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Curriculum Vitae

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Title: D. Willis James Prof. of World Christianity &
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Education:

1968	M.A., University of Birmingham, England
1968-69	Near East School of Theology, Beirut
1974	Ph.D., University of London, England

Honors and Awards:

1971-74	Theological Education Fund
1972	Central Research Fund of the University of London
1980	Carnegie Trust of the Universities of Scotland
1992	Commandeur de l'Ordre National Du Lion of Senegal
2002	Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa), University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Academic Employment:

1997-	Honorary Professional Research Fellow, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London
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	1989-	D. Willis James Professor of Missions and World Christianity, Professor of History, Fellow of Trumbull College, Yale Divinity School
Professor, University	1981-89	Assistant and later Associate History of Religion, Harvard
	1987	San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California (summer)
	1981-82	Visiting Lecturer, Harvard University
	1978-81	Lecturer, tenured, University of Aberdeen
	1975-78	Lecturer, University of Ghana
	1974-75	Visiting Scholar, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown
	1969-71	Resident Tutor, Centre for the Study of Islam and Christianity, Ibadan, Nigeria (December 1970, January 1971: Research Trip to North Nigeria)
		Life Member, Clare Hall, Cambridge University, England, from 1996

Summer School Teaching:

	1988	Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado (summer)
	1987	San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California
	2001	Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Academic Conferences (select):

Mansfield College, Oxford, Resident Seminar, January 1983

Co-organizer of Workshop on African Models of Human Potential,
Banjul, The Gambia, 1986.
Sponsored by the Project on Human Potential,
Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Thomas Verner Moore Lectures, San Francisco
Theological Seminary, April, 1992.

The Robinson Lectures, "Religious History on the
Cutting Edge," Wake Forest University, April, 1994.

The W. Don McClure Lectures, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary, October, 1996.

The Moorhouse Lectures, Melbourne, Australia,
"Affirming the Future," August, 1999.

The R.T. Lectures, Huron University College, "West
African Christianity & Its New World Connections,"
October, 2000.

Templeton/The American Scientific Affiliation
Conference, Ouachita Baptist University,
Arkadelphia, AR, March, 2001.

Library of Congress: Islam in the Modern World,
June, 2001.

Cushwa Center for the Study of American
Catholicism, lecture: "The Discovery of Christianity
Beyond the West," March, 2003.

Papers Submitted:

Healing and Conversion: Elements of an Indigenous Epistemology

Source and Influence: A Comparative Approach to Religion and
Culture American Society of Church History, Washington.

Prelude to Independency: The Roots of Indigenous Christianity in

Africa: 1792-1880

'Urban-Rural Islam' Workshop, Hebrew University, Jerusalem,
June 1983.

'The 'Ulama in African Islam,' Conference, Northwestern
University, April 1984.

Consultation on Christian-Muslim Relations, Monrovia, Liberia,
November 1984.

World Congress on the Synthesis of Science and Religion,
Bombay, India, January 1986.

Organizer of the Harvard Conference on Conversion in Africa,
May 1988.

Free University of Amsterdam, April 1990, Conference: Religious
Experience.

University of Basel, Switzerland, November 1990, lecture:
"Translating the Message."

University of Amsterdam, May 1999, Conference:
"Domesticating the Transcendent," Department of
Hebrew and Old Testament.

The Royal African Society, St. John's College, Cambridge, April
1991, conference.

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London,
conference, April 1991: "Islamic Identities and Boundaries in Sub-
Saharan Africa," paper: "Formative Sources of Muslim Identity."

Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World,
University of Edinburgh, Scotland, May 1991, lecture:
"Comparative Christian-Muslim Attitudes to
Translation."

Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of
Edinburgh, seminar, July-August 1991: "Culture and Multi-
Culture."

University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity,
"The Henry Martin Lectures," October, 1995.

Publications:

Books:

West African Christianity: The Religious Impact, co-published London: Christopher Hurst Publishers, and Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1983.

Translating the Message: The Missionary Impact on Culture, New York: Orbis Books, 1989, 13th Printing 2002.

The Jakhanke Muslim Clerics: A Religious and Historical Study of Islam in Senegambia (c. 1250-1905), Lanham, MD: University Press of America, January, 1989.

Encountering the West: Christianity and the Global Cultural Process: The African Dimension, London: Marshall Pickering of Harper Collins Publishers, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1993.

