

Curriculum Vitae
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RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, 2009 to present.

Editor-in-Chief, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (ACPR)*, 2010 to present.

Program Director, Sierra Leone Study Abroad Program, Northern Illinois University (2010).

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, 2003 to 2009.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY, 1999 to 2003.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, May 2003, New School for Social Research, New York, NY

M.A. (with Honors), Sociology, May 1999. New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Diploma of Higher Education (M.A. Equivalent), Sociology, March 1996. University of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Fellow, Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2002

Fellow, Democracy and Diversity Summer Institute, organized by the Transregional Center for Democratic Studies and Cape Town University, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2000

Fellow, summer institute on “Attitudes, Identities, and Legitimacy: the Political System and the Nation” organized by the International Center, University of Tuebingen, Germany, July 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Bah, Abu Bakarr. *Breakdown and Reconstitution: Democracy, the Nation-State, and Ethnicity in Nigeria*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2005.

Reviews of Breakdown and Reconstitution:

- 1) Soyemi, Ela. *African Affairs* 107 (October 2008): 663 - 665.
- 2) Obadare, Ebenezer. *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, 34, no. 2 (Winter 2006): 394-396.
- 3) Doro, M. E. *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* 43, no. 5 (Jan 2006): 926(1).
- 4) *Reference & Research Book News*, 20, no. 3 (August 2005): 172(1).

Monograph

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Ethnic Conflicts and Management Strategies in Bulgaria, Sierra Leone and Nigeria." *Programme on Ethnic and Federal Studies Monograph New Series*, No. 3. Ibadan, Nigeria: John Archers Publishers, 2003.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "State Decay and Civil War: A Discourse on Power in Sierra Leone." *Critical Sociology* 37, no. 2 (2011): 199-216.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "Democracy and Civil War: A Discourse on Citizenship and Peacemaking in Côte d'Ivoire." *African Affairs* 109, no. 437 (2010): 597-615.

Bah, Abu Bakarr, "Racial Profiling and the War on Terror: Changing Trends and Perspectives." *Ethnic Studies Review* 29, no. 1 (2006): 76-100.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Reconciling Ethnic and National Identities in a Divided Society: The Nigerian Dilemma of Nation-State Building." *Democracy & Development: Journal of West African Affairs* 4, no. 2 (Harmattan Edition 2004): 27-43.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Approaches to Nation Building in Post Colonial Nigeria." *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* 32, no. 1 (Summer 2004): 45-60.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Changing World Order and the Future of Democracy in sub-Saharan Africa." *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas* 21, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 3-12.

Bah, Abu Bakarr. "Women in Present-day West African Societies." *Annuaire de L'Universite de Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski," Faculte de Philisophie, Livre—Sociologie* 87 (1995): 111-128; (in Bulgarian language).

Non-refereed publications

Bah, Abu Bakarr, Mark Davidheiser, Niklas Hultin, and Tricia Redeker Hepner. "Introduction to ACPR: African Conflict in Global Perspective." *African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review* 1, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 1-7.

Bah, Abu Bakarr "Creole," in *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*, edited by Richard T. Shaefer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications (2008).

Bah, Abu. "How Ethical is it to Purchase or Sell Weapons in Either Cash or Credit Instead of Financing Social and Economic Development?" in *Science, Technology, and Ethical Priorities*, edited by Jennifer Seltzer, 172-175. Washington: Student Pugwash USA, 1997.

Book reviews

Book review of *Nation Building, Propaganda, and Literature in Francophone Africa*, by Dominic Thomas, in *Journal of Military and Political Sociology* 32, no. 1 (Summer 2004): 165-166.

Book review of *The Peasant Cotton Revolution in West Africa: Côte d'Ivoire, 1880 -1995*, by Thomas J. Bassett, in *Journal of International Labor and Working Class History* 63 (2003): 173-175.

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

“The Contours of Humanitarian Intervention: War and Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone.” Presented to the Third Annual Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Conference, Washington, DC, November 2010.

“International and Local Peace Initiatives: Lessons from the Conflict in Côte d'Ivoire.” Presented to WARA/WARC Peace Initiative in West Africa First Regional Conference, Dakar, Senegal, December 2009.

“State Decay and Civil War: A Discourse on Power in Sierra Leone.” Presented to the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago (November, 2008)

“Racial Profiling, the War on Terror, and Democracy: Changing Trends and Perspectives.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2005.

“State Decay, Refugee Formation, and Regional Stability in West Africa.” Presented to the Towards an Africa Without Borders Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 8, 2004.

“Changing World Order and the Future of Democracy in Africa” presented to the “Towards an Africa without Borders” conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2003.

“Ethnic Conflicts and Management Strategies in Bulgaria, Sierra Leone and Nigeria” guest speaker presented to the Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, August 2002.

