, Paris**  
The borders and territory of Borno, Nigeria (1810-1961)
- 03/2009 **Visiting lecturer, University of Kankan, Guinea-Conakry**  
“The African boundaries”: French cooperation between the University of Paris Sorbonne and the University of Kankan

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATION

- 2008-2012 **Ph.D. in African History, University of Leeds**  
From a kingdom to a Nigerian state: the territory and boundaries of Borno (1810-2010)  
Supervisor: Dr. Shane Doyle (Leeds)  
Examiners: Prof. Paul Nugent (Edinburgh); Dr. Andrea Major (Leeds)
- 2009 **Qualified Teacher Status**, teaching qualification for secondary schools, United Kingdom
- 2006-2007 **Master 2 (MA - Merit) by Research in History, Sorbonne University**  
“Biafra boundaries from the colonisation until 1970” (Paris I)
- 2004-2006 Admission to **CAPES** (French equivalent to **History and Geography PGCE**)
- 2002-2003 **Master 1 (Maitrise - Merit) by Research in History, Sorbonne University**  
“Bayonne during the Religious Wars (1560s)” (Paris IV)
- 2001-2002 **BA (Hons) in History: “Licence”** from the Sorbonne University (Paris IV)

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 **Book:** *A History of Borno: Trans-Saharan Empire to Failing Nigerian State* (London: Hurst and Oxford University Press, 2017)
- 2017 **Book chapter:** “Hiding the European colonial past: a comparison of archival policies” in *Displaced Archives*, ed. by James Lowry (Abingdon: Routledge, 2017)
- 2017 **Book co-editor:** *Intelligence in Colonial Context*, Presses Universitaires Paris Sorbonne, 2017. **Book chapter:** “The War against the UPC in British Cameroons”
- 2017 **Digital Humanities:** Digitisation and [publication of the diplomatic archives of Madagascar \(1820-1897\)](#) with the British Library
- 2017 **Digital Humanities:** Creation of a [website for the colonial archives of Ivory Coast](#), Abidjan

- 2016 **Article:** co-authored with Simon Burrows, Jason Ensor, Per Henningsgaard, “Mapping Print, Connecting Cultures”, *Library & Information History*, vol. 32, no. 4, Nov 2016, 259–271
- 2016 **Book Chapter:** co-authored with Jean-Pierre Bat, “Les décolonisations britannique et française de l’Afrique ou la création de l’étalon pour l’impérialisme”, in *Fins d’empires – Ends of Empires*, ed. by Laurent Dornel and Michael Parsons (Pau: Presses Universitaires de Pau et des Pays de l’Adour, 2016), pp. 43–56
- 2016 **Encyclopaedia entries:** “Kanem-Borno” and “Adamawa” in *African Kingdoms: An Encyclopedia of Empires and Civilizations*, ed. by Saheed Aderinto, ABC-CLIO, 2016
- 2016 **Report:** “Why researchers should publish archive inventories online: the case of the archives of French Equatorial Africa”, *History in Africa*, January 2016
- 2016 **Encyclopaedia entry:** “Kanem-Borno Empire”, *The Encyclopedia of Empire*, ed. by John MacKenzie, Wiley-Blackwell, 2016
- 2015 **Article:** “L’héritage spatial de l’Indirect Rule au Nigeria”, *Hérodote, Géopolitique du Nigeria*, 159 (2015), 13-26
- 2015 **Digital Humanities:** Digitisation and [publication of the archives of the Prime Minister of Madagascar, Rainilaiarivony \(1864-1895\)](#) with the British Library
- 2015 **Digital Humanities:** Creation of a [website for the colonial archives of French Equatorial Africa](#), Brazzaville, Congo
- 2013 **Article:** “A European and African Joint-Venture: The Production of Colonial Knowledge in Borno, Nigeria (1902-1960)”, *History in Africa*, 40 (2013), 77-98
- 2012 **Digital Humanities:** [The French Book Trade in Enlightenment Europe Database Visualisations](#) and [The French Book Trade in Enlightenment Europe Database Maps](#) in collaboration with Simon Burrows
- 2011 **Journal co-editor:** Special issue of *Cartes et Géomatique*, journal of the *Comité français de Cartographie*: “Mapping Africa from the ninth to the nineteenth century”, 210 (2011)
- 2011 **Article:** « Vers quelle démocratie se dirige la Guinée-Conakry (2008-2010) ? », *Cahiers d’Histoire Immédiate*, 39 (2011), 139-154
- 2010 **Article:** “The Boundaries of Borno in the Nineteenth Century: The Perception of Travellers”, *African Nebula*, 1 (2010), 55-77
- 2005 **Article:** « Un lion chef de mille brebis, la famille Sorhaindo à Bayonne à la fin du XVI<sup>ème</sup> siècle », *Bulletin du Musée Basque*, 166 (2005), 19-34
- 2004 **Article:** « Bayonne au début des guerres de religion », *Revue d’Histoire de Bayonne, du Pays Basque et du Bas-Adour*, 159 (2004), 95-122

