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EDUCATION The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D., African History, 2011
Dissertation: *Forging a Nation While Losing a Country: Igbo Nationalism, Ethnicity and Propaganda in the Nigerian Civil War 1968-1970*
Committee: Toyin Falola (Chair), Okpoh Ochayi Okpoh (Benue State University, Nigeria), Catherine Boone (Department of Government), Juliet Walker, H.W. Brands
M.A., African History, 2006
Report: *From Quick Kill to Total War: The Story of the Nigerian Civil War*
Supervisor: Toyin Falola

The University of Washington, Seattle
B.A., History Major, International Studies (Jackson School) Minor, 2002

OTHER RELEVANT EDUCATION United States Army Combined Arms Center, Leavenworth, KS
Certificate, Military History Instructor Course, 2018

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC
Tenured Associate Professor of History, 2017-Present

Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC
Assistant Professor of History, 2011-2017

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Visiting Scholar, 2016-2017

Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX
Lecturer, 2008-2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS African Political History, African Military History, Nationalism and Sub-Nationalism, Ethnicity and Identity Formation, War and Society

PUBLICATIONS

FORTHCOMING

MONOGRAPH *Biafra: The Story of the Nigerian Civil War*, under contract with Indiana University Press, Estimated publication date, 2022

BOOK CHAPTER *The Nigerian Civil War and its Legacies*, in Oxford Handbook of Nigerian History. Estimated publication date 2021

PUBLISHED WORK

- MONOGRAPHS Doron, Roy and Toyin Falola. *Ken Saro-Wiwa*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2016
- JOURNAL ARTICLES Doron, Roy and Charles Thomas. "Introducing the New Lens of African Military History" *Journal of African Military History* 3, no 2 (2019): 79-92
- Doron, Roy and Charles Thomas. "Out of Africa: The Challenges, Evolution, and Opportunities of African Military History." *Journal of African Military History* 1, no. 1/2 (2017): 3-23
- Doron, Roy. "Marketing Genocide: Biafran Propaganda Strategies During the Nigerian Civil War, 1967-70." *Journal of Genocide Research* 16, no. 2/3 (2014): 227-46.
- Doron, Roy. "Biafra and the AGIP Oil Workers: Ransoming and the Modern Nation State in Perspective." *African Economic History* 42 (2014): 137-56. Also appears in *Ransoming, Captivity & Piracy in Africa and the Mediterranean*, edited by Jennifer Lofkrantz and Olatunji Ojo. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2016.
- EDITED VOLUME Falola, Toyin, Roy Doron, and Okpesh Ochayi Okpesh. *Warfare, Ethnicity and National Identity in Nigeria*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2013
- BOOK CHAPTERS Doron, Roy. "Biafra and the AGIP Oil Workers: Ransoming and the Modern Nation State in Perspective.", in *Ransoming, Captivity & Piracy in Africa and the Mediterranean*, edited by Jennifer Lofkrantz and Olatunji Ojo. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2016. Also appears in *African Economic History* 42: 137-56.
- Doron, Roy. "'Marketing Genocide: Biafran Propaganda Strategies During the Nigerian Civil War, 1967-70.'" In *Postcolonial Conflict and the Question of Genocide* edited by Dirk Moses and Lasse Heerten. New York, NY: Routledge, 2018. Also appears in *Journal of Genocide Research* 16, no. 2/3 (2014)
- Doron, Roy. "'We Are Doing Everything We Can, Which Is Very Little': The Johnson Administration and the Nigerian Civil War 1967-1969." In *Warfare, Ethnicity and National Identity in Nigeria*, edited by Toyin Falola, Roy Doron and Okpesh Ochayi Okpesh. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2013.
- BOOK REVIEWS Doron, Roy. "The Abongo Abroad: Military-Sponsored Travel in Ghana, the United States, and the World, 1959-1992." *Journal of African History* v. 60, no. 2 (2019)
- Doron, Roy. "The Asaba Massacre: Trauma, Memory and the Nigerian Civil War." *International Journal of African Historical Studies* v.51 no, 2 (2018)
- Doron, Roy. "Afrikaners in the New South Africa: Identity Politics in a Globalised Economy." *Journal of Third World Studies* 28, no. 2 (2011): 318-20
- Doron, Roy. "Roy Doron on 'Minorities and the State in Africa.'" *E3W Review of Books* 11, 2011
- ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES "Benin, British conquest, 1897", "British Conquest of Northern Nigeria", "Goldie, George", "Nigeria Regiment", "Royal Niger Company", and "Royal Niger Constabulary" in *Encyclopedia of African Colonial Conflicts*, Tim Stapleton, ed. ABC-CLIO, 2017

“Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu”, “Sir Louis Ojukwu”, “Ibrahim Babangida”, “Olusegun Obasanjo”, “Yakubu ‘Jack’ Gowon”, and “Dick Tiger” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, ed. Oxford University Press, 2011.

“Amistad”, “Amistad: Film” in *Encyclopedia of the Middle Passage: Greenwood Milestones in African American History*, Toyin Falola and Amanda Warnock, ed. Greenwood Press, 2007

**AWARDS AND
HONORS**

2017 Outstanding Academic Title for *Ken Saro-Wiwa*, from *Choice Reviews*

2015-2016 University of North Carolina Global Educators Fellowship

2013, Winston-Salem State University Outstanding WIM (Writing in the Major) Service

2013, Winston-Salem State University O’Kelly Scholar

2010, University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Excellence Award in African Studies

2007, 2005, Patrice Lumumba Graduate Research Fellowship

2007, University of Texas at Austin Dora Bonham Summer Research Grant

**TALKS AND
PRESENTATIONS**

INVITED TALKS

2020, Invited Lecture to WSSU Chemistry Study Abroad, “Understanding Sierra Leone’s Present: Knowing Sierra Leone’s Past”

2019, Lunchtime Cold War Lecture Series, RAF Museum, Cosford, UK. “Beyond Airlift and MiniCOINS: The Politics of Air Power during the Nigerian Civil War”

2015, Language of Genocide, Kenan Institute on Ethics, Duke University, Durham, NC. “Biafra Defiant: Genocide, Propaganda and the Biafran War Effort in 1969”

2014, Workshop on Ransoming in African History, York University, Toronto, ON. “The Political Economy of Ransoming: The ENI Workers in Biafra”

**CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION**

**PANELS
ORGANIZED**

2021, 135th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, organizer of seven panel stream titled “New Directions and Perspectives on African Military History”

PANEL TITLES

Roundtable: “The Journal of African Military History: New Directions and Perspectives on African Military History”

Roundtable: “Martial Race(s) in African History”

“Slavery, Warfare, and African Soldiers in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World”

“The African Soldier: Military Men and Their Experiences”

“Fighting for Empire: African Soldiers and the Colonial Experience”

“Mapping the Memories of War: Socio-Military Identities and Experiences in 20th Century Southern Africa”

“The Soldier in the Statehouse: Law and Public Administration in African Military Regimes”

2017, 60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL. Roundtable, “Roundtable: The Journal of African Military History: New Directions and Perspectives on African Military History”

