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Since 1979, when I began fieldwork for my doctoral thesis in Social Anthropology on speech-surrogate systems I have pursued a dual track career, conducting academic research on linguistics and anthropology in West-Central Africa, SE Asia and Peru as well being a consultant in socio-economic studies for development. From 1984 until mid-1996 and then from 2002 onwards I have been a self-employed consultant. I was a Senior Research Fellow of the Rural Policy and Environment Group at the Overseas Development Institute 1996-2002. Since 2005 I have been the part-time research director of the [Kay Williamson Educational Foundation](#) both conducting research in Nigeria and Cameroun and overseeing grants for research and publication in these countries.

Current Affiliations

Chief Research Officer, [Kay Williamson Educational Foundation](#)
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RECENT AND FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

2015

- a) January-February. Japan. Invited talks on West African agricultural ecology. Kyoto University African Studies.
- b) February-March. Arunachal Pradesh, India. Fieldwork
- c) March-April. Brazil. Academic visitor. Museu Emilio Goldi, Belem.
- d) June. Modena, Italy. Presentation at International Workshop on African Archaeobotany.
- e) July. Venice. Invited presentation at the Workshop 'Reflecting on Hornbostel-Sachs' *Versuch* a century later'. Fondazione Ugo e Olga Levi, Palazzo Giustinian-Lolin.
- f) July. Paris. Organiser, panels on 'Sea-nomads' and 'Interdisciplinary approaches to the early history of plants and animals in Southeast Asia'. European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists 15.
- g) August. Australia. Academic Visitor. University of New England at Armidale.

2014

- a) January. Siem Reap, Cambodia. Co-organiser, panels on Indian Ocean prehistory and archaeomusicology at IPPA XIV.
- b) January. Manokwari. Presentations at Third Papuan languages conference. Fieldwork in Eastern Indonesia
- c) March/April. Fieldwork in the Cameroun Grassfields.
- d)
- d) July/August. Canberra, Lectures at Australian National University.
- e) August. Visiting Fellow. University of New England at Armidale. Presentation at the workshop 'Linguistic Prehistory of the Eastern Himalayas'.
- f) September. Taipei, Taiwan. Keynote address and panel presentation, Austronesian conference.
- g) September. Taitung, Taiwan. Invited presentation, National Museum of Prehistory.
- h) October. Fieldwork, China.
- i) November. Presentation, African Archaeology Research Days, Bristol.
- j) November/December. Lagos. Museum studies.

2013

- a) January. Fieldwork in Myanmar/ Nepal.
- b) February-March. Belmopan. Lead EU mission to Belize.
- c) March-April. Fieldwork in Jos, Nigeria.
- d) May. Mission on Environmental sustainability, DRC.
- e) May. Presentation to RefLex project (CNRS), Lyon.
- f) May-July. Mission to Belize continues.
- g) July-August. Libreville, Gabon. Teach at summer school on ethnobiology.
- h) November-December. Mission to Belize continues.
- i) December. Fieldwork, Nepal.

2012

- a) January. Fieldwork in Nepal
- b) January. Molesworth. Presentation to NATO, Africom on Nigerian security situation.
- b) February. Run 3rd West Kainji workshop in Kontagora, Nigeria.
- c) February-May. Fieldwork in Nigeria.
- d) April. Run 1st West Chadic workshop in Jos, Nigeria.
- e) May-June. Köln. Presentation at Afrikanistentag 2012.
- f) June. Toronto. Presentation at SAFA (Society of Africanist Archaeologists).
- g) July 2-5. Vienna. Presentation at IWAA (International Workshop on African Archaeobotany)
- h) September 5-12. Sicily. Work in various museums.
- h) September. Naples. 14-16. Presentation at Mega-Tchad.
- i) September. Dublin. 18-21. Presentation at EURASEAA (European Association of SE Asian Archaeologists) XIV.
- j) September. Cambridge, MacDonald Institute. 22-23. Later Holocene.
- k) November 3-4. Presentation at AARD (African Archaeology Research Day).
- l) November 28-December 2. Leipzig. Presentation at Max Planck Institute for conference on languages of mainland SE Asia.
- m) December. Monrovia, Liberia. Project preparation. SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency).