## PAPERS

- 01/2017 **Borders in the Middle East and the Sahel, CEDEJ, Aswan, Egypt**  
“The long history of the territory of Borno”
- 11/2016 **African Studies Centre Seminar, University of Leiden**  
“Constructing the territory and borders of Borno, Nigeria”

- 07/2016 **4e rencontres des études africaines en France, University of Paris VII**  
Panel convenor: "Pour une histoire du renseignement en situation coloniale"
- 03/2016 **3rd biennial CRG African History Conference, University of Leipzig**  
"What is precisely the moral authority of the Shehu of Borno, Nigeria?"
- 03/2016 **Institute of Historical Research (IHR), Archives and Society, London**  
"The Postcolonial Problem of Displaced Archives"
- 11/2015 **African History Seminar, University of Oxford**  
"Borders and Territory in Borno, Nigeria (1810-present)"
- 10/2015 **'Hiding the Past, Shaping the Future', University of Birmingham**  
"Colonial Archives and European Nations"
- 07/2015 **European Conference of African Studies, Paris**  
"Blogging Academic Research: the case of Africa4"
- 06/2015 **Musulmans au Sahel: histoires de jihad, University of Paris VIII**  
"Rabah au Borno"
- 03/2015 **Autour du fonds d'archives Jacques Foccart, Archives nationales de France**  
"Les *Migrated Archives* du Royaume-Uni ou l'art de cacher le passé colonial"
- 06/2014 **Britain, France & Africa: Legacies, Entanglements and Cultural Trajectories of Decolonization and Beyond, UCL**  
"A European Silence: Hiding the African Colonial Archives in Britain and France"
- 05/2014 **The Secret Archive: What is the significance of the FCO's 'Migrated Archives' and 'Special Collections'? Institute of Commonwealth Studies**  
"Hiding the European colonial past: a comparison of archival policies"
- 04/2014 **History Seminar, CESSMA, Paris**  
"Entre journalisme, recherche et justice, les archives secrètes du Foreign and Commonwealth Office"
- 01/2014 **African History Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)**  
"What do the FCO Migrated Archives tell us about the decolonisation of British Cameroons?"
- 12/2013 **Digital Humanities Seminar, University of Western Sydney**  
Inaugural Presentation: "Visualising Cultural Networks: Principles and Practices"
- 11/2013 **Institute of Historical Research (IHR), Imperial and World History, London**  
"Making Boundaries in Colonial Nigeria: the Case of Borno"
- 11/2013 **Ends of empires, University of Pau**  
"The British and French decolonisation of Africa as a benchmark for imperialism"
- 06/2013 **Panel convenor for the European Conference of African Studies, Lisbon**  
"The politics of history in contemporary African border disputes"
- 09/2012 **Association of African Studies, UK, Leeds**  
Panel convenor: "Colonial Boundaries and African Regional Borders"
- 03/2012 **Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) - Nationalism, Ethnicity and Boundaries, LSE**  
"The Long Scramble for Africa : the case of Borno, Nigeria"
- 08/2011 **British Imperialism in Africa, University of Beijing**  
"Researching and Writing about the British conquest of Nigeria"

