

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

SHORT-TERM POSITIONS

09/2017-12/2017	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California Los Angeles "Topics in African History: Africa, 1945 to Present"
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09/2014-	Translator for <i>History in Africa</i> (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

2019	Book co-editor: <i>Intelligence in Colonial Context</i> Book chapter: ‘The War against the UPC in British Cameroons’ (Paris: La Découverte, 2019)
2018	Book: <i>Au-delà de Boko-Haram</i> (Paris: Plon, 2018)
2018	Textbook chapter: ‘The African borders’ in <i>West African Examinations Council History Textbook</i>
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 <i>Displaced Archives</i> , ed. by James Lowry (Abingdon: Routledge, 2017), p. 74-85
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:** 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:** 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, 2017
- 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:** with Simon Burrows, [The French Book Trade in Enlightenment Europe Database Visualisations](#) and [The French Book Trade in Enlightenment Europe Database Maps](#)
- 2011 **Journal co-editor:** with Roboin Seignobos, 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^{ème} 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

- 12/2017 University of California, Santa Barbara
"Beyond Boko Haram?"

- 11/2017 **UCLA, African Studies Center**
"Beyond Boko Haram: Writing the History of Borno"
- 06/2017 **London International Boundary Conference, King's College London**
"History and Borders in Africa: the case of Borno, Nigeria"
- 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', <i>Le Monde</i> (13 Mar)
2016	Interview: ' <u>Le procès Habré fonde enfin une justice universelle</u> ', <i>Libération</i> (2 Jun).
2016	Radio Interview: 'Libérer les Chibok Girls', <i>France Inter : journal de 12h</i> (20 May).
2016	Interview: ' <u>Au Nigeria, la forêt de Sambisa, réserve naturelle devenue un fief de Boko Haram</u> ', <i>Le Monde</i> (19 May).
2016	Radio Interview: ' <u>Lutte contre Boko Haram: le point sur la situation</u> ', <i>France Inter : Un jour dans le monde</i> (17 May).
2016	Interview: ' <u>Nigeria : l'émir de Kano, entre islam et finance</u> ', <i>Le Monde</i> (29 Apr).
2016	TV Interview: 'The Chibok Girls', <i>France 24</i> (14 Apr).
2016	Radio Interview: 'Les Chibok Girls : 2 ans après', <i>France Culture</i> (14 April).
2016	Interview: ' <u>Forsvundne børn er Boko Harams glemte ofre</u> ', <i>Kristeligt Dagblat</i> (12 Apr).
2016	Interview: ' <u>Why Boko Haram is the World's Deadliest Terror Group</u> ', <i>The Conversation</i> (15 Feb).
2016	Radio Interview: ' <u>Nigeria : dans Le Sud-Est «il y a un vrai sentiment pro-Biafra»</u> ', 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: ' <u>How the Europeans Covered Their Backs by Removing Colonial Archives</u> ', <i>New African Magazine</i> , 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

- 2017- **Fellow of the Royal Historical Society UK**
- 2017- **Member of the African Studies Association UK**
- 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'
- 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