2011

- a) January. Continuing fieldwork in Arunachal Pradesh.
- b) February-March. Nigeria. Fieldwork.
- c) March. Houston, USA. Presentation at Rice University on African prehistory.
- d) March-April. Mexico. Archaeological site visits.
- e) April. Berlin. Presentations at Bantu IV.
- f) May. Bern. Presentation to Bern Linguistic Circle.
- g) July. Argentina-Chile. Museum studies
- g) July-August. Pacific. Fieldwork in the, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Pentecost Island.
- h) November-December. Fieldwork in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland NE India.

2010

- a) January-February. Cameroun. Work with language committees on dictionary development for KWEF.
- b) March. Nigeria. Consultancy in anthropology for DFID.
- c) April. Nigeria. Work with language committees on dictionary development for KWEF.
- d) May. Luzon, Philippines. Joint Project with the University of the Philippines on recording oral literature in Ifugao.
- e) December. Ethnographic and linguistic survey in Arunachal Pradesh.

2009

- a) January. Siem Reap, Cambodia. Invited presentation, EFEO. Conference: Human Diversity in SE Asia.
- b) February-May. Cameroun-Nigeria. Work with language committees on dictionary development for KWEF.
- d) June. Leipzig. Presentation at the BICCL Chadic languages meeting.
- e) June. Aussois, France. Presentation at the 11th Austronesian languages meeting.
- f) August. Köln. Presentation at the 6th World Congress on African Languages.
- g) August. Leiden. Presentation at the 39th Colloquium on African Languages.
- h) September, Leiden. Presentation at the Conference *Documenting Oral Traditions in the Non-Western World*.
- i) October. Bangkok. Presentation at the Fourth International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics. October 29 - 30, 2009.
- j) November. Chiang Mai. Presentation at the 42nd Conference on Sino-Tibetan Language and Linguistics. November 2-4, 2009.
- k) November. Laos/China. Research in Luang Prabang, Yunnan and Sichuan on anthropology collections.
- l) November. Collection of Chinese materials on Sino-Tibetan in collaboration with the Centre for Linguistic and Literary Computing, Bangkok.
- m) December. Hanoi. Presentation at the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, XIX, November 29-December 4, 2009.

2008

- a) January 7th. London. Public lecture, UCL. Comparative ethnography and the reconstruction of prehistory. [View Powerpoint](#)
- b) January. Nigeria. Consultancy for Kay Williamson Educational Foundation.
- c) February. Nairobi. FAO adviser for Somalia livestock resource survey.
- d) March/April. Cameroun/Nigeria. Consultancy for Kay Williamson Educational Foundation.
- e) April. Paris. Presentation at 5th International Conference of Cushitic and Omotic languages, April 16-18, 2008. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Afroasiatic/Afroasiatic%20opening%20page.htm>
- f) May. Lyon. Presentation at New Directions in Historical Linguistics OMLL Workshop, May 11-14, 2008. Presentation available at;

<http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Amerindian/Lyon%202008%20Amerindian%20classification.pdf>