The Crown and the Turban: Muslims and West African Pluralism, Westview Press. Imprint of Harper Collins. [295pp] 1996.

Religion and the Variety of Culture: A Study in Origin and Practice, Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 1996.

Piety and Power: Muslims and Christians in West Africa, Orbis Books, October 1996.

Het Evangelie is Niet Los Verkrijgbaar, Uitgeverij Kok – Kampen, Netherlands, 1996.

Faith and Power: Christianity and Islam in ‘Secular’ Britain, (with Lesslie Newbigin & Jenny Taylor), London: SPCK 1998.

Abolitionists Abroad: American Blacks and the Making of Modern West Africa, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2000. [Reviewed in *The New York Review of Books*, July, 2001.]

Whose Religion is Christianity? The Gospel Beyond the West, Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003.

Chapters in Books and Articles:

“Prayer and Worship: Muslim and Christian”, Islam and the

Modern Age Society, vol. ii, no. 4, November, 1972.

“A Hungry Season: Gambia, 1951”, The New Internationalist Magazine, no. 8, October, 1973.

“Amulets and Muslim Orthodoxy”, International Review of Mission, vol. lxiii, October, 1974.

“Senegambia at a Slow Pace”, Africa, no. 30, February, 1974.

“The Education of a Muslim Child,” Chapter in Hiskett and Brown, eds.” Conflict and Harmony in Education in Tropical Africa, George Allen and Unwin, London 1975.

“The Origins of Clericalism in West African Islam”, Journal of African History, vol. xvii, no. 1, 1976.

“Slavery, Islam and the Jakhanke People of West Africa”, Africa, Journal of the International African Institute, vol. xlvi, no. 1, 1976.

“Christian Experience of Islamic Da‘wah...”, International Review of Mission, vol. lxxv, no. 260, October, 1976.

“Christian-Muslim Encounter in Freetown in the 19th Century...” Bulletin of the Secretariat for Non-Christian Religions, vol. xii, Rome, 1977.

“Historical Source Materials on Islam in Sierra Leone”, Journal of the Historical Society of Sierra Leone, vol. I, no. 2, July, 1977.

“Islam and Peace in the African Context”, Journée Romaines (Pontifical Institute for Arab Studies), Rome, 1977.

“Modern Education among Freetown Muslims”, chapter in Richard Gray, E. Fashole-Luke et al., Christianity in Independent Africa, London and Bloomington, 1978.

“The Modern Face of Islam in Ghana”, NOW, Methodist Church Overseas Division, London, February, 1979.

“Muslims in Non-Muslim Societies of Africa”, chapter in Christian and Muslim Contributions Towards Establishing States in Africa South of the Sahara, Stuttgart: Council on Foreign Relations, Federal Republic of Germany, 1979.

“Islamic Studies in the Wider Context of African Studies”, Bulletin of the African Studies Group of the University of Aberdeen, no. 15, September, 1979.

“The Domestication of Islam and Christianity in African Societies: A Methodological Exploration”, Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xi, no. 1, 1980.

“Futa Jallon and the Jakhanke Clerical Tradition: Historical Setting”, Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xii, no. 1, 1981.

“Karamokho Ba of Touba in Guinea”, Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xii, no. 2, 1981.

“Christian Reflection on Religion and Politics”, Bulletin of African Theology, vol. 4, no. 8, July-December, 1982.

“The Vertical and Horizontal in Mission”, International Bulletin of Missionary Research, vol. 7, no. 4, Ventnor, N.J., October, 1983.

"Prelude to Independency: The Afro-American Factor in African Christianity", Harvard Theological Review, vol. 77, no. 1, [1-32] 1984.

“The Contextual Logic of Scriptural Translation: Christian Mission, Imperialism and African Culture”, paper presented at the Symposium of Shin Buddhism and Christianity: Textual and Contextual Translation, Harvard University, April 29-May1, 1984.

“The ‘Ulamá in the Political Reckoning of Futa Jallon: 1867-1912”, paper presented at international conference on Islam in Africa: The Changing Role of the ‘Ulamá, 28-31, March, 1984, Northwestern University.

“Christian Mission in the Pluralist Milieu: The African Experience”, Missiology: An International Review, vol. xii, no. 4, October, 1984.

