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EDUCATION

1986-1991 Ph.D., History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1982-1984 M.A., History, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
1969-1973 B.A., History, Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Selected Publications

Book:

Unionists and Separatists: The Vagaries of Ethio-Eritrean Relation, 1941-1991, Tsehai Publishers, Los Angeles, 2007

Articles:

"Haile Selassie Becomes Emperor of Ethiopia," in *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1901-1940*, Salem Press, 2007

"Britain Represses Somali Rebellion (1920)," in *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1901-1940*, Salem Press [forthcoming].

"Mengistu Haile Mariam" in Carl L. Bankston (ed.), *Great Lives From History: Notorious Lives*, Salem Press, January 2007

"Empress Mentewab " in John Powell (ed.), *Great Lives From History: The Eighteenth Century*, Salem Press, 2006

"British Expedition to Ethiopia, 1868-1869" in John Powell (ed.), *Great Events from History: The 19th Century*, Salem Press, 2006

"Emperor Tewodros II, 1818-1868" in John Powell (ed.), *Great Lives from History: The Nineteenth Century*, Salem Press, 2006

"The Decline of Ethiopia's Solomonid Dynasty," in Larissa J. Taylor (ed.), *Great Events From History: The Seventeenth Century*, Salem Press, 2005

Review of *Brothers at War: Making Sense of the Eritrean-Ethiopian War* by Tekeste Negash and Kjetil Tronvoll, in *Northeast African Studies*, Vol.7, Issue 3 (Michigan State University Press), 2005.

"Ethiopia's Early Solomonic Period Ends: 1527-1543," in Christina J. Moose (ed.), *Great Events From History: The Renaissance and Early Modern Era, 1454-1600*, Salem Press, 2005

"Battle of Shimbra Kure, 1528," in *Great Events From History: in Christina J. Moose (ed.), Great Events From History: The Renaissance and Early Modern Era, 1454-1600*, Salem Press, 2005

Mansa Musa Makes the Pilgrimage to Mecca: Significance of Mali, Effects of Mansa Musa's Largesse on the Egyptian Economy, 1324," in Brian A. Pavlac (ed.), *Great Events From History: The Middle Ages and Pre-Renaissance*," Salem Press, 2004 [**This essay was one of 9 sample texts (out of 322 essays) selected by the publishers to advertise the series**]

- "Lalibela: Ethiopian King and Saint, 1181-1221," in Shelley Wolbrink (ed.) *Great Lives From History: The Middle Age*, Saleml Press, 2004
- "Lalibela (1181-1221) Founds Capital of Ethiopia: Ethiopia as a Christian Culture within Largely Islamic North Africa," in Brian A. Pavlac (ed.), *Great Events From History: The Middle Ages and Pre-Renaissance*," Salem Press, 2004
- "Yekuno Amlak Founds the Solomonid Dynasty (1270-1285)" in Brian A. Pavlac (ed.), *Great Events From History: The Middle Ages and Pre-Renaissance*," Salem Press, 2004
- "City-State of Yeha Flourishes in the Ethiopian Highland, 450-100 B.C.E." in Mark W. Chavalas (ed.), *Great Events from History: The Ancient World, Prehistory - 476 C.E.*, Salem Press, 2004
- "The Emergence of the Kingdom of Aksum, 1st Century C.E." in Mark W. Chavalas (ed.), *Great Events from History: The Ancient World, Prehistory - 476 C.E.*, Salem Press, 2004
- "Ezana Expands Aksum and Converts to Christianity, 4th Century C.E." in Mark W. Chavalas (ed.), *Great Events from History: The Ancient World, Prehistory - 476 C.E.*, Salem Press, 2004
- "When Guerillas Become Government: The Political Tradition in the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front and the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front and Its Connection With the Recent Ethio-Eritrean Conflict," *International Third World Studies Journal & Review*, vol. 12, 2001.
- "Menelik II," *Magill's Guide to Military History*, Salem Press, 2001.
- "The Battle of Adwa," *Magill's Guide to Military History*, Salem Press, 2001.
- "Napier, Robert Cornwallis," *Magill's Guide to Military History*, Salem Press, 2001.
- "The Battle of Magdala, 1868," *Magill's Guide to Military History*, Salem Press, 2001.
- "The Red Sea Coastline in the Context of Ethiopia's Historical Claim," *Tobia* [Amharic], vol.8, no. 6, 2001.
- Review of Tekeste Negash, *Ethiopia and Eritrea the Federal Experience* (Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Uppsala, 1997), Reviewed in *Ethiopian Register*, September 1999
- "The Outstanding Issues Behind the Current Crisis in Ethio-Eritrean Relations," *Ethiopian Register*, October 1998.
- "The Travesty in Ethiopia," *Ethiopian Register*, Vol. IV, 9, 1997
- "Remembering A Glorious But Incomplete Victory: The Factors That Prevented Emperor Menelik From Pressing His Victory Across The Mereb," *Ethiopian Register*, Vol. IV, 3 , 1997
- "Ethiopianism," [Amharic] *Ethiopian Register*, Vol..IV, 1 (1997).
- "The Genius of Adwa: Menelik II, Consensus Builder and Master Mobilizer," *Proceedings of the Adwa Victory Centenary Conference*, Michigan State University, 1996.