- g) May. Bordeaux. Presentation at Us and Them: Modeling past genetic, linguistic, and cultural boundaries OMLL Workshop, May 11-14, 2008. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/World/Bordeaux%202008%20Farming%20dispersals%20hypothesis.pdf>
- h) June. DLAA proposal liaison visits, Köln, Frankfurt & Uppsala.
- i) June 28th. Dublin. WAC VI *Bananas and plantains in Africa; re-interpreting the linguistic evidence*. Precirculated for the session 'Banana: the neglected history'. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Ethnoscience%20data/Blench%20Musa%20in%20Africa%20paper%20WAC%20VI.pdf>
- j) July 6-10th. Riezlern, Austria. Third International Conference on Khoisan Languages. Presentation available at; http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Khoesan/Hadza%20animals%20Riezlern%202008_files/frame.htm
- k) August 25-27th. CALL, Leiden. Presentation: Nominal class morphology of *KiTulé*.
- l) September 1-5th. Leiden. Presentation at XIIth EuraSEAA meeting. Presentation: *The prehistory of the Daic (Tai-Kadai) speaking peoples*.
- m) September 8th - 11th Frankfurt / Main. Presentation at 19th SAfA Biennial Meeting. Presentation: *The 'Green Sahara' and the dispersal of Nilo-Saharan fishing cultures*.
- n) September 28th. Uppsala. Presentation: *Archaeological models to explain the diversity of Amerindian languages*. Second workshop on Bolivian archaeology. Uppsala University.
- o) October-November. Peru. Research on early agriculture in coastal Peru.
- p) November 31st. Canberra. Lecture. What role did agriculture play in the diversification of New World language phyla?
- q) December. Kuching, Borneo. Research on Borneo languages.

2007

- a) January. Completion of report for pre-formulation mission for IFAD Northern Regional Growth Project.
- b) February. Ghana. Formulation mission for IFAD Northern Regional Growth Project.
- c) February. Ghana. Research on Mpra language. Report available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Niger-Congo/Isolates/Mpra%20data.pdf>
- c) March-April. Rome. Writing and editing IFAD report.
- d) March 28-30, Königswinter. International Colloquium. *Was there an interchange between Cushitic pastoralists and Khoesan speakers in the prehistory of Southern Africa and how can this be detected?* Presentation available at; http://www.rogerblench.info/Archaeology%20data/Konigswinter%202007/Konigswinter%20Powerpoint%20Roger%20Blench_files/frame.htm
- e) Cambridge 2-3 June, 2007. Re-evaluating the linguistic prehistory of South Asia. Presentation at the workshop: *Landscape, demography and subsistence in prehistoric India: exploratory workshop on the middle Ganges and the Vindhyas*. Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies, University of Cambridge. Presentation available at; http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/South%20Asia/LCHES%202007/Blench_paper%20LCHES%202007.pdf
- f) July-August. Nigeria. Further work on DFID conflict studies, work for Kay Williamson Educational Foundation.
- g) Paris. August, 22-24. 10th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium. Presentation available at; [Download](#)
- h) Leiden, August 28th. Colloquium on African Languages and Linguistics 37. Presentation; *An ethnozoological history of the peopling of the Niger Delta*. [Download](#)
- i) October 30-31. Bayreuth, Germany. Fourth Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Languages. Presentation available at; [Download](#)

- j) Köln, November 16th. Conference 'Perception of the Invisible. 'What are ideophones about?'
Presentation available at; [Download](#)

2006

- a) January. Palawan, Philippines. Presentation to ICAL-X. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Austronesian/Malagasy%20animal%20names.pdf>
- b) January. Completion and submission of final report on RPAP evaluation for IFAD.
- c) January-February. Preparation and submission of report on investment strategies for Northern Ghana, IFAD.
- d) March. Manila, Philippines. Presentation to IPPA-XIII as part of the Uppsala Indian Ocean Project. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Archaeology%20data/Indian%20Ocean%20settlement%20paper%202006.pdf>
- e) March-April. Kunming, China. Attend meeting on genetic sampling strategies, Institute of Zoology.
- f) March. Completion and submission of CD-ROM on natural resource conflict in Nigeria. DFID, Abuja.
- g) April-May. Southern Sudan. Team Leader. DFID study of conflict prevention strategies for Conflict and Humanitarian Department.
- h) June. Completion and submission of DFID report on Southern Sudan.
- i) Calgary, Canada, June 22nd-26th. SAFA meeting, sponsored by MAESAO. Presentation available at; http://www.rogerblench.info/Archaeology%20data/Calgary%202006/Blench%20Calgary%20SAFA%202006_files/frame.htm
- j) June. Siem Reap, Cambodia. Invited presentation, preparatory meeting, CAL-3. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Austroasiatic/Roger%20Blench%20Siem%20Reap%202006%20paper.pdf>
- k) July. Ho, Ghana. Ghana-Togo Mountain Languages Workshop presentation. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Niger-Congo/GTML%20Website/HoWorkshop2006/Papers/Blench%20GTML%20grouping%20paper%20Ho%202006.pdf>
- l) August, September. Nigeria. Completion of fieldwork on DFID traditional leadership study.
- m) August, 28-30th. Leiden. Presentation at CALL; *Plural verb affixes in εBoze: a case of extreme allomorphy?*
- n) Bougon, France. 14–17 September 2006 European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists. 11th International Conference. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Archaeology%20data/Bougon%202006/Indian%20musical%20instruments%20on%20the%20reliefs%20at%20Angkor.pdf>
- o) October, November. Completion and submission of final report on DFID conflict and traditional leadership study.
- n) December. Northern Ghana. Pre-formulation mission for IFAD Northern Regional Growth Project.