“Muhammad, Prophet of Islam, and Jesus Christ, Image of God: A Personal Testimony”, International Bulletin of Missionary Research, vol. 8, no. 4, October, 1984.

“Healing and Conversion in New Religious Movements in Africa: Change and Continuity”, chapter in B.M. du Toit & I.H. ‘Abdalla, (eds.), African Healing Strategies, Buffalo: Trado-Medic Books, 1985.

“Text and Context: Religious Transformation in Africa,” unpublished manuscript.

“Source and Influence: A Comparative Approach to Religion and Culture”, Bulletin of the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Spring, 1983; also in The Cultural Transition (ed.), M.I. White and S. Pollak, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1986.

“Critical Reflections on the Life of Malcolm X”, Journal, Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs, vol. 7, no.2, July 1986.

“Source and Influence: Towards a Comparative Study of Religion and Culture in Africa,” chapter in Merry I. White and Susan Pollak, eds., The Cultural Transition, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1986.

“Tcherno Aliou, the wali of Goumba: Imperialism and Mahdist Resistance in Rural French Guinea: 1867-1912”, Published in Nehemia Levtzion and Humphrey J. Fisher, eds., Rural and Urban Islam in West Africa, Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1987.

“The Future of Missions in Africa”, New World Outlook, magazine of the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries, March, 1987.

“Christian Mission and the Western Guilt Complex: A Proposal”, Christian Century, April 8, 1987.

“Saints and Virtue in African Islam: An Historical Approach,” chapter in John S. Hawley, ed.: Saints and Virtues, Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1987

“Mission, Pluralism and Christian Commitment: Conflict or Convergence?”, Theology Today, April, 1988.

“Gospel and Culture: The Ramifying Effects of Scriptural

Translation.” For United Bible Societies conference at Princeton, October 26-27, 1988.

“Thanksgiving in the Qur’ān: The Outlines of a Theme”, chapter in John B. Carman and Frederick J. Streng, eds.: Spoken and Unspoken Thanks, Cambridge, MA.: Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, 1989.

“Rushdie's Moral Hegira”, The Christian Century, June 21-28, 1989.

A series of articles in The Christian Century, 1989:

“A New Moon Sensitivity”, September 13-20

“Human Folly on a Grand Scale”, September 27

“Naming and the Act of Faith”, October 4

“Tales of Miraculous Healing”, October 11

“The Spirit in Sound Doctrine”, October 18

“The Owl in the Daylight”, November 29

“A Child Shall Lead Us”, December 6

“Waiting on God”, December 13

“Dreams and Letting God be God”, December 20-27

“Gospel and Culture: The Remifying Effects of Scriptural Translation.” Chapter in Philip Stine, ed.: Bible Translation and the Spread of the Church in the Last 200 Years, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1990

“Pluralism and the Plausibility of Faith,” The Christian Century, January 31, 1990.

“New and Old in Africa’s Religious Heritage: Islam, Christianity & the African Encounter,” in Exploring New Religious Movements: Essays in Honor of Harold W. Turner, A.F. Walls & Wilbert R. Shenk, eds., Elkhart, Ind.: Mission Focus Publications, 1990

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“Religion & Politics in Africa: A Thematic Approach,” in Douglas

Rimmer, ed.” Africa 30 Years On, London: James Currey for The Royal African Society; Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 1991

“Religion & Politics: The World Perspective on a comparative Religious Theme,” Daedalus, Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Summer 1991

“Reclaiming and Expounding the Islamic Heritage,” The Christian Century, August 21-28, 1991

“The Yogi and the Commissar: Christian Missions and the African Response”, International Bulletin of Missionary Research, January, 1991.

“American Ideals and Muslim Faith in the Gulf Conflict”, The Christian Century, January 2-9, 1991.

“Winning the War and Struggling with Peace”, The Christian Century, April 10, 1991.

“Islam, Faith and Politics”, The Dallas Morning News Sunday Reader, January 20, 1991.

“Muhammad's Significance for Christians”, Studies in Interreligious Dialogue, vol. I, no. 1, 1991.

“Globalization in Theological Education: Religious Particularity in Muslim-Christian Dialogue”, Quarterly Review, vol. xi, no. 2, 1991.

“Muslim Faith and American Ideals: Islam and the Gulf Crisis”, The Christian Century, January, 1991.