“Breakdowns and Reconstitution: Problems and Prospects for Democracy and State-Building in Multiethnic Nigeria” presented to the conference on “The African Discourse in Transformation,” Columbia University, New York, October 2001; also presented to the conference on “The Road to Democratization: Freeways and Detours”, Duke University, October 2001.

“Literacy and its Challenges in sub-Saharan Africa” invited lecture presented to the College of Staten Island, New York, October 2000.

“Civic Nationality in Post-Communist Bulgaria” presented to the summer institute on “Attitudes, Identities, and Legitimacy: the Political System and the Nation”, University of Tuebingen, Germany, July 2000.

“Reconciling Ethnic and National Identity in Divided Societies: The Nigerian Dilemma” presented to the “New Social Science Training Conference”, TCDS, New School for Social Research, New York December 1999.

“How Ethical is it to Purchase Weapons in Either Cash or Credit Instead of Financing Social and Economic Development?” presented to the Student Pugwash International Conference on “Science, Technology, and Ethical Priorities”, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 1996.

“Human Rights Violations in Bulgaria” presented to the “East European Human Rights Network International Conference”, Budapest, June 1995.

RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, International Center for Migration, Ethnicity, and Citizenship, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, 1999

Fellow, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, 1998-1999

Research Associate, Institute for Prevention Research, Cornell University Medical College, New York, NY, 1997

Fellow, Hungarian Center for Defense of Human Rights, Budapest, Hungary, January 1995

Research Associate, Study of Sofia University intellectuals in the humanities project, Department of Sociology, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1994-1995

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 1) *Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Research in West Africa*, West African Research Association, Summer 2008, (\$5,000 plus matching funds from Northern Illinois University). Project title: “State Decay and Regional Insecurity: A Critical Examination of the International Peace Mediation in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Cote d'Ivoire.”
- 2) *Cobb Fellowship*, Northern Illinois University, (\$2,400). Project title: “Study Abroad Program to Sierra Leone.”
- 3) *Research and Artistry Grant*, Northern Illinois University, Summer 2005, (\$7,500). Project title: “State Decay and Regional Insecurity: A Critical Examination of the Peace Mediation role of the International Community in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Cote d'Ivoire.”
- 4) *Multicultural Curriculum Transformation Institute Grant*, Provost's Task Force on Multicultural Transformation, NIU, May 2005 (\$1,000)
- 5) *Dissertation Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 2001-2002 (\$4,000)
- 6) *Elinor Goldmark Black Dissertation Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 2000-2001 (\$4,000)

- 7) *Doctoral Fellowship*, Toda Institute, 2000-2001 (\$5,000)
- 8) *New Social Science Training Fellowship*, TCDS, New School for Social Research, 1999 (\$3,000)
- 9) *University Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1998-2000 (\$18,000 per year, tuition)
- 10) *Graduate Faculty Fellowship*, New School for Social Research, 1997-1998 (\$17,000 per year, tuition)
- 11) *Bulgarian Fellowship*, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 1990 –1996 (full tuition, living expense, and travel; Sofia University)
- 12) *Sofia University Annual Cash Prizes for Excellent GPA*, 1992-1995 (600 Leva per year)

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND HONORS

Founding-Editor, *African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review*

Member, Board of Directors, West Africa Research Association

Member, Editorial Review Board, *Journal of Sociology, Social Work and Social Welfare*

Member, Editorial Board, Africa Peace and Conflict Network

Member, Local Arrangement Committee, Annual Meeting of the African Studies, Chicago 2008

Chair, Session on *The State in National and International Struggles*. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago (November, 2008)

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department, NIU (2007/08; 2008/09)

Member, Department Council, Sociology Department, NIU (2004/05; 2008/09)

Recipient, Distinguish Service Award (2008), Sierra Leone Community Association of Chicago.

Member, Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society (since 2009)

Listed in *Marquis Who's Who in America*, 2011 Edition

Recipient, Lillian Cobb Award for Achievement in Global Education and Service, Northern Illinois University (2010)

Recipient, Award for Directing Study Abroad Program, Northern Illinois University (2010)

Secretary General, Center for Defense of Human Rights-Bulgaria, Sofia, 1993-1996

President, Sierra Leone Students Union, Bulgaria, 1994-1996

Media Appearance: Al Jazeera TV (12/28/10), *Bloomberg/Businessweek* (10/26/10), *Folha de S. Paulo* (Brazil) (April 2011)

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association

African Studies Association

West African Research Association

LANGUAGES

English: fluent in reading, writing and speaking

Bulgarian: fluent in reading, writing and speaking

French: proficient in reading and speaking

Fulani: native speaker

Creole: native speaker

REFERENCES

Upon request