- 05/2011 **'Click-on-Knowledge', Web-based Knowledge and Contemporary Scholarship, University of Copenhagen** : "Mapping the French book trade in late-Enlightenment Europe: conceptual and cartographic enquiries"
- 09/2010 **African Boundaries Research Network (ABORNE), University of Basel**  
"Neither peace nor war: cross-border trade in Banki-Amchidé on the Nigeria-Cameroon border"
- 06/2010 **Nigerian History Seminar, Osun State University**  
The creation of the international boundaries in the Lake Chad region
- 05/2010 **African Borders at the point of Independence, University of Paris Sorbonne**  
"The regional borders of Nigeria from 1945 to 1960: a 'mere geographic expression?'"
- 09/2009 **African Boundaries Research Network (ABORNE), University of Witwatersrand**  
"Teaching the African boundaries in Guinea"

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2017 **Opinion piece:** 'Ouvrons les archives sur le meurtre de Sankara', *Le Monde* (13 Mar)
- 2016 **Interview:** 'Le procès Habré fonde enfin une justice universelle', *Libération* (2 Jun).
- 2016 **Radio Interview:** 'Libérer les Chibok Girls', *France Inter : journal de 12h* (20 May).
- 2016 **Interview:** 'Au Nigeria, la forêt de Sambisa, réserve naturelle devenue un fief de Boko Haram', *Le Monde* (19 May).
- 2016 **Radio Interview:** 'Lutte contre Boko Haram: le point sur la situation', *France Inter : Un jour dans le monde* (17 May).
- 2016 **Interview:** 'Nigeria : l'émir de Kano, entre islam et finance', *Le Monde* (29 Apr).
- 2016 **TV Interview:** 'The Chibok Girls', *France 24* (14 Apr).
- 2016 **Radio Interview:** 'Les Chibok Girls : 2 ans après', *France Culture* (14 April).
- 2016 **Interview:** 'Forsvundne børn er Boko Harams glemte ofre', *Kristeligt Dagblat* (12 Apr).
- 2016 **Interview:** 'Why Boko Haram is the World's Deadliest Terror Group', *The Conversation* (15 Feb).
- 2016 **Radio Interview:** 'Nigeria : dans Le Sud-Est «il y a un vrai sentiment pro-Biafrais»', RFI, (9 Feb).
- 2015 **TV interview:** 'Boko Haram', Arte (Franco-German TV channel).
- 2015 **Radio interview:** 'The Basque Country and Africa' (Euskadi Irratia)
- 2015 **TV Interviews:** 'The 2015 Nigerian elections', France 24 (English and French)
- 2015 **Radio Interview:** 'The future of Boko Haram'. Radio Canada (20 Jan).
- 2014 **Interview:** ['How the Europeans Covered Their Backs by Removing Colonial Archives'](#), *New African Magazine*, 543, October 2014, 42–45
- 2014 **Radio Interview:** 'One year after Mandela's death'. Radio Sputnik, Russia (5 Dec).
- 2014- **Blog** for French newspaper *Libération*: [Africa4](#)
- 2013-2014 **Reviews** for *History Extra*, BBC History magazine
- 2012 **History magazine:** with Jean-Pierre Bat, ['Colonial Wikileaks'](#), *L'Histoire*, 380 (2012), 20–21

## ADMINISTRATION

- 2012- **Member of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)**
- 2011- **Member of the Comité français de Cartographie (CfC)**
- 2009- **Member of the African Boundaries Research Network (ABORNE)**
- 2010 **Joint Organisation of a conference on the cartography of Africa**  
Bibliothèque nationale de France, Sorbonne, "Mapping Africa" 2-3 December 2010
- 2009 **Joint Organisation of a conference on postcolonialism**  
University of Leeds, "The postcolonial Human"

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2016 **British Library Endangered Archives Programme**  
[EAP938](#) "The diplomatic connections of Madagascar between 1861 and 1897"
- 2015 **British Library Endangered Archives Programme**  
[EAP856](#) "Safeguarding the political history of precolonial Madagascar: the archives of Prime Minister Rainilaiarivony (1http://eap.bl.uk/database/overview\_project.a4d?projID=EAP938;r=11635864-1895)"
- 2010 **Royal Historical Society:** Martin Lynn scholarship in African History
- 2010 **Institut Français de Recherche en Afrique:** Fieldtrip scholarship
- 2009 **Economic History Society:** Graduate research grant to travel to Germany
- 2004-2006 **Bourses d'agrégation:** French state-scholarship to train as a teacher