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“Christliche Mission und westliche Schuld komplexe,” Zeitschrift für Mission, vol. XVII, no. 3, 1991.

“Religious Experience: Autonomy and Mutuality,” in Jerald D.

Gort, Hendrik M. Vroom, Rein Fernhout and Anton Wessels, eds.: On Sharing Religious Experience: Possibilities of Interfaith Mutuality, Amsterdam: Editions Rodopi; Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 1991.

“Religion and the State”, African Forum Quarterly, London, vol. 1, no. 4, 1992.

“‘They Stooped to Conquer’: Vernacular Translation and the Socio-Cultural Factor,” Research in African Literatures, vol. 23, no. 1, spring 1992.

“Lent and Ramadan”, Interview, The New York Times, p. 9, Saturday, March 7, 1992.

“The Universal and the Particular in Muslim-Christian Dialogue”, Russell E. Techney, ed.: Ecumenical & Interreligious Perspective: Globalization in Theological Education, Nashville: Board of Higher Education & Ministry, 1992.

“Can a House Divided Stand? Reflections on Christian-Muslim Relations in the West,” International Bulletin of Missionary Research, October, 1993.

“Religious Agnostics and Cultural Believers: Comparative Soundings on the Lost Trails of Christendom,” Insights, Journal of the Faculty of Austin Seminary, Fall, 1993.

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“The Gospel, Language and Culture: The Theological Method in Cultural Analysis,” International Review of Mission, vol. 84, nos. 332/333, January/April, 1995.

“Global Christianity and the re-education of the West,” Christian Century, July 19-26, 1995.

“Theology of Mission,” in David F. Ford, editor, The Modern Theologians, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1997

“A Plantation of Religion’ and the Enterprise Culture in Africa: History, Ex-slaves and Religious Inevitability,” Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. 27, no. 1, 1997.

“Christianity – Missionary Enterprise in Africa,” Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara, New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, Macmillan Library Reference, 1997.

“Faith, Power, and the Separation of Church and State: African Examples,” Muslim Politics Report, New York: Council on Foreign Relations, November/December 1997

“Mission to the West: Lesslie Newbigin, 1909-1998,” The Christian Century, March 18-25, 1998.

“Time, Space and Perspective Marginality in Muslim Africa: Symbolic Action and Structural Change,” in Philip Pomper, Richard H. Elphick and Richard T. Vain, editors, World History: Ideologies, Structures, and Identities, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1998.

“Ibn Khaldun,” The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion, vol. 1, Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1998.

“Separation of church and state: a principle advancing the struggle for human rights,” The Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion, vol. 1, Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1998.

“Religion, Politics and the Islamic Response in Africa,” Newsletter of the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, The Netherlands, Inaugural Issue, October, 1998.

“The African Transformation of Christianity: Comparative Reflections on Ethnicity and Religious Mobilization in Africa,” Nineteenth Annual University Lecture in Religion, Arizona State University, February 5, 1998.

“Popular Catholicism in the Emerging Global Church: Convergence and Synthesis,” in Thomas Bamat and Jean-Paul Wiest, editors, Popular Catholicism in a World Church: Seven Case Studies in

Inculturation, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999.

“Church and State Relations: Western Norms, Muslim Practice, and the African Experience: An Account of Origin and Practice,” in Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im, editor, Proselytization and Communal Self-Determination in Africa, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999.

“Christianity Appropriated: Conversion and the Intercultural Process,” review essay (with Grant Wacker), Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture, vol. 68, no. 4, December 1999.

“Religion und Kultur - Eine schwierige Ehe?“, chapter in Ralph Pechmann and Martin Reppenhagen, editors, *Mission im Widerspruch*, Aussaat, Germany: Neukirchener, 1999.

“The CMS and the African Transformation: Samuel Ajayi Crowther and the Opening of Nigeria,” chapter in Kevin Ward and Brian Stanley, editors, The Church Mission Society and World Christianity, 1799-1999, Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, and Richmond, Surrey, U.K.: Curzon Press Ltd., 2000.

“Should Christianity be Missionary? An Appraisal and an Agenda,” *dialog*, A Journal of Theology, vol. 40, no. 2, Summer 2001.

“A Resurgent Church in a Troubled Continent: Review Essay of Bengt Sundkler’s *History of the Church in Africa*,” International Bulletin of Missionary Research, Vol. 25, no. 2, July 2001.