- 2015, 58th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Diego, CA. Invited Board Sponsored Panel, “Africa, African Studies, and the HBCU: Examining a Relationship”
- 2014, Conference on Metal and Cultural Impact, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, Panel on Metal in Africa
- ROUNDTABLES
- 2019, 60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, MA. Participant: Three Roundtables on Working with Journals and Journal Editors.
- 2016, 83rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ottawa ON. Panel Participant, “Expanding the Boundaries: Africa and Military History”
- PAPERS PRESENTED
- 2020, 20th Africa Conference at The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, “Remembering Biafra: The death and rebirth of Biafran nationalism in Nigeria” (POSTPONED DUE TO COVID CRISIS)
- 2019, 62nd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, MA, “Jaja and Johnston: Magic, Militarism and Diplomacy in the Niger Delta 1869-1891”
- 2017, 84th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Jacksonville FL, “Digital Humanities and African Military History: The Case of the Nigerian Civil War”
- 2015, 58th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Diego, CA. “African Politics and the HBCU”
- 2015, 58th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Diego, CA. “Between the Yameri and the Vandals: Ethnic Minorities During the Nigerian Civil War”
- 2015, 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Birmingham AL. “Remembering Biafra: Memory, Politics and State-Society relations in modern Nigeria”
- 2014, Conference on Metal and Cultural Impact, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, “The Final Frontier: Heavy Metal in Africa”
- 2013, 56th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD. “The Igbo Exodus: the 1966 Massacres and Internal Displacement in the Nigerian Civil War”
- 2013, African History Conference, UNC – Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, “War, Conflict and the African “Other”: Colonialist and Nationalist Historiography of Conflict”
- 2010, 53rd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA. “Black Metal on a Dark Continent: A Socioeconomic Look at Heavy Metal in Africa”
- 2009, 52nd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. “From Biafran Nation to Igbo Survival: The Role of Propaganda in the Nigerian Civil War”
- CAMPUS TALKS
- 2016 – Dept. of History, Politics and Social Justice Colloquium, “Magic and Warfare: the Supernatural and the Military in African Societies”
- 2015, Winston-Salem State University Dean Symposium, “Decolonizing the University”
- 2015, Winston-Salem State University Commemorative Symposium, “The Many Legacies of Ken Saro-Wiwa”, Symposium Organizer. “Ken Saro-Wiwa and the Transformation of Genocide” held on the 20th anniversary of his judicial murder

2013, Winston-Salem State University Dean Symposium, “The Igbo Exodus: Biafran Propaganda and Memory of the 1966 Massacres”

2011-2016, Winston-Salem State University African History Forum Organizer

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

COURSES TAUGHT

World Civilizations to 1600
 World Civilizations since 1600
 The Atlantic World
 Africa’s Impact on World History
 Historical Thinking and Methodology
 History of Africa to 1808
 History of Africa since 1808
 African American History to 1865
 Black Revolutionary Movements
 Historiography
 History of Genocide
 Pan-Africanism
 Boxing and Society (Liberal Learning Seminar)

COURSES DEVELOPED

Africa’s Impact on World History
 Black Revolutionary Movements
 Global Military History
 History of Africa to 1808
 History of Africa since 1808
 History of Genocide
 Boxing and Society (Liberal Learning Seminar)

**SERVICE AND
AFFILIATIONS**

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Founding Managing Editor, *Journal of African Military History*,
 Book Series Editor, with Toyin Falola: *Global Africa*, Routledge.
 Manuscript peer review, *The Political-Economy of the Interior Gold Coast: The Asante and the Era of Legitimate Trading, 1807-1884* for Lexington Books
 Book Proposal Review, *Human Rights, Race, and Resistance in Africa and the African Diaspora*, for Routledge
 Book Proposal Review, *Global Africans: Race, Ethnicity and Shifting Identities*, for Routledge

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

2013-2018, Senator, WSSU Faculty Senate; Member, Budget Committee
 2013-2018, Faculty Advisor, WSSU Chapter Phi Alpha Theta
 2014-2018, Faculty Advisor, RAMS Combat Club (Student Boxing Club)
 2013-2015, Delegate, UNC Faculty Assembly; Member, Institutional Resources Committee
 2013-2015, Member, WSSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 2011-2014, Chair, Departmental Website Committee
 2008-2009, Treasurer, University of Texas History Graduate Council

COMMUNITY
SERVICE

WSSU Liaison, North Carolina Civil War History Project
 Vice President, Forsyth Astronomical Society, 2016-2018

LANGUAGES Bilingual in English and Hebrew (Native speaker proficiency)
 Conversational in Spanish

PROFESSIONAL Member, African Studies Association
AFFILIATIONS Member, Society for Military History
 Member, American Historical Association
 Member, Forsyth Astronomical Association