

Frederick Cooper
Curriculum Vitae (Short version)

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Education

B.A., Stanford University, 1969, with Great Distinction
Ph.D., Yale University, 1974

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Harvard University, 1974-82
Professor, University of Michigan, 1982-2001; Charles Gibson Collegiate Professor, 1996-2001
Chair, Department of History, University of Michigan, 1999-2001
Professor of History, New York University, 2002-

Directeur d'Etudes Associé, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March-May 1985, February-April 1998, December 2003
Professeur Invité, Université de Paris VII, May-June 1992
Professeur Invité, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, May-June 2000

Prizes and Honors

Melville Herskovits Prize, African Studies Association, 1981 for From Slaves to Squatters.
Finalist for two other books.
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected 2001

Grants and Fellowships (select)

National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Fellowship, 1978-79
Social Science Research Council, Research Fellowships, 1982, 1986
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1984-85 (declined), 1994-96
Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship, 1984-85
Woodrow Wilson Center Fellowship, 1987-88
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, fellowship, 1990-91, 1995-96, 2002-03
Grants for workshop series from National Endowment for the Humanities, Mellon Foundation, and Rockefeller Foundation
Rockefeller Foundation, residency fellowship at Bellagio Study Center (with Jane Burbank), April-May 2006

Books

Plantation Slavery on the East Coast of Africa. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977
From Slaves to Squatters: Plantation Labor and Agriculture in Zanzibar and Coastal Kenya, 1890-1925. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1980
On the African Waterfront: Urban Disorder and the Transformation of Work in Colonial Mombasa. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1987

Decolonization and African Society: The Labor Question in French and British Africa.

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996

--French translation, 2004

Africa Since 1940: The Past of the Present. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002

Colonialism in Question: Theory, Knowledge, History. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005

Collaborative Volumes

(editor). Struggle for the City: Migrant Labor, Capital, and the State in Urban Africa. Beverly Hills, California: Sage, 1983

(co-author, with Allen Isaacman, Florencia Mallon, William Roseberry, and Steve Stern). Confronting Historical Paradigms: Peasants, Labor, and the Capitalist World System in Africa and Latin America. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1993.

(Co-editor with Ann Stoler). Tensions of Empire: Colonial Cultures in a Bourgeois World. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

(Co-editor with Randall Packard) International Development and the Social Sciences: Essays in the History and Politics of Knowledge. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

(Co-author with Rebecca Scott and Thomas Holt) Beyond Slavery: Explorations of Race, Labor, and Citizenship in Postemancipation Societies. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000.

--Portuguese translation, 2005.

(Co-editor with Rebecca Scott, Thomas Holt, and Aims McGuiness). Societies after Slavery: A Select Annotated Bibliography of Printed Sources on the British West Indies, British Colonial Africa, South Africa, Cuba, and Brazil. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2002.

(Co-editor with Craig Calhoun and Kevin Moore). Lessons of Empire: Imperial Histories and American Power. New York: New Press, 2006).

Articles and Chapters (select)

"The Problem of Slavery in African Studies," Journal of African History 20 (1979): 103-25

"Africa and the World Economy," African Studies Review 24, 2/3 (1981): 1-86

"Mau Mau and the Discourses of Decolonization: Review Article," Journal of African History 29 (1988): 313-20

"The Senegalese General Strike of 1946 and the Labor Question in Post-War French Africa," Canadian Journal of African Studies 24 (1990): 165-215

"Le mouvement ouvrier et le nationalisme. La grève générale de 1946 et la grève des cheminots de 1947-48," Historiens et Géographes du Sénégal 6 (1991): 32-42

"Conflict and Connection: Rethinking Colonial African History," American Historical Review 99 (1994): 1516-45. Translated into French and Russian and reprinted several times.

"L=Africa et il mondo," Passato e Presente 35 (1995): 111-40.

"Our Strike': Equality, Anticolonial Politics, and the French West African Railway Strike of 1947-48," Journal of African History 37 (1996): 81-118.

"Race, Ideology, and the Perils of Comparative History." American Historical Review 101 (1996): 1122-38.

"Afrika am Ende dieses Jahrhunderts: Vorstellungen und Erklärungen." Sozialwissenschaftliche Informationen 27, 3 (1998): 220-27.

(with Rogers Brubaker) "Beyond Identity." Theory and Society 29 (2000): 1-47. Translated into French, Spanish, and Russian.

