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FACULTY PROFILE / VITAE:

PR. GARIBA BONIFACE AL-ABDUL KORAH



EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2004), African History
Minor: Development Studies and Social Change
Dissertation Title: "Migration, Ethnicity and Uneven-development in Ghana: The Case of the Upper West Region in the Twentieth Century."
Advisor: Professor Jean Allman
- M.A. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (1999), African History
- M.A. University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway (1996), African History (Course Work only)
- Grad. Dip. University of Ghana, Legon (1992), Library & Archival Studies
Field of Concentration: Records Management.

Thesis Title: "An Evaluation of the Records Management Practices in the University of Ghana: A Case Study of the Department of History."

Advisor(s): Dr. Pino Akotia and Mr. S.K. Agyei

B.A. University of Ghana, Legon, (1990), History & Archaeology,
Thesis Title: "Co-operative Credit Unions and their Impact in the Wa District."

Advisor: Dr. Komla Tyse

PROFESSORIAL/TEACHING POSITIONS

2009-Present Assistant Professor and Counselor, EUCLID
Teaching responsibilities: undergraduate and graduate courses dealing with African Affairs, Global Development and Culture, Pan-African Diplomacy

2004-Present Assistant Professor of African History, Department of History & Political Science, College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY
Teaching responsibilities: undergraduate and graduate courses in African and African-American History

2005-Present Adjunct Professor of African History, Department of Africana Studies, State University of New York at Albany, NY
Teaching responsibilities: undergraduate and graduate courses in African History

2002-04 Graduate Instructor, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Teaching responsibilities: undergraduate courses in African and Global History

1998-01 Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Teaching responsibilities: undergraduate courses in African History and research assistant in African History

1990-92 Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of History, University of Ghana, Legon
Teaching responsibilities: undergraduate courses in African History and research assistant in African History

1992-93 Instructor, Achimota Secondary School, Achimota, Accra
Teaching responsibilities: Secondary and Sixth Form students in European and African History

1980-82 Instructor, Christ the King Secondary School, Obuasi
Teaching responsibilities: Secondary School student in African History and Economics

COURSES TAUGHT

- Economic and Social History of Africa
- Comparative History of Slavery
- Colonialism in West Africa (Graduate Seminar).
- Gender and Colonialism in Africa (Graduate Seminar)
- History of West Africa, 1800 to Present.
- History of Africa to 1800
- Migration and Development in Africa (Graduate Seminar)
- Modern African History, 1800 to Present
- Ancient Civilizations of Africa
- African-American History to 1877
- African-American History, 1877 to Present
- Africa in the Global Economy
- Africa in World Politics (Graduate Seminar)
- Women and Politics in Africa (Graduate Seminar)
- Political Economy of development in Africa (Graduate Seminar)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2004-Present Archival Research: USA – US National Archives & Records Administration, Washington DC, New York State Archives, New York State Library, Albany, Neil Hellman Library, Albany, State University of New York at Albany Library
- 2001-02 Archival Research: Ghana – National Archives of Ghana, Northern Regional Archives, Tamale; Balme Library, University of Ghana, Institute of African Studies and School of Performing Arts, University of Ghana, Legon
Archival Research: England – Public Records Office, British Library, Rhodes Library at Cambridge University
Oral Interviews: Ghana – Brong Ahafo Region (Techiman, Wenchi, Kintampo Districts) Ashanti Region (Obuasi); Western Region (Tarkwa and Prestea), Upper West Region (Wa and Nadowli Districts)
- 1999 Archival Research: Ghana – National Archives of Ghana, Northern Regional Archives, Tamale, Balme Library University of Ghana, Legon, Ministries of Land, Forestry and Mines, Manpower, Youth and Employment, Finance and Economic Planning, and Parliamentary Affairs
Oral Interviews: Upper West Region (Wa and Nadowli Districts)
- 1996 Archival Research: Ghana – National Archives of Ghana, Northern Regional Archives, Tamale
- 1992 Archival Research: Ghana – National Archives of Ghana, Northern Regional Archives, Bank of Ghana Archives

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Migration, Gender and the Family Economy in Africa
- Identity Politics and Development in Africa
- Women and Sustainable Development in Africa
- Ethnic Conflict and Security in Africa
- Human Rights and Child Labor in West Africa
- International Labor Migration and Policy
- Poverty and Rural Development in Africa

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2001 Social Science Research Council (SSRC-ACLS), International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship (IDRF), Social Science Research Council, New York, USA.
- 2001 Compton Peace Foundation Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, University of Minnesota
- 2001 McMillian Travel Grant, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota
- 2001 Graduate School International Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School, University of Minnesota
- 2000 Race, Ethnicity and Migration Research Grant, Immigration History Center, University of Minnesota
- 1999 MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice International Pre-dissertation Research Grant, Institute of International Studies, University of Minnesota
- 1997 MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice Fellowship for Ph.D. Program, Institute of International Studies, University of Minnesota
- 1993 Norwegian Government Educational Fund Scholarship, University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway
- 1992 Ghana Government Graduate Scholarship, University of Ghana, Legon