2005

- a) Completion and submission of report on ILRI genetic resource programme.
- b) January-February. Nigeria. Plan and initiate study for DFID on rural insecurity and markets in Nigeria.
- c) March. Mali. Ethnographic survey of the Dogon Plateau in collaboration with the University of Geneva. Preliminary results available at [Dogon Page](#)
- d) April. Manchester. One-day meeting on African archaeology. Paper presented; *Recent research on the genetics of African chickens; how can this be matched with archaeological and linguistic evidence?*
- e) May. Rome. Planning meetings for sociological survey of IFAD projects in Northern Ghana.
- f) May-June. Northern Ghana. Team Leader, joint mission. Evaluation of IFAD agricultural programmes in Upper West and Upper East.
- g) July. Nigeria. Continue work on DFID markets and security project.
- h) August, 28-30th. Leiden. Presentation at CALL.

- i) September. Mongolia. IFAD Evaluation of Arkhangay Poverty Reduction Project. Report available at [RPAPWP](#)
- j) October 4th. Beijing, China. Lecture at China Agricultural University.
- k) October 12-16. Gryon, Switzerland. Presentation to workshop on MAESAO Project in Mali.
- l) October 21-November 7th, Nigeria. Completion workshop on markets and security project. Initiation of project on traditional leadership. KWEF meetings.
- m) November 7-11. Ghana, Accra for the ACP meeting on the IFAD evaluation.
- n) November 18-21st. Vienna. Invited speaker, meeting on Jukunoid languages. Paper available at [Plateau](#)
- o) November 24-25th, Paris. Presentation at Vth Chadic (BICCL) meeting. Paper available at [Dyarim](#)
- l) December 1-4. Köln Invited speaker, "Spirit, Languages, Silence and Secrecy" on secret languages in Africa. Presentation available at; <http://www.rogerblench.info/Language%20data/Niger-Congo/Benue-Congo/Plateau/Tarokoid/Tarok/Tarok%20papers/Tarok%20secret%20language.pdf>
- l) December 6-8. Morocco. Independent expert presentation to CG Science Council in Marrakesh on sustaining livestock biodiversity.
- m) December-January. Mali. Survey of the Dogon Plateau in collaboration with the University of Geneva.

