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EDUCATION

Ph.D. International Studies, 2005, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Dissertation Topic: *Dimensions of Grandeur: The United States Congress and the Politics of Funding the United Nations.*

M. A. International Studies, 1997, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Thesis: *The United States and Power Politics at the World Bank.*

M.S., Journalism, 1993, College of Communications, Boston University, Boston, MA.

Diploma in Television Production and Directing, 1987 (Diplome de Producteur/Realisateur de Television), Centre de Formation de la Television, Yaounde, Cameroon.

B.A., Journalism, 1978, Ecole Superieure Internationale de Journalisme de Yaounde, Cameroun (International Higher School of Journalism, Yaounde).

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Scholar, Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) – University System of Georgia, 2013 – 2014.

Department Chair, Political Science & Public Affairs, June, 2012 – Present.

Interim Department Chair, Political Science & Public Affairs, Savannah State University, August, 2011 – May, 2012.

Department Chair, Political Science & Public Affairs, Savannah State University, 2008-2010.

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow – Boston University, 1992-1993

“Coaching People Through Change and Conflict,” Workshop organized by The Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in conjunction with The Chancellor’s Office of the University System of Georgia, June 27-29, 2012

2012 Academic Chairpersons Conference, Orlando, FL., February 9-10, 2012

Department Leadership Workshop, Arlington, VA, June 17-20, 2009, American Council on Education

Chairing the Academic Department, Austin, TX, Nov. 7-10, 2007, American Council on Education.

Producer/ Presenter, UN AFRICA, United Nations Radio, UN Headquarters in New York, NY (1993)

Manager, Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation, Bertoua, Cameroon

Executive Producer, TAM-TAM Weekend, Cameroonian Radio and Television Corporation, CRTV, Yaounde, Cameroonian.

Executive Editor, Agricultural Information Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Yaounde-Cameroon.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Benn L. Bongang. 2007. *The United States and the United Nations: Congressional Funding and U.N. Reform*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publ. LLC.

Book Chapters

Benn L. Bongang. 2013. *“African Intellectual Perspectives of the West: Taking it to the Master”* (Forthcoming).

Benn L. Bongang. 2008. **“Voices in the Dark: Maverick Journalists and Government Censorship in Cameroon.”** In Lioba Moshi & Abdulah Osman, Editors, *Democracy and Culture: An African Perspective*, University of Georgia Press.

Reviews

- For *Oxford University Press*, review of **American Politics in an Age of New Media**, by Thad E. Hall, September 2012.
- For the *African Studies Review*, manuscript reviewer for “On Cultural Amnesia and Historical Erasure: Raoul Peck’s Lumumba: La Morte du Prophete.” June 2010.
- For the Journal of *OMNES: Journal of Migration & Society*, *Sookmyung Institute for Multicultural Studies*, “Understanding Children of African Immigrant Families in the United States,” April 2009.

In *The African Book Publishing Record*, 2008, a review of **Re-visioning Television: Policy, Strategy and Models for the Sustainable Development of Community Television in South Africa**, by Adrian Hadland, Mike Aldridge and Joshua Ogada , 2006.

Lectures and Conference Presentations

- Presented **“Vulnerable States and New Terrorists Challenges: the Case of Nigeria and Boko Haram,”** at the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, Oct. 4-5, 2012.
- Presented, **“Of Bull-Horns and Rattlers: Media and State Conflicts in Cameroon in early 1990s,”** invited by the Africana Consortium in conjunction with Moravian College and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, September 22, 2011.
- Guest Commentator for WJCL and WTGS Television Stations of Savannah, GA on January, 24th, 2012 to comment on the State of the Union Address by President Obama.
- **“Media Ethics and the Role of New Media,”** at The 58th Annual Southern Regional Press Institute, Feb., 26-27, 2009.
- **“Media Censorship in Cameroon,”** Southern Political Science Association, 80th Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 8-9, 2009.
- **“The Celebrity Effect on U.S. Relations with Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of the Darfur, Sudan”**, presented at the University of Georgia, Athens, as part of the King-Mandela Annual Lecture Symposium, Nov. 19-20, 2008.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Board, Savannah Council on World Affairs (SCWA).
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of International Studies and Development (JISD).

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

Associate Professor of Political Science, Savannah State University. Taught courses in American Foreign Policy, Political Communications, Comparative Politics, Senior Seminar, American Government, African Politics and Government, and Global Issues.

Instructor, fall 1999, "International Organizations," Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Teaching Assistant, 1994-1999, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Research Assistant, Summer, 1998, Walker Institute of International Affairs, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Editorial Assistant, 1996-1997, *African Studies Review* and *African Book Publishing Review*, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Adjunct Lecturer, 1987-1992, undergraduate/graduate courses in radio and television news reporting, Advanced School of Journalism, University of Yaounde, Yaounde - Cameroon.

Articles:

- In *The African Book Publishing Record*, Vol. XXII/2/2006. Luc Sindjoun. 2004. *Comment Peut.- on etre opposant au Cameroun? Politique Parlementaire et Politique autoritaire*. Dakar: Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA), 2004.
- Sam C. Nolutshungu. *Limits of Anarchy: Intervention and State Formation in Chad*. Charlottesville, Virginia and London: University Press of Virginia, 1996. 348 pp. In *African Studies Review*, Vol. 40, Number 3 (December 1997).
- Macharia Munene, *The Truman Administration and the Decolonization of Sub-Saharan Africa*. Nairobi: Nairobi University Press. 1995. 242pp. In *The African Book Publishing Record*, Vol. XIV, Number 1, p. 22.
- "Africa's Route to Foreign Investment," *Africa Recovery*, United Nations Publication, October 1993.
- Benn L. Bongang, "The European Union and African and Pacific Countries (ACP)," in *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History*, Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Dickson Eyoh, eds. London: Routledge, 2002.

