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Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Emeritus Faculty, Acad Council, History Department

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of History, Frances and Charles Field, (2008- present)
- Vice Chair, History Department, Stanford University, (2003-2007)
- Professor, History, Stanford University, (1995- present)
- Associate Professor, History, Stanford University, (1989-1995)
- Assistant Professor, History, Stanford University, (1981-1988)
- Acting Assistant Professor, History, Stanford University, (1980-1981)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Senior Fellow, Institute for International Studies, Stanford University (1991 - 1993)
- Killam Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for African Studies, Dalhousie University (1978 - 1980)
- JohnS. Guggenheim Fellowship, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation (2013 - 2014)
- Donald Andrews Whittier Faculty Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2007 - 2008)
- Kahn-Van Slyke Award for Graduate Mentoring, History Department, Stanford University (2004)
- Internal Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University Institute for International Studies (2002 - 2003)
- Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University (1999)
- Award for Service to the Graduate Student Community, Stanford University (1999)
- Internal Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University (1993 - 1994)
- Social Sciences Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University (1992)
- Internal Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (1987 - 1988)
- Social Science Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University (1986 - 1987)
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (1981)
- Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dalhousie University (1978 - 1980)
- Graduate fellowship, Canada Council Graduate Research Fellowship (1976 - 1978)
- Resident Fellow, Serra House, Stern Hall (1981 - 1983)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Chair, University Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (2009 - 2012)
- Vice Chair, History Department, Stanford University (2003 - 2007)
- Editor, Journal of African History (2000 - 2005)
- Directeur d'Etudes, Ecole des Hautes Etudes in Sciences Sociales, Paris, one month appointment (1991 - 1991)
- Publication Reviewer, International Journal of African Historical Studies
- Publication Reviewer, Labour/Le Travailleur
- Publication Reviewer, Canadian Journal of African Studies
- Publication Reviewer, African Economic History
- Publication Reviewer, Journal of African History
- Publication Reviewer, American Historical Review
- Publication Reviewer, Journal of Economic History
- Publication Reviewer, Agricultural History
- Publication Reviewer, Newsday
- Publication Reviewer, History Today
- Member, Martin A. Klein Book Prize in Africa History, American Historical Association (2012 - present)
- Editorial Advisory Board, Member, African Studies Series, Cambridge University Press (2007 - present)
- Editorial Advisory Board, Member, The Journal of African History (2000 - 2010)
- Board of Directors, Member, African Studies Association (1998 - 2001)
- Co-editor, Journal of Legal Pluralism (1998 - 2011)
- Associate Editor, Encyclopedia of World History, VIth edition, Houghton-Miflin
- Co-editor, African Economic History (1987 - 1992)
- Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of African History
- Manuscript Reviewer, International Journal of African Studies
- Manuscript Reviewer, Africa
- Manuscript Reviewer, Canadian Journal of African Studies
- Manuscript Reviewer, African Economic History
- Manuscript Reviewer, Law and Society Review
- Manuscript Reviewer, University of Wisconsin
- Manuscript Reviewer, Ohio University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Indiana University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, University of California Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Westview
- Manuscript Reviewer, Heinemann
- Reviewer, proposals, National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Translations (1983 - present)
- Member, selection committee for postdoctoral fellowships, ACLS (1990 - 1991)
- Member, selection committee for postdoctoral fellowships, ACLS (2012 - 2013)
- Member, African History search committee, University of California, Berkeley (1989 - 1991)