“The African Transformation of Christianity: Comparative Reflections on Ethnicity and Religious/ Mobilization In Africa,” In eds. Dwight N. Hopkins, Lois Ann Lorentzen, Eduardo Mendieta, and David Batstone, Religions/Globalizations: Theories and Cases, Durham: Duke University Press, 2001.

Introduction to Vincent Donovan, Christianity Rediscovered: An Epistle from the Masai, London: SCM Classics, 2001, and Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003.

“Faith and the Secular State,” *New York Times* Op-Ed essay, 23 September 2001.

“Millennialism In Africa,” in Abbas Amanat and Magnus Bernhardsson, editors, Imagining the End: Visions of Apocalypse from the Ancient Middle East to Modern America, London: I.B. Tauris Publishers, 2001.

“‘They Stooped to Conquer’: Cultural Vitality and the Narrative Impulse,” chapter in Keith E. Yandell, editor, Faith and Narrative, New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

“Sacred Truth and Secular Agency: Separate Immunity or Double Jeopardy? Shari'ah, Nigeria, and Interfaith Prospects,” Studies In World Christianity, vol. 8, part 1, 2002.

“Sacred and Secular In Islam: Policy Implications,” *Transformation*, vol. 19, no. 3, July, 2002. Abbreviated In Newsletter of the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, University of Leiden, July, 2002.

“Religion and Conflict In Sudan,” in Richard Gray and Yusuf Fadl Hasan, editors, Religion and Conflict In Sudan: Papers from an International Conference at Yale, Nairobi: Paulines Publications, 2002.

“Gratitude and Ingratitude,” Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an, vol. 2, Leiden and Boston: Brill Publishers, 2002.

Introduction to Vincent Donovan, Christianity Rediscovered: An Epistle from the Masai, London: SCM Classics, 2001, and Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003.

“Secular Values in the Midst of Faith: A Critical Discourse on Dialogue and Difference,” in Viggo Mortensen, editor, Theology and the Religions: A Dialogue, Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishers, 2003.

“The spirit, the spear, and the altar: ascent and descent in Africa spirituality,” the ninth annual Henri de Lubac Lecture in Historical Theology, Saint Louis University, published in Theology Digest, vol. 50, no. 4, Winter, 2003.

Featured in “Battle for Souls,” NY Times/Discovery Channel Documentary, December, 2003.

“Translation,” Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World, New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004.

“Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God?” Christian Century, May 4, 2004.

“Bible Translation and Ethnic Mobilization in Africa,” in Robert M. Fowler, Edith Blumhofer & Fernando Segovia, editors, New Paradigms for Bible Study: The Bible in the Third Millennium, New York & London: T&T Clark International, 2004.

General Editor of the Oxford Series in Studies in World Christianity, Oxford University Press.

Reviews:

“African Religions in the United States”, West Africa, October 29, 1979.

“Churches Rooted in Africa”, West Africa, November 5, 1979.

Review of Rudolph Peters, Islam and Colonialism: The Doctrine of Jihad in Modern History, In: Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xii, no. 1, 1981.

Review of Nehemia Levtzion, ed., Conversion to Islam, In: Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xii, no. 1, 1981.

Review of R. S. O’Fahey, State and Society in Dar Fur, In: Africa, vol. 53, no. 2, 1983.

Review of Lucie Gallistel Colvin (ed.), Historical Dictionary of Senegal, in: Africa, vol. 54, no. 2, 1984.

“Researching Mission History”, International Review of Mission, vol.74, no. 294, April, 1985.

Review of Nehemia Levtzion and J.F.P. Hopkins (eds.), Corpus of Early Arabic Sources For West African History, in: Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xv, no. 1, 1985.

Review of John Hunwick (ed.), Shari’ca in Songhay: The Replies

of al-Maghili to the Questions of Askia al-Hajj Muhammad, in: Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. xv, no. 2, 1985.

Review of Elias N. Saad, Social History of Timbuktu, In: Africa, vol. 56, no. 3, 1986.

Review of Dean S. Gilliland, African Religion Meets Islam: Religious Change in Northern Nigeria, in: International Bulletin of Missionary Research, vol. 12, no. 2, April, 1988.

Review of Louis Brenner, West African Sufi, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1985, In: The Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. 18, no. 3, October, 1988.

