

PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

Professional Experience

Jan. 1980 - Aug. 1981: *Lecturer*, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
Sept. 1981- Aug. 1986: *Assistant Professor*, University of Georgia, Athens.
Sept. 1986 - Aug. 1991: *Associate Professor*, University of Georgia, Athens.
Sept. 1991 - Dec. 1991: *Full Professor*, University of Georgia, Athens.
Dec. 1991-: *Full Professor*, University of Chicago.
Jan 1992-: Committee on African and African-American Studies
July 1995 - June 2001: *Chair*, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago
July 2001 - June 2004: *Distinguished Service Professor of Linguistics and the College*
July 2002-: Affiliate faculty member, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture
July 2004-: *The Frank J. McLorraine Distinguished Service Professor of Linguistics and the College*
December 2004-: Professor, Committee on Evolutionary Biology, U of Chicago
April 2005-: Associate member, Department of Comparative Human Development, U of Chicago
June 2010-: Professor, Committee on the Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science. U of Chicago
Sept 2013 – Aug 2014: Academic Director, University of Chicago Center in Paris.

Education

Oct. 1970: "Candidature en Philosophie et Lettres, Groupe Philologie Anglaise," Lovanium University, Kinshasa/Zaire "Honors"
June 1973: "Licence en Philosophie et Lettres [BA], Groupe Philologie Anglaise," National University of Zaire, Lubumbashi/Zaire "Highest Honors"
June 1973: "Agrégation d'enseignement moyen du degré supérieur" [Teaching certificate], National University of Zaire, Lubumbashi/Zaire "Honors"
Aug. 1979: Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Chicago. Dissertation, '*Semantic field*' versus '*semantic class*', was graded "High Pass with Distinction" by the examining committee, which included Professors James D. McCawley (major professor), Gene Gragg, and Jerrold M. Sadock

Fields of Specialization/Interest

1. Language evolution, from a population genetics and ecological perspective; Development of creoles; Language endangerment; Colonization, globalization, and language.
 2. Semantics and syntax.
- Major languages of study: English, Gullah, African American English, Caribbean English creoles, Bantu languages (in particular: Lingala, Kikongo-Kituba, and Kiyansi), French.

3. Anthropological linguistics, language contact, and sociolinguistics. A number of my earlier publications involve a combination of semantics and all these perspectives.

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

1974-79: Fulbright Fellowship, University of Chicago

1978a: Giles Whiting Fellowship for dissertation work.

1978b: Nominated alternate for William Rainey Harper Fellowship, University of Chicago ("the highest honor the University can bestow," according to the Vice-President of the University).

1982: Independent Study and Research Fellowship, NEH (to start my study of Gullah morphosyntax in spring and summer 1983).

1983a: University of Georgia Faculty Research Grant to cover travel expenses during my Gullah investigation project.

1983b: Sarah Moss Fellowship for a seminar on African Languages in Zaire (U. of Kinshasa) in summer 1984.

1985a: NSF grant # BNS 8519315 to conduct field research on Gullah from April 1986 to September 1988 (\$60,000).

1985b: ACLS travel grant to participate in the "Cinquième Colloque International des Etudes Créoles" in Réunion (Indian Ocean)

1986: Listed in Marquis *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, 20th edition (1986-87).

1987a: NSF grant to organize an International Round Table on *Africanisms in Afro-American Language Varieties*, 25-27 Feb. 1988. (\$22,187)

1987b: Listed in Marquis *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America*. (July, First Edition)

1988a: Listed in *Men of Achievement*, Int'l. Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.

1988b. Summer Stipends, National Endowment for the Humanities. (\$3,500)

1989a: Creative Research Medal, UGA Research Foundation

1989b: *Professeur invité*, Université Jean-Moulin, Lyon, France. Fall quarter.

1992: NSF grant toward the publication costs of *Africanisms in Afro-American language varieties* with the University of Georgia Press. (\$11,214)

July 1999: taught at the LSA Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana.

May 2000: *Visiting Scientist*, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig

July & August 2001: *Visiting Professor*, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

October & November 2001: *Visiting Professor*, National University of Singapore.

January - June 2002: *Visiting Professor*, Harvard University.