- Chair, Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, Stanford University (2009 - 2012)
- Chair, History Department Faculty Appointments Committee, Stanford University (2008 - 2012)
- Chair, African Humanities Search Committee, Stanford University (2003 - 2004)
- Director, History Department Summer School Program, Stanford University (2001 - 2007)
- Director, Center for African Studies, Stanford University (1991 - 1993)
- Director, Center for African Studies, Stanford University (1994 - 1999)
- Director, Center for African Studies, Stanford University (2000 - 2007)
- Director, Center for African Studies, Stanford University (2008 - 2011)
- Director, History Graduate Studies Committee, Stanford University (1995 - 1998)
- Director of Graduate Teaching, History, Stanford University (1998 - 2011)
- Senate Teaching Assistant Oversight Committee, Stanford University (1998 - 2008)
- Co-chair, Empires and Cultures Workshop, Stanford University (1995 - 1997)
- Co-chair, Empires and Cultures Workshop, Stanford University (1998 - present)
- Chair, African Humanities Faculty Search Committee, Stanford University (1992 - 1993)
- Member, Humanities and Sciences Curriculum Advisory Committee, Stanford University (1991 - 1995)
- Co-chair, South African Faculty Initiatives Committee, Stanford University (1991 - 2003)
- Member, African Studies Committee, Stanford University (1980 - present)
- Coordinator, African Social History Workshop/ African Studies Faculty Seminar, Stanford University (1983 - 2006)
- Member, Committee on Faculty Initiatives on Southern Africa, Stanford University (1988 - present)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Stanford University (1990 - 1992)
- Member, Department of History, Policy Committee, Stanford University (1989 - 1990)
- Member, Department of History, Policy Committee, Stanford University (1995 - 1997)
- Member, Department of History, Policy Committee, Stanford University (2000 - 2001)
- Member, Search committee, director of African and Afro-American Studies Program, Stanford University (1989 - 1990)
- Faculty supervisor of HUGSA, Department of History the undergraduate history association, Stanford University (1988 - 1990)
- Member, Department of History, Mellon postdoctoral fellowship committee, Stanford University (1985 - 1985)
- Coordinator of graduate teaching, Department of History, Stanford University (1984 - 1987)
- Member, Department of History, committee on undergraduate studies, Stanford University (1982 - 1983)
- Co-coordinator, Joint Stanford-Berkeley Center for African Studies annual meeting, Stanford University (1982 - 1982)
- Member, Center for Research in International Studies, fellowship committee, Stanford University (1981 - 1983)
- Member, Center for Research in International Studies, fellowship committee, Stanford University (1984 - 1986)
- Faculty secretary, Department of History, Stanford University (1981 - 1982)
- Member, African Studies Association (1975 - present)
- Member, Canadian Association of African Studies (1975 - 1985)
- Member, Canadian Association of African Studies (1999 - present)
- Member, American Historical Association (1984 - present)
- Member, Association for Concerned African Scholars (1984 - present)
- Member, Manding Studies Association (1986 - present)
- Member, Law and Society Association (1995 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)
- Center for Human Rights and International Justice
- Modern Thought and Literature

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- BA., University of Wisconsin, Madison (1970)
- MA., Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia (1973)
- Ph.D., University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario (1978)

Teaching

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Mathew Ayodele, Gloria Chikaonda

Orals Evaluator

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Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

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Doctoral (Program)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **SLAVERY, THE END OF SLAVERY, AND THE INTENSIFICATION OF WORK IN THE FRENCH SOUDAN, 1883-1912** *AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY*
  Roberts, R.
  2021; 49 (1): 47-72
- **Viral video 'blood chocolate' activism, millennial anti-trafficking, and the neoliberal resurgence of shaming** *SLAVERY & ABOLITION*
  Lawrance, B. N., Roberts, R. L.
  2019; 40 (1): 168–98
- **Colonial Suspects: Suspicion, Imperial Rule, and Colonial Society in Interwar French West Africa (Book Review)** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORICAL STUDIES*
  Book Review Authored by: Roberts, R.
  2019; 52 (2): 329–30
- **Gender, Justice, and the Problem of Culture: From Customary Law to Human Rights in Tanzania (Book Review)** *AFRICAN STUDIES REVIEW*
  Book Review Authored by: Roberts, R.
  2018; 61 (2): 258–60
- **COERCED LABOR IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AFRICA** *CAMBRIDGE WORLD HISTORY OF SLAVERY, VOL 4 AD 1804-AD 2016*
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Eltis, D., Engerman, S. L., Drescher, S., Richardson, D.
  2017: 583–609