Review of David Robinson, The Holy War of as-Haff Umar Tall, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987, in: The Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. 18, no. 3, October, 1988

Review of Jeff Haynes, Religion and Third World Politics, Boulder, Colo: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1994, in Journal of Church and State, vol. 36, no. 4, 1994.

Review of David A. Shank, Prophet Harris, the 'Black Elijah' of West Africa (abridged by Jocelyn Murray), Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1994 in The International Bulletin of Missionary Research, vol.19, no. 3, July 1995.

Review of Adrian Hastings, The Church in Africa: 1450-1950, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1995, in The International Bulletin of Missionary Research, vol. 20, no. 4, October, 1996.

Review of Michael A. Gomez, Pragmatism in the age of Jihad: The Precolonial state of Bundu, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992, in The Journal of Religion in Africa, no. 3, August, 1996.

Review of Martin A. Klein, Slavery and Colonial Rule In French West Africa (African Studies, number 94), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998, in American Historical Review, June, 2001.

Review of G.S.P. Freeman-Grenville and Stuart C. Munro-Hay, editors, Historical Atlas of Islam, revised and expanded edition,

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New York: Continuum, 2002, in International Bulletin of Missionary Research, vol. 27, no. 3, July, 2003.

Lectures:

Presented a paper at Religion in Africa Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1987.

Distinguished Staley Christian Lecturer, Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Canada, February, 1988.

Delivered the Student Lectureships, Princeton Theological Seminary, February, 1988.

Guest Lecturer, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, February, 1988.

Commencement Speaker, William Carey International University, May, 1988.

Mars Lecturer, Northwestern University, May, 1988.

Yale Divinity School Convocation Speaker, September, 1988.

Speaker, Indiana University Seminar on Comparative Education in Africa: Western and Islamic.

The Sprigg Lectures, "Faith on the Cutting Edge", Virginia Theological Seminary, March 15-16, 1990.

"Sharing Religious Experience", The Free University of Amsterdam, April 24-26, 1990.

"Christian-Muslim Relation", The Free University of Amsterdam Conference, April 27, 1990.

Cullum Lectures, University of Georgia: Augusta College, May 1990.

Workshop on Living Among Muslims, John Knox Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, July, 1990.

"Translating the Message", University of Basel, Basel Switzerland, November, 1990.

Royal African Society Conference: Africa since 1960: Prospect and Retrospect, St. John's College, Cambridge, England, April 13-16, 1991.

“Comparative Ideas of Mission in Islam & Christianity”, New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, April 17, 1991.

Conference on Islamic Identity and Boundary in Sub-Saharan Africa, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, April 19-21, 1991.

“Religious Values and the Gulf War”, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, May 1991.

“Mission, War in the Gulf and Religious Responsibility”, Perkins School of Theology, January, 1991.

“The West and Muslim Intellectual Influences”, Yale Alumni Association: The Western Mediterranean Cruise, May 6-18, 1991.

Workshop on Spirit Possession in Muslim Societies, Harvard University, History Department, June 1-3, 1991.

“Religion and Plural Culture”, The Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, July 20-August 12, 1991.

T.V. Moore Lectures, San Francisco Theological Seminary, April 1992.

The Currie Lectures, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, April, 1993.

The Robinson Lectures, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, April, 1994.

The W. Don McClure Lectures, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, October 1996.

Religious Pluralism and Commitment, The Andrew Burgess Lectures, Luther Seminary, October 1996.

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University Lecture in Religion, Arizona State University,
February 5, 1998, "The African Transformation of Christianity."

Sprunt Lectures, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond,
Virginia, January 1999.

Affirming the Future, The Moorhouse Lectures,
Melbourne, Australia, 1999.

Intellectual Debates in Islam in the New Global Era,
The Library of Congress, June 2001.

The Mission Lectures, University of Calgary,
Alberta, Canada, February, 2002.

"Does Religion Need a Political Alibi? The
Shari'ah Debate in Nigeria," Institute for the Study
of Islamic Thought in Africa, Northwestern
University, Evanston, February 2002.

The Annenberg University Lecture, University of
Pennsylvania, February, 2004.

St Vincent College, La Trobe, PA, World
Christianity Lecture, February, 2004.