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 1983-86 National Mobilization Program, Wa, Upper West Region, Ghana, Deputy District Liaison Officer
- Responsibilities:
- Program Development and Evaluation
 - Participate in the development and implementation of Relief Services and identifying new methodologies for project monitoring and evaluation
 - Facilitate workshops for staff on evaluation processes and procedures
 - Supervise administrative staff and project coordinators
 - Coordinate emergency relief services
 - Oversee the maintenance of evaluation policy, procedures and reports
 - Provide intellectual and organizational leadership and strategic guidance to team

- Provide capacity-building through ongoing technical and administrative support
- Draft reports and present findings to the regional and national offices of the program

2000-07 Youth Capacity Building Inc. Albany, New York, President

Responsibilities:

- Overall responsibility for day to day administration and operations of the organization.
- Identify, design, monitor and evaluate projects.
- Ensure the effective implementation of projects undertaken by the organization
- Liaise and develop partnerships with other NGO's in the region
- Organize and promote events to generate funds (fundraisers) for the day to day operations of the organization.

2007-09 Center for Citizenship, Race and Ethnic Studies (CREST), College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in Center's Strategic Planning
- Selection of Diversity Dissertation Fellows

PUBLICATIONS:

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B. Review of *Writing and Colonialism in Northern Ghana: The Encounter between the Lo-Dagara and World on Paper*, by Sean Hawkins, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 4:2 (2003)

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B. Review of *Overcoming Intolerance in South Africa: Experiments in Democratic Persuasion* by Gibson James L & Amanda Gouws, *Journal of Third World Studies*, 23:1 (2006), 256-259.

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B. "Where Is Not Home: Dagaaba Migrants in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana, 1980 to the Present." *African Affairs*, 106:422 (2007), 71-94.

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B, "Ghana: Geography and Economy," *New Encyclopedia of Africa*, 2nd edition, Thomson Gale Publisher, (2007)

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B. Review of *Ethnicity and the Making of History in Northern Ghana*, by Carola Lentz, *African Studies Review*, 51:1(2008), 135-136.

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B. "Ka Bie Ba Yor: Labor Migration among the Dagaaba of the Upper West Region of Ghana, 1936-1957." *Nordic Journal of African Studies*, (forthcoming)

Abdul-Korah, Gariba B. "Shifting and Contested Relationships: Migration, Gender and Family Economy among the Dagaaba of Northwestern Ghana in the Twentieth Century, *Africa Today*, (under review).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Cowries, Cattle and Cash: Shifting and Contested Significance of Bride-price Payment in Marriage among the Dagaaba of the Upper West Region of Ghana.”

“Everyman of the Northern Territories is worth his weight in Gold: Northern Ghana’s Underdevelopment in the Twenty-first Century”

“Learning it in Song: Gender and the Construction of Historical Knowledge among the Dagaaba of Northwestern Ghana”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Shifting and Contested Relationships: Migration, Gender and Family Economy among the Dagaaba of the Upper West Region of Ghana.” AEGIS Conference, Leiden, 11-14 July, 2007.

“Migration, Gender and the Family Economy among the Dagaaba of Northern Ghana: Shifting and Contested Relationships.” African Consortium Conference, State University of New York at Albany, March 2006

“Ka Bie Ba Yor: Labor Migration among the Dagaaba of the Upper West Region of Ghana, 1936-1957.” Faculty Consortium, Department of History and Political Science, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY, September, 28, 2005.

“Migration, Ethnicity and Uneven-development in Ghana: The Case of Northern Ghana, 1936 to the Present.” Consortium of African Studies, State University of New York at Albany, November 11, 2004.

“The Contributions of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah to the Liberation Struggle in Africa,” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Lectures, The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY, January 24, 2004.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Social Science Research Council (SSRC-ALSC) International Dissertation Field Research Workshop, Austin, Texas, October 3-8, 2002

Compton Foundation Workshop on “Peace and Security, Environmental Sustainability and Population,” Miniwanca, Michigan, September 15-19, 2002

Compton Foundation Workshop, on “Peace and Security, Environmental Sustainability and Population,” Miniwanca, Michigan, September 3-6, 2001

Compton Foundation Workshop on “Peace and Security,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, August 24-28, 2001

MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice Workshop on “Doctoral Research Methods,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Fall 1999

MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice Workshop on “Living Lightly on the Land,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Winter 1999

MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice Workshop on “Development in the Wake of Eurocentrism,” University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Fall 1998

MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice Workshop on
"Urbanization and Sustainable Livelihoods," University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Fall 1997

AFFILIATIONS *

American Historical Association (member)
African Studies Association (member)
Ghana Studies Council (member)
Association of Third World Studies (member)
Rotary Club of Albany (member)

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Ghana	Nigeria	Burkina Faso	Togo	Ivory Coast	Benin
USA	United Kingdom	France	Norway	Sweden	Canada

OTHER INFORMATION

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** Application(s) may be pending, past or current. Please contact faculty member for updated information.*