- **Law, Crime, and Punishment** *Oxford Handbook of African History*
  edited by Parker, J., Reids, R.
  Oxford: Oxford University Press.2013: 171–88
- **A Case of Kidnapping and Child Trafficking in Senegal, 1916** *African Voices on Slavery and the Slave Trade*
  edited by Bellagamba, A., Greene, S. E., Klein, M. A.
  New York: Cambridge University Press.2013: 404–13
- **The End of Slavery, "Crises" over Trafficking, and the Colonial State in the French Soudan** *Trafficking in Slavery's Wake*
  Roberts, R.
  Athens, Oh: Ohio University Press.2012: 1–25
- **Introduction: Contextualizing Trafficking in Women and Children in Africa** *Trafficking in Slavery's Wake: The Experience of Women and Children*
  Roberts, R., Lawrance, B.
  Athens, Oh: Ohio University Press.2012: 1–25
- **Trafficking in Slavery's Wake: Law and the Experience of Women and Children in Africa** *The New African Histories*
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Roberts, R., Lawrance, B.
  University of Ohio Press.2012
- **Africa and Empire: The Unintended Consequences** *Festschrift for A. G. Hopkins*
  edited by Falola, T.
  Rochester: Rochester University Press.2011: 399–415
- **Domestic Violence and the Law in Africa: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives** *The New African Histories*
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Roberts, R., Burrill, E., Thornberry, E.
  University of Ohio Press.2010
- **Muslim Family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial Legacies and Postcolonial Challenges**
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Roberts, R., Moosa, E., Jeppie, S.
  University of Amsterdam Press.2010
- **Domestic Violence and the Law in Africa** *Domestic Violence and the Law in Africa: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*
  edited by Roberts, R., Burrill, E., Thornberry, E.
  Ohio University Press.2010: 1–29
- **Domestic Violence, Colonial Courts, and the End of Slavery in the French Soudan, 1905-1912** *Domestic Violence and the Law in Africa: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*
  edited by Roberts, R., Burrill, E.
  Ohio University Press.2010: 33–53
- **Women, Household Instability, and the End of Slavery in Banamba and Gumbu, French Soudan, 1905- 1912** *Women and Slavery in Honour of Sue Miers*
  edited by Campbell, G., Miers, S.
  Athen, OH: Ohio University Press.2007: 281–305
- **African Intermediaries and the 'Bargain' of Collaboration** *Intermediaries, Interpreters and Clerks: African Employees in the Making of Modern Africa*
  Roberts, R., Lawrance, B., Osborn, E.
  edited by Roberts, R., Lawrance, B., Osborn, E.
  Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.2006: 3–34
- **Intermediaries, Interpreters and Clerks: African Employees in the Making of Modern Africa**
  Roberts, R.

edited by Roberts, R., Lawrance, B., Osborn, E.
University of Wisconsin Press.2006

- **Litigants and Households: African Disputes and Colonial Courts in the French Soudan, 1895-1912** *Social History in African Series*
  Roberts, R.
  Heinemann.2005
- **Gender and Emancipation in the French Soudan** *Gender and Emancipation in Comparative Perspective*
  Roberts, R., Klein, M.
  edited by Paton, D., Scully, P.
  Durham: Duke University Press.2005: 162–80
- **Sub-Saharan Africa** *Encyclopedia of World History*
  edited by Stearns, P.
  Boston: Houghton-Mifflin.2001; VIth
- **The End of Slavery, Colonial Courts, and Social Conflict in Gumbu, 1908-1911** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Rberts, R.
  2000; 34 (3): 684-713
- **On Slavery and Islam in African History: A Tribute to Martin Klein** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Roberts, R.
  2000; 34 (3)
- **Introduction to On Slavery and Islam in African History: A Tribute to Martin Klein (Book Review)** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Roberts, R.
  2000; 34: 497-511
- **History and memory: The power of statist narratives** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORICAL STUDIES*
  Roberts, R.
  2000; 33 (3): 513-522
- **Representation, Structure, and Agency: Divorce in the French Soudan at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century** *Journal of African History*
  Roberts, R.
  1999; 40 (3): 389-410
- **Women's Work and Women's Property: Household Social Relations and the Maraka Textile Industry in the 19th Century** *Women in Business*
  edited by Yeager, M. A.
  Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.1999
- **The Construction of Cultures in Diasporas: African and African New World Experiences** *Diaspora and Immigration, special issue of The South Atlantic Quarterly*
  Mudimbe, V. Y.
  1999; 98 (1-2): 177-90
- **Law in Colonial Africa** *African Social History*
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Roberts, R., Mann, K.
  Heinemann/Currey.1998
- **"The End of Slavery in Africa" and "Modern Slavery in Africa"** *Encyclopedia of Slavery*
  edited by Finkelman, P., Miller, J.
  1998
- **The Possibilities of Precolonial West African History (Book Review)** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Roberts, R.
  1998; 32 (1): 162-173
- **Conflicts over property in the Middle Niger Valley at the beginning of the 20th-century** *AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY*
  Roberts, R.