2004

- a) February-March. Khartoum for presentation at the Nilo-Saharan Conference, and fieldwork on Kordofanian languages.
- b) March. Hamburg for invited presentation on Plateau languages and endangered music of Central Nigeria at the Plateau Symposium.
- c) June 7-13. To Geneva for invited presentation, *Stratification in the peopling of China: how far does the linguistic evidence match genetics and archaeology?*, at the Conference on *Human migrations in continental East Asia and Taiwan Genetic, linguistic and archaeological evidence*. Department of Anthropology, University of Geneva.
- d) June 15-18. Co-ordinator of the Conference *Nigeria: Maximising pro-poor growth: regenerating the socio-economic database*. City University, London.
- d) June 21. Paris. Talk to GREFUL group at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. *The transformation of conflict between pastoralists and cultivators in Nigeria*.
- e) June 25-30. To Bergen SAFA (Society of Africanist Archaeologists') Meeting to give two presentations: *Reconstructing early human culture* and *Genetics and linguistics in sub-Saharan Africa*.
- f) September 14-17. London. Paper given at the European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists 10th International Conference. [Musical aspects of Austronesian culture](#).
- g) September 21. Brussels. EC Workshop on evaluating livestock genetic resources research at ILRI.
- h) September 22. Brussels. Lecture at the Royal Museum for Central Africa. *New research on linguistic and archaeological models of African prehistory*.
- i) September 23-26. Rouen. Symposium on *Peuplement humain et paléoenvironnement en Afrique de l'Ouest*. Presentation on: *comprendre les langues Dogon*. See <http://archeo.unige.ch/ounjoujou/linguistic.html>
- j) September 29-October 1. Oxford. BIEA Conference on 'Trees, rain and politics in sub-Saharan Africa.' Presentation on [Cultural and biological interactions in the savanna woodlands of Northern Ghana](#).
- k) October 11-17. Paris. Santa Fe Institute Workshop on Niger-Congo reconstruction. Two presentations: *Restructuring Niger-Congo* and *Methodological issues in the reconstruction of Niger-Congo*.
- l) October 31-November 15. Nairobi, Bangkok, Manila, Lanzhou China. EC mission evaluating livestock genetic resources research at ILRI.
- m) October 16. Presentation to the Mongolian and Inner Asian Studies Unit, Cambridge University. [Grasshoppers, mice and pashminas: ecology, economics and the future of pastoralism in Mongolia](#).
- j) October-December. Nairobi/China/Bhutan. Evaluation of ILRI as part of wide-ranging evaluation of CGIAR system. Natura consultancy. Begins October Nairobi.

- k) November. Presentations at Kunming Institute of Zoology, Gansu Agricultural University *Why conserve livestock biodiversity?*.
- l) November/December. Bhutan. Evaluation of ILRI continues.
- m) December. Invited by Royal Government of Bhutan to establish socio-economic survey of migratory herders, currently under way. Preliminary results at; [Predators](#)
- n) December 16. Brussels. Wrap-up workshop on CGIAR evaluation.

2003

- a) January/March 2003. Work in Nigeria for DFID/World Bank on farmer-pastoralist conflict for JEWEL and *Fadama II* projects.
- b) March 2003. Invited presentation *La conservación de la agrobiodiversidad en las Américas y en África*. CATIE, Turrialba, Costa Rica.
- c) April-May 2003. Preparation of DFID-Nigeria position Paper. *Drivers of change –the rural dimension*.
- d) April 2003. Preparation of DFID-Nigeria Paper. *Livestock marketing 1990-2003-2020*.
- e) May/June 2003. Work in Nigeria for World Bank on training for farmer-pastoralist conflict resolution for *Fadama II* projects.
- f) July. Preparation of DFID-Nigeria position Paper. *Drivers of change –migration*.
- g) August. Preparation of DFID-Nigeria position Paper. *Drivers of change –culture, language and ethnicity*.
- h) August. Leiden. Present paper at 35th CALL (Conference on African Languages and Literatures).
- i) August. Invited discussant, Indian Ocean Conference, Uppsala.
- j) September. To Mali for IFAD, for work on a project for environmental rehabilitation of the Niger Delta.
- k) October. To Nigeria for case studies of herder/farmer conflict. Conflict Resolution Unit, World Bank.
- l) November. To Paris to chair sessions for the Conference *Le symbolisme des animaux - l'animal "clef de voûte" dans la tradition orale et les interactions homme-nature*.
- m) November-January 2004. To Nigeria to run interactive training sessions on conflict resolution for the *Fadama II* project.