- "Africa's Pasts and Africa's Historians." Canadian Journal of African Studies 34 (2000): 298-336; also published in African Sociological Review 3 (1999): 1-29.
- "What Is the Concept of Globalization Good For? An African Historian's Perspective." African Affairs, 100 (2001): 189-213. Translated into French and Spanish.
- "Networks, Moral Discourse, and History." Pp. 23-46 in Thomas Callaghy, Ronald Kassimir, and Robert Latham, eds., Intervention and Transnationalism in Africa. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- "African Studies: History." Vol. 1, pp. 250-54, in International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Neil Smelser and Paul Baltes, eds. Oxford: Elsevier, 2001.
- "Decolonizing Situations: The Rise, Fall, and Rise of Colonial Studies, 1951-2001." French Politics, Culture and Society 20 (2002): 47-76. Translated into French.
- "La historia africana en la era de la descolonización." ISTOR: Revista de Historia Internacional 14 (2003): 14-31.
- "Development, Modernization, and the Social Sciences in the Era of Decolonization: The Examples of British and French Africa." Revue d'Histoire des Sciences Humaines 10 (2004): 9-38.
- "Imperi, colonie e storia transnazionale," Contemporanea VII, 1 (2004): 106-14.
- "Empire Multiplied." Comparative Studies in Society and History, 46 (2004): 247-72.
- "African Workers and Imperial Designs," pp. 286-316 in Sean Hawkins and Philip Morgan, eds., The Black Experience and the British Empire. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
- "Postcolonial Studies and the Study of History." Pp. 401-22 in Ania Loomba, Suvir Kaul, Matti Bunzl, Antoinette Burton, and Jed Esty eds., Postcolonial Studies and Beyond. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.
- "African Labor History." Pp. 91-116 in Jan Lucassen, ed., Global Labour History: A State of the Art. Bern: Peter Lang, 2006.
- "A Parting of the Ways: Colonial Africa and South Africa, 1946-48." African Studies 65 (2006): 27-43.
- "Memories of Colonization: Commemoration, Preservation, and Erasure in an African Archive." Pp. 257-66 in Francis X. Blouin and William G. Rosenberg, eds., Archives, Documentation, and Institutions of Social Memory. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2006.
- "Colonialism." Pp. 497-502 in John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds., Europe 1789 to 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006.
- "Provincializing France." Pp. 341-78 in Ann Stoler, Peter Perdue, and Carole McGlannaghan, eds., Imperial Formations. Santa Fe: School for Advanced Research Press, 2007.
- "Alternatives to Empire: France and Africa after World War II." In Douglas Howland and Luise White, eds., Sovereignty Past and Present: History, Culture, Politics. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, forthcoming.
- "From Imperial Inclusion to Republican Exclusion? France's Ambiguous Post-War Trajectory." In Charles Tshimanga-Kashama, Didier Gondola, and Peter Bloom, eds., Frenchness and the Africa Diaspora. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, forthcoming.
- Plus book reviews, encyclopedia articles, and other short essays.

Special Lecture Series and Conference Papers

Inaugural Lecture, Charles Gibson Chair, University of Michigan, November 17, 1997:

"Africa at Century's End: Representations and Explanations"

Visitorship at African Studies Center, University of Bayreuth, Germany, July 8-17, 2002.

Visitorship at Witwatersrand Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, March 13-21, 2004.
Presentation and testimony before Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate of Canada, hearings on policy toward Africa, Ottawa, February 1, 2005
Half-Day program focused on my recent work, including my lecture "Decolonization, French and British Style," and commentaries by other scholars, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 18, 2006.
Lecture series on colonialism and African history at the Autonomous University of Madrid, March 12-16, 2007.
Visitorship at the University of Sydney, Australia, May 24-June 4, 2007
Lectures at many universities in North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia

Conferences (last three years):

Conference on "The State," Columbia University, April 8-10, 2005. Paper on "Alternatives to Empire: France and Africa after World War II."
Conference on "Whose International Community? Universalism and the Legacies of Empire," Columbia University, April 29-30, 2005. Commentator.
Conference on "Colonial Experiences and Colonial Legacies: Comparing Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa," Cornell University, May 6-7, 2005. Paper on "From Empire-State to Gatekeeper State in Africa."
Conference on "Economies morales et formation d'état," Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche International, Paris, June 27, 2005. Commentator.
Conference on "Art of the State: Sovereignty Past and Present," University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, October 21-22, 2005. Paper on "Alternatives to Empire: France and Africa after World War II."
Conference on "Bodies, Networks, Geographies: Colonialism, Development and Cold War Technopolitics." University of Michigan, October 28-29, 2005. Commentator at summary session.
Conference on "Devenir postcolonial? Perspectives, enjeux et débats," Université de Paris 8, January 10, 2006. Summary comment.
Conference on "Empires: From Ancient to Contemporary Times," New York University, Casa Italiana, January 27-28, 2006. Paper on "Reforming Empire, Ending Empire: France and West Africa, 1944-1960."
Conference on "Rationalist Approaches to Empire: Theoretical Contributions and Limits," Columbia University, February 10, 2006. Commentator.
New York Area Historians of Africa Annual Conference. Columbia University, March 4, 2006. Paper on "How the Women Citizens of Senegal Got the Vote."
Conference on "The Imperial Present," Emory University, March 24-25, 2006. Paper on "Naming Power: State, Empire, Colony, Nation."
Workshop on "Partial Sovereignities." Columbia University, April 7, 2006. Commentator.
Workshop on "Histories/Developments: Transdisciplinary Explorations," University of Turku, Finland, August 26-27, 2006. Keynote lecture, "Claiming the Future: Development Politics in Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa."
Conference on "Empires and Boundaries: Rethinking Race, Class and Gender in African and Asian Colonial Settings," Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, September 18-20, 2006. Keynote address on "Citizenship and the Politics of Difference in French Africa, 1946-1960."
Conference on "Rethinking Boundaries: Transformations in Methods and Approaches to Atlantic History," New York University, February 9-10, 2007. Discussant.
Conference on "Imperialist Order Transformed? Global Perspectives on the Legacies of

World War I," Duke University, March 2-4, 2007. Paper (with Jane Burbank) on "Clash and Rupture in a System of Empires."
Conference on "Imperial Models," University of California, Los Angeles, April 27-28, 2007. Paper (with Jane Burbank) on "Imperial Trajectories and Imaginaries in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries."

Work in Progress

"Citizenship between Empire and Nation: France and French Africa, 1945-1960." Book project; archival research completed.
"Empire and the Politics of Difference in World History," with Jane Burbank. Book project, under contract to Princeton University Press, to be completed by end of 2007.

Teaching

Graduate and undergraduate courses on African history, the history of colonialism, and empires in world history

Professional Activities

Member of Board of Directors, Social Science Research Council, 2002-05.
Member of Editorial Board, International Labor and Working Class History, 2000-06
Member of Editorial Board, American Historical Review, 1993-96
Member of Joint Africa Committee, American Council of Learned Societies and Social Science Research Council, 1987-92
Reviewer of manuscripts for publishers and journals; promotion reviews