"The Challenges of European Imperialism and the Ethiopian Response: Factors that Decided the Outcome of the Battle of Adwa" [Amharic] *Ethiopian Register*, March 1996.

"A Gondärine Land Grant in Gojjam: The Case of Qäranyo Mäadhané Aläm," *Proceedings of the XIth International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*, 1993 [with Donald Crummey and Daniel Ayana].

"The Unionist Struggle in Eritrea," *Ethiopian Review*, III, 3 (April 1993).

"The Lands of the Church of Dabra Sahay Qwesqwam, Gondar," *Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, December 1993 [with D. Crummey]

"Ethiopian Irredentism in Eritrea," [Amharic] *Dialogue: The Journal of Ethiopian University Teachers Association*, 3rd Series, Vol. I, No. 2 (Addis Ababa: Addis Ababa University Press, August 1992).

Oral Tradition in a Literate Culture: The Case of Christian Ethiopia," *Unwritten Testimonies of the African Past*, Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, Warsaw, 1991) [with Donald Crummey and Daniel Ayana].

"Land Tenure and the Social Accumulation of Wealth in Eighteenth Century Ethiopia: Evidence from the Qwesqwam Land Register," *International Journal of African Studies*, XXIV, 2 (1991) [with Donald Crummey].

"The Genesis of the Differences in the Eritrean Secessionist Movement," *Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*, Vol.II, 1988.

"The Economic Basis of Conflict Among the Nuer and Anuak Communities," *Proceedings of the Third Annual Seminar of the Department of History*, Addis Ababa, 1986.

"Notes on the Background to the Eritrean Problem," *Proceedings of the Second Annual Seminar of the Department of History*, Addis Ababa, Vol. I, 1984.

Books & Papers Refereed:

Letters from Abyssinia: 1916 and 1917, Tsehai Publishers, 2004

Ethiopia a Post-Cold War African State, Praeger, 1999

"Collective Memories and Embodied Events: Eritrean 'Nation-History' " *Journal of Imperial and Post-Colonial Historical Studies (JIPCHS)*

"Agricultural Development in Kenya: United States Interests in Coffee Trade in Kenya, 1930-1941" *Virginia Social Science Journal*

Selected Presentations/Conferences

Conference Papers:

"Ethiopia and the Black Diaspora," Conversations on Great Streets with Don Murray, Humanities Council of Washington, D.C., October 9, 2007

"Whither Ethio-Eritrean Relation in the Next Millennium?" Howard University Symposium, Washington, D.C., September 9, 2007

"Reading Ethiopian history with an eye on the future," Swedish Symposium on Ethiopia, Stockholm, September 1, 2007

"Land and Hegemony in Ethiopia," 49th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association San Francisco, November 18, 2006).

"The Quest for Relative Autonomy: Ethiopia Courts American Support, 1940-1960," Conference Commemorating the Centennial of Ethiopian-United States Relation, The African Studies Department & Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center, Howard University, Washington, D.C., March 25, 2004.

"The Hague Decision and the Way Forward," International Conference on Human and Trade Union Rights in Ethiopia, Lambeth Town Hall, London, August 10, 2002.

"A Time for Reflection: Taking Stock of the Costs of the Ethio-Eritrean War and Separation," Etnografiska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden, November 10, 2001

"The Red Sea Coast Line in the Context of Ethiopia's Historical Claims, National Interest and its Future," International Symposium on War, Peace and Democracy, Washington, D.C., November 4-5, 2000

"When Guerrillas Become Government," Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 5-7th October 2000

"Fighting a World War and Shoring up the Empire: British Imperial Activities in Northeast Africa, 1941-1948," N.E.H. Summer Seminar on the "Decolonization of the British Empire," University of Texas at Austin, August 15, 2000.

"African Slave Treatment in the U.S.A.," Symposium on the African Slave Experience, Genocide Education Project, Virginia War Museum, Newport News, January 15, 2000

"The Problems of Succeeding Against All Odds," paper presented at the Second International Conference on Ethio-Eritrean Conflict, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, July 24, 1999

"Opening the Pandora Box: The Least Publicized Side of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front," paper presented at the conference, Africa in the Twenty-first Century: Challenges and Prospects, Morehouse College, Atlanta, April 7, 1999

"Perspectives on America, the Post-Cold War World War and its Impact on Africa," Second Annual Conference of the Virginia Council for History Education, March 14, 1998

"Eritrean Nationalists Interpretation of Ethiopian History," Conference on Current Realities and Future Prospects for Ethiopia, Continental Plaza, Los Angeles, July 4, 1997