Grants:

Workshop on Home Land Security and Emergency Management, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD., March 15th 2006

Participated at the Nieman Foundation workshop on Narrative Journalism, Harvard University, Dec. 2005.

Recipient of a Title 111 Grant for Classroom Research, Teaching and Learning, “The Magazine Connection: Building Community, Building Knowledge, Building Skills.” Awarded December, 2006.

Workshops, Lectures, Conferences:

- “*Ambivalent United States Congress and International Organizations*,” presented as part of a panel organized by the Department of Political Science, Public Administration & Urban Studies at Savannah State University, October 24th 2006 to commemorate the 61st anniversary of the creation of the United Nations Organization.
- Participant at National Symposium on *Race, Place and the Environment After Katrina: Looking Back to Looking Forward*, October 19- 21, 2006 in New Orleans, organized by the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Dillard University.
- “*Media Representations of African – Americans: Images, Challenges, & Reinforcement*,” Paper presented to the Savannah State University Delta Sorority, April 19th, 2006..
- “*The Politics of Disaster Images: The Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina*,” Spring Symposium, March 2006, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Savannah State University.
- “*Chinua Achebe and Political Authority: Perspectives from Postcolonial Leadership*.” 15th Annual British Commonwealth & Postcolonial Studies Conference, Savannah, GA, February 24th - 25th, 2006.
- “*Al Jazeera and challenges to Dominant Western Media Forces*.” Presented at 2006 Southern Conference On African American Studies, Inc. (SCAASI) at the De Soto Hilton, Savannah, GA, February 17th, 2006
- “Underdevelopment as “*Deprivation of Freedom: The West and the Non – West in Ferdinand Oyono’s Housebo*” presented at the 14th Annual British Commonwealth & Postcolonial Studies Conference, Savannah, GA, February 25, 2005.

- “*Constitutionalization of State Control: Reviving Settler/Indigene Rivalries in Cameroon*,” by Benn L. Bongang, Savannah State University, and Debora Johnson-Ross, Western Maryland College. Paper prepared for presentation at March 2002 meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA.
- “*Surviving the Florida Moment*,” presented as part of the panel: *The Thirdworldism of the 2000 US Presidential Elections*,” Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, sponsored by Armstrong Atlantic State University and Georgia Southern University, October 2001.
- “*African Intellectual Perspectives of the West*,” presented at The First Annual CLASS Symposium: *Engaging the Public Voice: Movers and Shakers in the Black Intellectual Tradition*, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Savannah State University.
- Panel: “*Africa and African American Issues*”
2003 Georgia Political Science Association Meeting, February 2003, Savannah, GA.
- Panel: “*Seeking Meaning of War for Students of Politics*,” Writing Across the Curriculum Committee Symposium on War, October 2003, Savannah State University, Savannah, GA.
- Panel: “*September 11 Attack on America: Implications for Foreign Policy*,”
Presented on October 15th, 2001 at Savannah State University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Writer/Producer/ Presenter, UN Radio; Researcher, Office of Disarmament Affairs; Writer, *Africa Recovery*, United Nations, New York, Summer 1993.

Station Manager, Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation, Bertoua, Cameroon, 1991-1992. Headed a staff of more than one hundred personnel and was responsible for the production and transmission of programs for the station.

Television Producer/Director, Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation, Yaounde, Cameroon, 1986-1991. Managed a staff of approximately 50 personnel, produced and directed a weekly TV magazine program, “Tam – Tam Weekend.”

Editor, Agricultural Information Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Yaounde, Cameroon. Supervised a staff of 25 persons in the production of agricultural information for print and audio–visual media. Served as Press Officer in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Writer and News Presenter, News Department, Radio Cameroon. Reported, wrote, and presented the news. Produced and presented the following Radio Programs: *Literary Half Hour*, *Conversation*, and *Our Changing Rural World*.

Commentator on *Cameroon Calling*, a weekly analysis of politics on Radio.

Television:

Entrepreneurship : The Way Forward, a six-part documentary series on private business ventures in Cameroon, broadcast by the Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation, CRTV, 1990.

Through Northern Eyes, a TV documentary on the effects of Western Soap Operas on Cameroonian families, broadcast by Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Koln, Germany as *Dallas im Kamerun* (Production No. 556,925, 1987).

Fellowships:

Recipient, Thurman /Atwater Research Fellowship in Political Science, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, 2000/2001.

Recipient, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship for mid-career professionals, Boston University, Boston, MA, 1992/1993.

Representative of the Republic of Cameroon at the Union of African Radio and Television Organizations, URTNA, workshop for trainers of television personnel, Harare, Zimbabwe, 1987. Drafted proposals for the training of radio and television producers for African countries.

Guest of the German Government at the Green Week in Berlin, January 1986. Member of Jury for documentary films on development themes.

Participant at the Radio Netherlands course on dramatization for radio, Hilversum, The Netherlands, August 1983 – December 1983. Produced news documentary on protests against the stationing of United States missiles in Europe.

Participant at a Rural Radio work- shop for the production of documentaries for rural audiences, Gaborone, Bostwana, October 1979.