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INTERESTS

Political Economy in Postcolonial West and Central Africa, Legal Anthropology, Anthropology of Development, Ethnicity and Democracy, Islam, Fulbe Studies, Gender Studies

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Cultural Anthropology

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Dissertation: *Of Cows, Trucks, and Bricks: An Historical Ethnography of the Political Dimensions of Business Activities in Northern Cameroon*

Committee: Robert Launay (advisor), Timothy Earle, Karen T. Hansen, Phillip Burnham (reader, University College London), Jane Guyer (reader, Johns Hopkins University), and Juan Carlos Gimeno (reader, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

This dissertation places business activities in Adamaoua Province (Northern Cameroon) within the larger framework of business-state relations. I trace changes in conceptions and justification of business success during a period marked by two decades of severe economic crisis and the advent of multiparty politics. I consider the history of three sectors of the provincial economy—cattle, transport, and construction—and explore the linkages between them from the perspective of business-state relations. I further assess the impact of the Chad-Cameroon pipeline project upon patterns of interaction between local business and the state. An ethno-historical approach allows me to identify business practices and discourses largely ignored in policy agendas and conventional analyses alike.

MSc in Social Anthropology with distinction, September 2001

University College London (UK)

Master's Thesis: *The Future of Family Farming in Spain: Women and Youngsters' European Horizons in Franco's Model Villages*

BA in Social Anthropology (Licenciatura), September 2000

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain)

BA in Law (Licenciatura), June 1995

Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE) (Spain)

PUBLICATIONS

- Muñoz, José M. 2007. *Empresarios de Escaparate: Nuevos Discursos del Desarrollo en el Norte de Camerún*. In *Conocimiento y Transformaciones Sociales*. Eds. Juan Carlos Gimeno, Olga Mancha, and Ana Toledo. Madrid: SEPHA.
- Burnham, P. & J. Muñoz. 2004. "Prospecting for political spaces in Cameroon." Barcelona: Congrés Internacional d'Estudis Africans.
<http://www.africacatalunya.org/congres/pdfs.burhnam.pdf>
- Muñoz, José M. 2003. "Jóvenes Ciudadanos: Estampas de Douala." Working Paper Series, Grupo de Estudios Africanos. Madrid: Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
http://portal.uam.es/portal/page/portal/UAM_ORGANIZATIVO/Departamentos/CienciaPoliticaRelacionesInternacionales/Grupo%20de%20Estudios%20Africanos

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- Paper. "Coping with Success in Times of Crisis: The Economy and Politics of Business Visibility in Northern Cameroon" Under consideration at the *African Studies Review*.
- Paper. "The Ostracized Body of the Late President: Empty Signifiers and Populist Interventions in Northern Cameroon" 20 pages.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- ◆ Dissertation Year Fellowship Award, Graduate School
Host institution: Northwestern University (2007)
- ◆ Hans E. Panofsky Research Award, Program of African Studies
Host Institution: Northwestern University (2005)
- ◆ Economic & Social Research Council Grant, United Kingdom
Host Institution: University College London (2003-2005)
- ◆ *La Caixa* Postgraduate Studies Fellowship, Spain
Host Institution: Northwestern University (2002-2003 and 2005-2006)
- ◆ Erasmus Programme European Union Grant, Portugal
Host Institution: African Studies Center ISCTE (1996)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2007. Research Assistant. Northwestern University
Humanities 395: Being Animal/Being Human, M. Weismantel
- Winter 2007. Teaching Assistant. Northwestern University
Anthro 211: Culture and Society, M. Weismantel
- Fall 2006. Teaching Assistant. Northwestern University
Anthro 215: The Study of Culture Through Language, K. Hoffman
- 2001-2002. Spanish Language Assistant, Eton College (UK)

CONFERENCES & INVITED LECTURES

- Paper. "In the Name of Local Development: Autochthony and Private Sector Promotion in Northern Cameroon" *AEGIS European Conference on African Studies*, Leiden, Netherlands (July 2007)
- Paper. African Studies Workshop. "Tapping into the Cattle Flow: Changing Patterns of Wealth Accumulation in Adamaoua Province" University of Chicago (March 2007)
- Invited Lecture. African Studies Group. "Etnicidad y Democracia en África Occidental y Central" Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (February 2007)
- Paper. "Local business in the shop-window of an oil multinational: New discourses of development in northern Cameroon" *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, San José, CA (November 2006).
- Paper. "Doing Business in Northern Cameroon: The Limits of Regulatory Reforms" *African Studies Association Meeting*, San Francisco, CA (November 2006).
- Paper. "The politicization of business activities in northern Cameroon: Coping with success in times of crisis." *African Studies Association Meeting*, Washington, D.C. (November 2005).
- Invited Lecture. African Studies Group. "Agravios Regionales en el Juego Político Nacional Camerunés" Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (February 2006)
- Paper. "Prospecting for political spaces in Cameroon" *Congres Internacional d'Estudis Africans*, Barcelona, Spain (January 2005).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
African Studies Association (ASA)

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