"A Reappraisal of the Political Role of the Ethiopian Urban Youth," 25th Anniversary Conference of the EPRP, Los Angeles, July 1, 1997

"Ethnic Relations in Africa With a Special Emphasis on Ethiopia: The Historical Perspective," Inglewood Main Public Library Auditorium, Inglewood, California, May 3, 1997

"Historic Ethiopia and Progressive Movements in the Diaspora," Forum on Africa: An Interdisciplinary International Dialogue, Norfolk State University, October 29, 1996

"The Ethiopian Victory at Adwa and Its Significance for the Rest of Africa," Symposium on the Centennial of the Adwa Victory, University College of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, March 8-10, 1996

"The Genius of Adwa: Menelik II, Consensus Builder and Master Mobilizer," Adwa Victory Centenary Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, March 2-3, 1996.

"What the Future Holds for Ethiopia and Eritrea," State and Civil Society in the Horn of Africa: Current Issues and Challenges, Eighth Annual International Conference on the Horn of Africa (City College of New York/CUNY, May 29-30, 1993).

"Making the Best Out of Difficult Situation: Some Methods of Accumulation of Land in Northern Ethiopia, Eighteenth to the Early Twentieth Century," International Symposium on State, Land, and Society in the History of Sudanic Africa, (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 23-24, 1993).

"From Union to Independence: The Internal Dynamics Leading to the Current Situation in Eritrea," Bringing Peace and Stability to a War-Ravaged Region: The Political and Socio-Economic Challenges in Northeast East Africa, Center for Northeast-African Studies and Development (Georgetown University, April 10-11, 1993)

"The Socio-Economic and Political Implications of the Eritrean Referendum," American University, Washington, D.C., April 3, 1993.

Radio & TV Interviews:

Voice of America (Horn of Africa Service)

Deutsche Welle (German Radio)

WUST 1120 – New World Radio, Washington, D.C.

Wavy-TV 10 and Fox TV

CFRO 102.7 FM, Vancouver

KALI Radio, Los Angeles,

WNTR Radio, Washington, D.C.

KFAI Radio, Minneapolis,

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, Christopher Newport University, 1998-
Assistant Professor, Christopher Newport University, 1991-1998
Research Assistant, University of Illinois, 1986-1991
Lecturer, Addis Ababa University, 1983-1986
Assistant Lecturer, Addis Ababa University, 1980-1983
Secondary School Teacher, Yirgalem, Ethiopia, 1973-1976

Courses Taught at Christopher Newport University{ TC \11 "}

Undergraduate

Hist 111G: History of World Civilizations to the Sixteenth Century
Hist 112G: History of World Civilizations Since the Sixteenth Century
Hist 370/470: Twentieth Century Africa
Hist 373/473: Major Themes in Contemporary African History
Hist 365/465: History of Islam
Hist 375/475: The Modern Middle East
Hist 395/495: The Arab-Israeli Conflict
Hist 395/495: Contemporary Issues in the Horn of Africa
Hist 490: Senior Seminar – Issues of War and Peace in the Middle East and the Role of the U.S.
SSPS 295: Human Responsibility in Global Change (team taught with faculty from Economics and Sociology & Anth.)

Graduate

Hist 573: Major Themes in Contemporary African History
Hist 565: History of Islam
Hist 595: The Twentieth Century World to 1945 (team taught with Robert Saunders)
Hist 595: The Twentieth Century World Since 1945 (team taught with Robert Saunders)
Hist 690: Historiography

Service at Christopher Newport University

Chair of the Department of History, 2000-2007
CLAS Chairs Curriculum Committee (Chair)
Faculty Hearing Committee
Freshman Faculty Advisor
Senate Faculty Subcommittee on Faculty Space in the Student Center
Chair Reader for the Dean's Office Grants
Honors Council, member
College of Liberal Arts Nomination Committee, member
M.A.T. Committee
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
The Bachelor of Arts in International Culture and Commerce Steering Committee
International Studies Advisory Committee
Peer Group for Instructional Faculty Evaluation
Affirmative Action Committee
Faculty Self-Study Committee (Vice Chair)

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*
Senior Fellow, Ethiopian Institute for Nonviolence Education and Peace Studies
Senior Editor, *Ethiopian Register* (1994-2003)
Reader for the College Board AP World History Exam
World History Focus Group for Prentice Hall and Burrston House

Grants{ TC \1 "} and Awards

Christopher Newport University, Faculty Development Grant
Christopher Newport University CLAS Dean's Office Grant, 2006
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Program, 2000
University of Texas at Austin, Visiting Scholar, 2000
University of Illinois, Center for African Studies, April 1993
Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security/ MacArthur Fellowship, 1990.
Addis Ababa University, Research and Publication Office, Research Grant, 1989
Istituto Italo-Africano, Rome, Fellowship, 1989.
Center for African Studies, University of Illinois Dissertation Grant, 1988.
Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with the Developing Countries (SAREC)
Award, 1983.