2002

- a) January/February. Fieldwork in Ethiopia and Zambia.
- b) March/April. Field visits to Senegal, Guinée-Conakry, Nigeria and Ghana. Work on Vagla dictionary and Deg ethnobotany.
- c) May. Asmara, Eritrea. Consultancy to assist with preparation of National Biodiversity Strategy and advice on World Bank National Heritage Project (which includes oral literature collection).
- d) May/June. Presentation at Society for Africanist Archaeology Conference in Tucson. Visit to Hopi Language Project, University of Arizona. Visits to regional centres in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica for collection of materials on minority languages and contact with local academics.
- e) August. Fieldwork in Nigeria. Consultancy on natural resource conflict.
- f) August. Tamale, Ghana. Presentation to GSAE/MOFA Meeting on Accelerated Rice Production in Ghana. Organisation of Workshop on using vernacular radio drama for agricultural extension.
- g) September. Taipei, Taiwan. Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, Triennial Conference. Presentations on *The history of tuned percussion in SE Asia* and *A history of fruits in the Indo-Pacific region*. Invited presentation to Round Table on Austronesian origins.
- h) November. Paris. Mega-Tchad Conference. Presentation: *Arbres fruitiers à travers leurs noms; Préfecture Logone Oriental, S. Tchad*.
- i) December-January 2003. Extended fieldwork, Nigeria.

2001

- a) January, February. Jos, Nigeria. Fieldwork on dictionaries, continuing Plateau languages survey.
- c) February, Ghana. Script preparation and supervision of indigenous language FM broadcasts in Northern Ghana.
- d) March/April. Invited presentations at ACAL in Berkeley on Central Togo Languages and at subsequent Benue-Congo Workshop. Subsequent public lectures at Portland (University of Oregon) and University of Calgary.
- e) July. Discussant, Minority Rights Group Workshop. London.
- f) July. Leipzig. Presentation at the Biennial International Colloquium on the Chadic Language Family
- g) August, Hamburg. Presentation at the VIIIth Nilo-Saharan Conference.
- f) August. Invited presentation at Conference on the Origin of East Asian languages, Périgueux.
- h) October. Two presentations on biodiversity for the Mining and Sustainable Development Initiative, London.
- i) November/December. Cambodia. Field study of minority populations for Swedish government.
- j) December. Chiang Mai, Thailand. Visits to indigenous organisation for collection of materials on minority languages and contact with local academics.

2000

- a) January, Manila. Study of environmental regulations for the Asian Development Bank.
- b) March. Organiser: Workshop in Tamale, Northern Ghana, on 'Soil and Water Conservation in Six African Countries' concluding a 3-year study on this topic.
- c) March. Fieldwork on Plateau languages, Jos, Nigeria.
- d) May. Organiser: Writers' Workshop in Tamale, Northern Ghana. 'Indigenous Knowledge of Trees in Northern Ghana'. Fieldwork on ethnobotany in Volta Region.
- e) Rome, June. Presentation of FAO-sponsored paper 'Issues and Options for the Horn of Africa'.
- f) Frankfurt, June. Public lecture, *Reconstructing African history through linguistics*.
- g) Frankfurt, July. Presentation at the 3rd International Workshop of African Archaeobotany.
- h) Cambridge, July. Presentation at the SAFA Meeting.
- i) July. Brazil, Colombia, Mexico. Visits to indigenous organisation for collection of materials on minority languages and contact with local academics.
- j) Oslo, August, September, October. Team Leader, Evaluation of Norwegian Government Special Grant for the Environment.
- k) August, Leiden. Presentation at 28th CALL.
- l) October. Fieldwork in Vietnam, Laos for Norwegian Government.
- m) November. Chad. Study of ethnobotany among the Sar peoples of SW Chad.
- n) November. Organiser. Workshop on Rice Production in Ghana, Ho.

1999

- a) March. Fieldwork. Nigeria, Ghana
- b) June/ July/August. Micronesia, Australia, New Zealand, Easter Island, Chile. Visits to indigenous organisation for collection of materials on minority languages and contact with local academics. Public lecture in Canberra.
- c) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- d) September. Tanzania. Presentation *Seasonal forecasting and African subsistence farmers*. At the Workshop on User Responses to Seasonal Climate Forecasts in Southern Africa. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. September 10-11, 1999
- e) October. Windhoek, Namibia. Run workshop for FAO on surveying livestock biodiversity in SADC countries.
- f) November-December. Work on Nigeria/Mali/Ghana on Soil and Water Conservation/Multi-Agency Partnerships/Indigenous Ecological Knowledge.

