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## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

**Ph.D.** (linguistics: Nubian languages & geographical names), Northwestern University 1968

**M.A.** (linguistics: African languages & history), Northwestern University 1966

**M.Litt.** (ancient Egyptian & Coptic), University of Oxford 1962

### Experience

**University of Exeter**, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, *Senior Research Fellow*  
2005 – present

*Honorary University Fellow*

2000 – present

**Azad University (IR) in Oxford**, Dean of Graduate Studies

2005 – present

**Oxford Academy for Advanced Studies**, *Dean*, Academic Affairs  
1994 - 2003

**University of Bergen**, *Research Fellow*  
1994

Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

**King Faisal University**, *Professor*

1980-93

Department of Foreign Languages, *Head of Department*

**University of Khartoum**, *Reader & Professor*

1973-79

Institute of African and Asian Studies, *Head of Department*

**University of London**, *Research Officer*

1971-72

School of Oriental and African Studies

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, *Assistant Professor*

1968-72

Department of Linguistics

**Oxford University, University College**,

*Lady Wallis Budge Junior Research Fellow*,

1958-62

*Travel Grant - Survey of Nubian Geographical Names*

1962-64

### Activities

Participant, UNESCO Conference on Lower Nubia, Nubia Museum, Aswan  
March 2009

Sudan Expert, United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN)  
2000 to present

Consultant, National Committee for Geographical Names, Sudan  
2000 to present

Trustee of Charity: Together for Sudan [scholarships for women from war-torn areas]  
2003 to present  
Editor (Reviews) & Committee Member of the *Bulletin of  
the Henry Sweet Society for the History of Linguistic Ideas* [ISSN 0267-  
4971] 1995-99  
Project Advisor, Mahas Survey, Department of Archaeology, University of Khartoum  
1999  
Chair, United Nations Association, Oxford Branch  
1995-99  
Convenor, Conference on Christianity and Islam, University College, Oxford  
1986  
Visiting Scholar, University of Bayreuth  
1986  
Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College, Oxford  
1985  
Member of the Board of the National Atlas of the Sudan  
1978-79  
Director, Survey of Nubian Geographical Names  
1962 to present  
The Philological Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Sudan & Nubia  
Life Member of the Egypt Exploration Society  
Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society  
Nationality: British & American, born: Richmond, Virginia, 10 March 1933; wife - Ann,  
two children

### **Selected Publications**

Early Coptic Hymn Fragments, with J. W. B. Barnes, *Journal of Theological Studies*,  
Oxford, Clarendon Press, new series, vol. 13, part 1, 1962, pp. 99-105.

The Tone System of Mahas Nubian, *Journal of African Languages*, Hertford,  
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Khartoum, Linguistic Monograph Series, no. 5, 1970.

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54, 1973, pp. 73-80.

*Directions in Sudanese Linguistics and Folklore*, co-edited with Sayyid Hamid  
Hurreiz, Khartoum, Khartoum University Press, 1975.

*Language Survey of the Sudan, Sample of Locality, Southern Kordofan, the Nuba  
Mountains, Selected Tables*, Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of  
Khartoum (produced with a team from the IAAS), 1978-79.

Documentary Evidence on the Haraza Nubian Language, *Sudan Notes and  
Records*, Khartoum, vol. 56, 1975 (1980), pp. 1-34.

Two Poems in Dungulawi Nubian: A Critical Analysis, with Ibrahim Hamid Abdel  
Karim, *Nubica I/II, Jahrbuch für Äthiopische, Meroitische und Nubische Studien*,  
Cologne, Verlag Jörgen Dinter, Sonderteil VI, 1990, pp. 449-57.

Review of *The Nubian Languages. An Annotated Bibliography*. *Sudanic Africa*, vol. 5, 1994, pp. 261-265.

*The Nuba Mountains: Who Spoke What in 1976?* Bergen, Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Bergen, 1998.  
<http://www.hf.uib.no/smi/sa/tan/nuba.html>

Review of *Fontes Historiae Nubiorum. Textual Sources for the History of the Middle Nile Region between the Eighth Century BC and the Sixth Century AD*, edited by Tormod Eide, Tomas Hägg, Richard Holton Pierce and László Török, Bergen: Klassisk Institutt, Universitetet i Bergen, vols. i, ii and iii, *Sudanic Africa*, vol. 9, 1998, pp. 179-186.

WADAI . 2. Languages, *Encyclopaedia of Islam* (2nd ed.), Leiden, Brill, vol. 11, fasc. 179-180, 2000, pp. 11-13.

Arabic Orthography and African Place-names in the Sudan. Can a Conflict between Diverse Solutions Be Resolved? *Onoma*, Journal of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences, vol. 35, 2000, pp. 321-355.

Does Aten Live On in Kawa (Kówwa)? with Muhammad Jalal Hashim, *Sudan and Nubia*, Bulletin No. 6, 2002, pp. 42-46.

African Geographical Names and the Arabic Writing System: Investigating an Obstacle to Standardization, Eighth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Berlin, 27 August – 5 September, 2002. E/CONF.94.CRP.83 and E/CONF.94.CRP.83. Add 1.

*Paradise Lost: Nubia before the 1964 Hijra*. Khartoum: DAL Group, 2009.