1997: 79-96

- **Property, Colonialism, and Conflicts in Africa** *African Economic History*
  Roberts, R., Worger, W.
  1997; 25
- **Two Worlds of Cotton: Colonialism and the Regional Economy in the French Soudan, 1800-1946**
  Roberts, R.
  Stanford University Press.1996
- **West Africa and the Pondicherry Textile Industry** *Cloth and Commerce: Textiles in Colonial India*
  edited by Roy, T.
  New Dehli: Sage Publications.1996: 142–174
- **Adding Teaching to the 'Job Talk': A Report from the Stanford History Depattment** *AAHE Bulletin*
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- **The Pedagogical Colloquium: Focusing on Teaching in the Hiring Process in the Stanford University History Department** *Making Teaching Community Property: A Menu for Peer Collaboration and Peer Review*
  edited by Hutchings, P.
  1996: 83–85
- **Cotton, Colonialism, and Social History in Sub-Saharan Africa** *African Social History*
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Roberts, R., Isaacman, A.
  Heinemann/Currey.1995
- **West Africa in the Nineteenth Century** *Guide to Historical Literature*
  Roberts, R.
  1995
- **The Segu Bambara State** *Encyclopedia of Sub-Saharan Africa*
  Roberts, R.
  American Historical Association.1995
- **Samori Turé** *Encyclopedia of Sub-Saharan Africa*
  Roberts, R.
  American Historical Association.1995
- **Cotton, Colonialism, and Social History in Sub-Saharan Africa: Introduction** *Cotton, Colonialism, and Social History in Sub-Saharan Africa*
  Isaacman, A.
  edited by Roberts, R.
  Heinemann.1995: 1–42
- **The Coercion of Free Markets: Cotton, Peasants, and the Colonial State in the French Soudan, 1924- 32** *Cotton, Colonialism, and Social History in Sub-Saharan Africa*
  Isaacman, A.
  edited by Roberts, R.
  Heinemann.1995: 221–246
- **WEST-AFRICA AND THE PONDICHERRY TEXTILE-INDUSTRY** *INDIAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY REVIEW*
  Roberts, R.
  1994; 31 (2): 117-145
- **Teaching Non-Western Histmy at Stanford** *Learning History in America: Schools, Cultures, and Politics*
  edited by Kramer, L., Reid, D., Barney, W.
  University of Minnesota Press.1994: 53–70
- **Pawning in French West Africa during the Depression** *Pawnship in Africa*

Roberts, R.
edited by Lovejoy, P., Falola, T.
Westview Press.1994: 303–320

- **Colonialism and Customary Law in Africa: A Response to Leslye Obiora** *Legal Studies Forum*
  Roberts, R.
  1993; XVII (3): 253-59
- **The 'World Outside the West' Course Sequence at Stanford University** *Teaching History: Innovations in Teaching*
  Blackey, R.
  Long Beach: The University Press.1993: 215–22
- **Guinee Cloth: Linked Transformations within France's Empire in the Nineteenth Century** *Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines: XXXII*
  Roberts, R.
  1992: 597-627
- **Introduction: Law in Colonial Africa** *Law in Colonial Africa*
  Roberts, R., Mann, K.
  James Currey.1991: 3–58
- **Law in Colonial Africa** *African Social History*
  Roberts, R.
  edited by Roberts, R., Mann, K.
  Heinemann/Currey.1991
- **The 'World Outside the West' Course Sequence at Stanford University** *Perspectives*
  Roberts, R., Lance, J.
  1991; 3
- **The Jurisdiction of Muslim Tribunals in Colonial Senegal** *Law in Colonial Africa*
  Roberts, R., Sarr, D.
  James Currey.1991: 131–145
- **The Case of Faama Mademba Sy and the Ambiguities of Legal Jurisdiction in Early Colonial French Soudan** *Law in Colonial Africa*
  Roberts, R.
  James Currey.1991: 185–201
- **TEXT AND TESTIMONY IN THE TRIBUNAL-DE-PREMIERE-INSTANCE, DAKAR, DURING THE EARLY 20TH-CENTURY** *JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORY*
  Roberts, R.
  1990; 31 (3): 447-463
- **Introduction: Listening for the Silences** *History in Africa*
  Roberts, R., Moore, D.
  1990; XVII: 319-25
- **Reversible Social Processes, Historical Memory, and the Production of History** *History in Africa Vol: XVII*
  Roberts, R.
  1990: 341-349
- **Text and Testimony in the Tribunal de premiere instance, Dakar, during the early Twentieth Century** *Journal of Africa History Vol: XXXI*
  Roberts, R.
  1990: 447-63
- **The End of Slavery in the French Soudan, 1905-1914** *The End of Slavery in Africa*
  Roberts, R.
  University Wisconsin Press.1988: 282–307
- **The End of Slavery in Africa**
  Roberts, R.