Featured speaker at "The Future of World
Christianity" conference, Chicago Center for Global
Ministries, April, 2004.

Conference at the Institute for Advanced Study in
Asian Cultures and Theologies, Hong Kong, June,
2004.

Paper presenter at the Center for Theological
Inquiry conference in Montebello, Montreal,
Canada, June, 2004.

Consultant:

1988- Program on Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa

1986 Public Broadcasting Service series The Africans

Dialogue Unit of the World Council of Churches

1990-2000 The Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, PA.

Memberships of Academic Bodies:

Past Member, Executive Council of the International African Institute, London

Past Consultative Member Committee of the International Academic Union

Consultative Member, Africa Committee of the International Academic Union

Member, Executive Committee, Ecumenical Association of African Theologians

Member, American Academy of Religion

Member, African Studies Association

Member, American Theological Society

Co-editor, Journal of Religion in Africa, Leiden, 1979-84

Editor-at-large The Christian Century

Contributing editor, International Bulletin of Missionary Research

Member, Editorial Board, Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion, Congressional Quarterly, Inc.

Listed in: Who is Who in Africa, London: 1981
Who is Who in America, 1995 -

National Distinction, Honors:

Nominated by House Democrats to the Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Commander de l'Ordre National du Lion de Sènegal.

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Member, Council of 100 Leaders of the World Economic Forum,
Davos.

Awarded the Kluge Center Chair in Countries and Cultures of the
South in the Library of Congress, 2004-2005.

Elected in 2004 by Pope John Paul II to the Pontifical Commission for
Historical Sciences.

Travel Experience: Have traveled or lived in the following countries:

United States, Canada, Scotland, England, Middle East, Sri Lanka,
Thailand, India, China, Germany, The Netherlands, Austria, Italy,
Poland, Wales, France, Argentina, The Bahamas, Ghana, Sierra
Leone, Nigeria, Kenya, Mali, Zaire, Israel, Cameroun, Senegal,
Australia

Languages: Studied or Spoken:

Arabic, French, German, Latin, Mandinka (Native speaker) Wolof,
Fula, Krio

Academic Awards:

Carnegie Trust of the University of Scotland, 1980.
The Pew Scholars Program, University of Notre Dame, 1993.

Biographical Data

Synopsis:

Lamin Sanneh, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was educated on four continents. He went to school with chiefs' sons in the Gambia, West Africa. He subsequently came to the United States on a U.S. government scholarship to read history. After graduating he spent many years studying classical Arabic and Islam, including a stint in the Middle East, and working with the churches in Africa and with international organizations concerned with inter-faith and cross-cultural issues. He studied classical Arabic and Islam for his M.A., subsequently received his Ph.D. in African Islamic history at the University of London. He was a professor at Harvard University for eight years before moving to Yale University in 1989 as the D. Willis James Professor of World Christianity with a concurrent courtesy appointment as Professor of History in Yale College. He is a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. He has been actively involved in Yale's Council on African Studies. He is an editor-at-large of the ecumenical weekly, *The Christian Century*, on a contributing editor of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, and serves on the editorial board of several academic journals and encyclopedias. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He is the author of over a hundred articles on religious and historical subjects, and several books, including *The Jakhanke Muslim Clerics: A Religious and Historical Study of Islam in Senegambia*, *West African Christianity: The Religious Impact*, *Translating the Message: The Missionary Impact on Culture*, now in its eleventh printing, *Encountering the West: Christianity & the Global Cultural Process*, *Religion & the Variety of Culture*, *The Crown and the Turban: Muslims and West African Pluralism*, and *Piety and Power: Muslims and Christians in West Africa*, with Lesslie Newbigin, *Faith and Power: Christianity and Islam in Secular Britain*, *Abolitionists Abroad: American Blacks and the Making of Modern West Africa*, Harvard University Press, and *Whose Religion is Christianity? The Gospel Beyond the West*, Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003. He is an Honorary Research Professor at the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London. He has served on the board of Ethics and Public Policy at Harvard University, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. He has been appointed to the Council of 100 Leaders of the World Economic Forum, and in 2004 was elected by Pope John Paul II to the Pontifical Commission for Historical Sciences. He received an honorary doctorate at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. For his academic work he was made Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Lion, Senegal's highest national honor. He received a Kluge Chair at the Library of Congress for the academic year 2004-05. He is married with two children.