1998

- a) Team Leader, DFID-supported study. 'Rethinking Natural Resource Degradation in Sub-Saharan Africa'. Fieldwork in Nigeria, Ghana and Senegal.
- b) Co-ordinator of FAO electronic Conference 'Livestock and the Challenge of Drought' taking place in July 1998. Posting of keynote paper *Drought and livestock in semi-arid Africa and the Near East*.
- c) Pilanesberg, South Africa, May 12-15. Invited presentation at the Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum.
- d) July, Melaka, Malaysia. Presentation at the 16th Congress Of The Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association, 1-7 JULY 1998
- e) September, Vienna. Presentation at the VIIth Nilo-Saharan Conference, 2-6th September.

1997

- a) February-April. Fieldwork in Northern Ghana on DFID-funded programme 'Partnerships and Policies for Change'.
- b) May-June. Fieldwork on farming systems in the Rwenya Basin, Zimbabwe on DFID-funded programme 'Partnerships and Policies for Change'.
- c) June 26-27. London. Convenor of Conference: 'Ghana and Zimbabwe: Options for change'.
- d) Lepizig, July-August. Presentations at WOCAL and invited presentations at the 'Symposium on Endangered Languages in Africa'
- e) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- f) October, Orléans. Presentation at Méga-Tchad.

1996

- a) April-May. Nigeria. Fieldwork.
- b) June. Commence work as ODI research fellow. Preparations for 3-year project ODA-sponsored project on agricultural systems and resource conflicts in semi-arid Africa. Field visits, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Ghana.
- c) Presentation at the XXIXth Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics, Nordwijkerhout, October 12th, 1996.
- d) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- e) October, Leiden. Presentation at Colloquium on Hunter-Gatherers in Equatorial Africa.
- f) December. Presentation at the IFAD-sponsored workshop on the Bedu in Jordan. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. [Paper later published].

1995

- a) February-May. Mission Leader: Socio-economic and animal production survey of the pastoral zones of Jordan for IFAD.
- b) June-August. Mission Leader: Agricultural Resource Management Project Survey Jordan. IFAD.
- c) August-September. Sociological survey: Arkhangay Province. Mongolia. IFAD.
- d) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- e) September. Co-ordinator of the Conference, African Livestock: interdisciplinary approaches. Institute of Archaeology, London.
- f) December 4-8th. Nairobi, Kenya. Keynote paper for workshop on 'Animal Traction and the Environment'. ATNESA.

1994

- a) January-March. Research Visits, Polynesia, Australia, New Zealand. School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.
- b) April-June. Study of factors contributing to changing livestock breed distributions in Nigeria. Animal Health Division, FAO.
- c) July, Moscow. Presentation at the Afroasiatic Conference.
- d) July, Cambridge. Presentation at the BIEA Conference on the Growth of Farming Communities in Africa from the Equator Southwards.
- e) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- f) Hamburg 3-7th September, Presentation at the Conference 'Trends in the Historical Study of African Languages'.
- g) December, New Delhi. Organiser, Language and Archaeology Sessions at the Third world Archaeological Congress.

1993

- a) March-April. Fieldwork in Nigeria.
- b) May-June. Consultant for FAO, Nigeria.
- c) May, Frankfurt. Presentation at Méga-Tchad.
- d) July-August. Study of Extension Media for Edo State ADP, Nigeria.
- e) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- f) November-December. World Bank Mission in Nigeria.

1992

- a) May, Nigeria. Nigerian Government consultant (Rural Sociology) for sub-sectoral review mission.
- b) June, Rome. FAO consultant in Rome for write-up of Nigerian sub-sector review mission.
- c) August, Nice. Presentation at the Vth Nilo-Saharan Conference.
- d) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- e) September-December. FAO/UNDP Consultant, Nigerian Livestock Sector, UNDP 5-year plan.