Listed/Articled in Elsevier's *Concise Encyclopedia of Sociolinguistics*, 2002

15 November - 15 December 2003, *Professeur invité*, Collège de France, Paris.

9 December 2003, awarded a *Médaille du Collège de France*.

- November & December 2004. *Professeur invité*. Université de Paris III: *Créoles et l'évolution linguistique*
- Sept. 16, 2005: Chancellor's distinguished lectureship series medal, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
- Listed/"Articled" in Elsevier's *Encyclopedia of Languages and Linguistics*, 2005
- February 11-17, 2005 taught at the Linguistic Institute of ABRALIN 2005, Linguistic Society of Brasil: *The Ecology of Language Evolution*
- June 13-23, 2005: *Professeur Invité*, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane in Martinique, teaching a crash course on *Dynamiques plurilingues et créolisation linguistique*.
- June 27-July 15, 2005: taught at the LSA Institute, MIT&Harvard: *The Ecology of Language Evolution*
- March 20 - April 6, 2006: *Professeur Invité*, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane in Martinique
- April 22 - May 20, 2006: *Professeur Invité*, Institut Universitaire de France, visiting at the Université de Nice.
2007. A \$10,000 grant from the Tinker Foundation to host a mini-conference on "Iberian Imperialism and Language Evolution in Latin America." (Held in April 2007)
2008. Small grants from the Franke Institute for the Humanities and the Division of the Humanities to host a conference titled "Pragmatics, Grammatical Interfaces, and Jerry Sadock." (Held in May 2009)
2009. Small grants from the France-Chicago Center, the Franke Institute, and Consulate Général de France to host a mini-conference on "Globalization, France, and the Future of French." University of Chicago. (Held in May 2009)
- June 22-26, 2009. Visiting Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, University of São Paulo. Lectures on *The Ecology of language Evolution*.
- Sept. 15, 2010 - July 15, 2011, *Fellow*, Institute for Advanced Study, Collegium de Lyon.
- Jan. 10 - 14, 2011. *Professor*, LOT Winter school, University of Amsterdam. Sociohistorical Linguistics.
- July 1-13, 2012, *Professor*, 4th International 3L Summer School on "Endangered Languages – From Documentation to Revitalization." Université Lumière - Lyon 2, France.
- 2014: Small grants from the Franke Institute and the Neubauer Collegium to complement funding from the Collegium de Lyon to host a Workshop on Economy and Language, at the University of Chicago Center in Paris, June 2014.
- Jan. 19-23, 2015. *Professor*, LOT Winter school, University of Amsterdam. Sociohistorical Linguistics.
2015. A grant of 80,000 euros by the Collegium de Lyon and Labex to co-organize, with Cécile B. Vigouroux), a two week Summer School on *Economy and Language* held in the University of Chicago Center in Paris in August 2015.

Nov. 2015. Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola Award and Lecture, 58th annual meeting of the African Studies Association.

2015: Small award from the Franke Institute and a \$10,000 grant from the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture on *Linguistic and Other Cultural Exchanges across Brazilian History*, to be held in October 2016.

Membership in Professional Societies

1. Society for Caribbean Linguistics, 1980-1994; 2000-
2. Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, 1982-
3. Georgia Academy of Science, 1982-1983
4. Linguistic Society of America, 1983-
5. Dictionary Society of North America, 1983-86
6. American Dialect Society, 1985-
7. Association pour la Promotion des Etudes Créoles (APRODEC), 1986-
8. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, 1988-

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY COMMITTEES & EDITORIAL BOARDS

1. Executive Committee, Chicago Linguistic Society, 1975-76.

2. Interdepartmental Group for Linguistics, The University Center in Georgia, Chair, July 1982-June 1984.
Co-chair, Sept. 1985-June 1986.
Chair July 1989-June 1990.
3. Editorial Committee, *American Journal of Lexicography*, 1983.
4. Editorial Boards, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* and *Creole Language Library*, 1985-
5. Executive Committee, Society for Caribbean Linguistics, 1986-1988; 2000-2004.
6. Editorial Board, *American Speech*, 1987-1989; 2002-2004.
7. Executive Committee, Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, Nov. 1986-Oct. 1989.
8. Columnist, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, vols. 3-4, 1988 & 1989.
9. Documentaries Committee, American Dialect Society, 1987-1989.
10. Editorial Board, *Occasional Papers*, Society for Caribbean Linguistics, 1988-
11. Review Editor, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 4, 1989.
12. Associate Editor, *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 5-10, 1990-1995
13. Steering Committee, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Feb 1988 - Dec 1989.
14. Member, Task Force for Annual Conference on African Linguistics, 1989-1990.
15. Program Committee, Linguistic Society of America, Jan 1990 - Dec 1992;
Chair 1992.
16. Editorial Board, *Studies in African Linguistics*, 1992-1998.
17. Editorial Advisory Board, *World Englishes*, Jan. 1993-
18. NSF Advisory Panel, Oct. 1992 - June 1995.
19. Scientific Advisory Board, *Languages of the World*, Nov. 1992-
20. Conseil International de la Recherche et d'Etude en Linguistique Fondamentale et Appliquée (CIRELFA), Jan. 1994-1999
21. Editorial Board, *Language Variation and Change*, 1997-2004.
22. Executive Committee, APRODEC, Spring 1996-
23. Executive Committee, Linguistic Society of America, Jan 1999-Dec 2001.
24. Series Editor, *Approaches to Language Contact*, Cambridge University Press, 1999-
25. Editorial Board, *Langage et Société*, 1999-
26. Advisory Board, *Langues*, 1999-
27. Ateliers langues, Agence de la Francophonie, Paris, 2000.
28. Conseil International Francophone des Langues (CIFLA), 2000-2008
29. Advisory Board, *Language Matters: Studies in the Languages of Southern Africa*, 2000-
30. Vice-President, *Society for Caribbean Linguistics*, 2002-2004.
31. President, *Society for Caribbean Linguistics*, 2004-2006.
32. Editorial Board, *Language in Society*, Jan. 2005-
33. Editorial Board, *English Today*, 2007-2013.
34. Columnist, *English Today*, 2009.
35. Editorial Board, *Journal of Language Contact*, 2007-
36. Editorial Board, *Journal of Multilingualism and Multicultural Development*, 2010-
37. Comité scientifique, *Revue Internationale de Linguistique Française*, 2011-
38. Editorial Board, *Journal of English as a Lingua Franca*, 2011-

39. Board member, Neubauer Family Collegium for Culture and Society, 2012-2013.
40. Panel member, Research Assessment Exercise, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong, 2014.
41. Steering Committee, University of Chicago Center in Paris, September 2014-
42. Honorary Members Committee, Linguistic Society of America, December 2015-