edited by Roberts, R., Miers, S.
University of Wisconsin Press.1988

- **Introduction: The End of Slavery in Africa** *The End of Slavery in Africa*
  Roberts, R., Miers, S.
  University Wisconsin Press.1988: 3–68
- **FRENCH COLONIALISM, IMPORTED TECHNOLOGY, AND THE HANDICRAFT TEXTILE-INDUSTRY IN THE WESTERN SUDAN, 1898-1918** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY*
  Roberts, R.
  1987; 47 (2): 461-472
- **Warriors, Merchants, and Slaves: The State and the Economy in the Middle Niger Valley, 1712-1914**
  Roberts, R.
  Stanford University Press.1987
- **Pawning in French West Africa during the Depression** *African Economic History*
  Roberts, R., Klein, M.
  1987; XVI: 23 - 37
- **THE RESURGENCE OF PAWNING IN FRENCH-WEST-AFRICA DURING THE DEPRESSION OF THE 1930S** *AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY*
  Klein, M. A., Roberts, R.
  1987: 23-37
- **Africa in the 20th Century** *African History: Selected Reading Lists and Course Outlines from American Colleges and Universities*
  edited by Smith, D.
  Markus Weiner.1986
- **WOMENS WORK AND WOMENS PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD SOCIAL-RELATIONS IN THE MARAKA TEXTILE-INDUSTRY OF THE 19TH-CENTURY** *COMPARATIVE STUDIES IN SOCIETY AND HISTORY*
  Roberts, R.
  1984; 26 (2): 229-250
- **The Bambara** *Muslim Peoples*
  Weekes, R.
  Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press.1984; 2: 97–101
- **Women's Work and Women's Property: Household Social Relations and the Maraka Textile Industry in the 19th Century** *Comparative Studies in Society and History, XXVI*
  Roberts, R.
  1984: 229–50
- **Uneven Development of Studies on Capitalism in Africa** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Roberts, R.
  1983; XVII (1): 125-27
- **The Peculiarities of African Labour and Working Class History** *Labour/Le Travailleur*
  Roberts, R.
  1982: 317-33
- **Fishing for the State: Political Economy of the Middle Niger Valley** *Modes of Production in Africa*
  edited by Stewart, C. C., Crummey, D.
  1981: 175–203
- **Ideology, Slavery and Social Formation: The Evolution of Maraka Slavery in the Middle Niger Valley** *Ideology of Slavery in Africa*
  edited by Lovejoy, P.
  1981: 171–99
- **PRODUCTION AND REPRODUCTION OF WARRIOR STATES - SEGU-BAMBARA AND SEGU-TOKOLOR, C.1712-1890** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORICAL STUDIES*

Roberts, R. L.
1980; 13 (3): 389-419

- **The Emergence of a Grain Market in Bamako, 1883-1905** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Roberts, R.
  1980; XIV (1): 37-54
- **ECOLOGICALLY SPECIALIZED TRADE AND ECONOMIC-GROWTH - A REPLY** *CAHIERS D ETUDES AFRICAINES*
  Roberts, R.
  1980; 20 (1-2): 177-180
- **Warfare, Technology, and the State** *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
  Roberts, R.
  1980; XIV (2): 334-40
- **LONG-DISTANCE TRADE AND PRODUCTION - SINSANI IN THE 19TH-CENTURY** *JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORY*
  Roberts, R.
  1980; 21 (2): 169-188
- **Linkages and Multiplier Effects in the Ecologically Specialized Trade of Precolonial West Africa** *Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines*
  Roberts, R.
  1980; XX (77-78): 135-48
- **The Banamba Slave Exodus and the Decline of Slavery in the Western Sudan** *Journal of African History*
  Roberts, R., Klein, M.
  1980; XXI (3): 375-94