1990-1992

- a) Ground Survey Co-ordinator for Nigerian National Livestock Resource Survey; planning, and supervision of the fieldwork for the Census as well as preparation of working papers and the final report.
- b) Extensive language survey in Nigeria for the revision of the Index of Nigerian Languages.
- c) September, 1991, Sèvres. Presentation at Méga-Tchad.

1989

- a) January-March. Work with ILCA, Kaduna on revision of Livestock Systems Study.
- b) February. Conduct survey of the meat trade in Kaduna area for ILCA, Kaduna.
- c) March and July. Planning and co-ordination of National Dairy Survey for NLPD, Kaduna, Nigeria.
- d) April-December. Co-ordinator, Ground Survey, Nigerian National Livestock Census, Pilot Phase.
- e) May-June. Fieldwork in Chad for OXFAM.
- f) September, Paris. Presentation at Méga-Tchad.

1988

- a) February-March, Red Sea Province, Sudan. Study of Beja for OXFAM.
- b) April. Boston. Presentation at the 19th ACAL.
- c) September, Paris. Presentation at Méga-Tchad.

1987

- a) January. Editing of ILCA Subhumid Zone Systems Study. Kaduna, Nigeria.
- b) March-May, Nigeria. Jointly funded study (World Bank ARU & ILCA, Subhumid Programme) on the distribution of ploughing in the Nigerian Subhumid Zone.
- c) May-June, Mali. Socio-economic ground studies, Mopti.
- d) August, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Presentation of fieldwork at ILCA.
- e) September, Washington. Seminar to World Bank Agricultural Research Unit.

1986

- a) March-July. Gezira Province, Sudan. Study of Gezira Scheme.
- b) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.
- c) November-December. Fieldwork in SW Ethiopia. UNDP mission.

1985

- a) February-March, Kaduna, Nigeria. Study for ILCA Subhumid Zone Programme.
- b) April-June. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Document preparatiuon for ILCA.
- c) August-December, Kaduna, Nigeria. Editing of proceedings of Livestock Studies Symposium.

1983 - 84

- a) August, 1983-November, 1984, Gongola State, Nigeria. Field studies.
- b) August 1984, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.

1982

- a) August, Leiden. Presentation at CALL.

ACADEMIC CAREER

Exhibition, Clare College: Undergraduate Studies. 1970-3

Fieldwork in Ethiopia (1971) funded by Clare College.

1974-6. Travels in West and East Africa. Visits to research institutes, contacts with African academics.

1977-8. Certificate in Social Anthropology, Clare College, Cambridge.

1979-84. Preparation, fieldwork and writing of doctoral thesis on speech surrogate systems among the Nupe and Gbari of Central Nigeria.

Organizer: West African Seminar Series, African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge. Academic years 1983 and 1984.

Consulting Editor: The Useful Plants of West Tropical Africa. Vols. I-VI. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Electronic publications

Under the auspices of IFAD I have designed a bilingual Arabic/English front end for exploring socio-economic data captured in Access 2.0 databases.

Radio

Prepared script for programmes on Soil and Water Conservation in Northern Ghana, which was translated into six minority languages and broadcast in May 2001. See http://www.odi.org/odi/rpeg/soil_degradation/index.html for samples of broadcasts and basic script

Television

I have been interviewed for television in Nigeria, Ghana, Eritrea and Saudi Arabia. I have twice made proposals with independent film companies for programmes or at least items on endangered languages but neither has made it to broadcast.

Websites

<http://www.odi.org.uk/odi/rpeg/biodiversity/index.htm>
<http://www.odi.org.uk/odi/pdn/index.html>
http://www.odi.org.uk/odi/rpeg/weather_prediction/index.html
<http://www.odi.org.uk/odi/rpeg/maps/index.html>

Languages

Language	Speak	Read	Write
French	+	+	+
German	some	+	-
Spanish	+	+	-
Arabic	some	-	-
Hausa	some	-	-
Nupe	+	+	-