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## NEIL KODESH

### EDUCATION

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**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL

Ph.D., December 2004

Dissertation: "Beyond the Royal Gaze: Clanship and Collective Well-Being in Buganda"

Committee: David L. Schoenbrun (chair), Jonathon Glassman, William F. Hanks, Karen Hanson

Major Field: African History

Minor Field: Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology

Graduate Certificate in African Studies, June 2003

M.A. received in History, June 1999

Thesis: "Reimagining Tradition: The Politics of Succession in Colonial Buganda"

**Pomona College**, Claremont, CA

B.A. received in History, May 1997

**School for International Training**

Kenya Coastal Studies Program, September-December 1995

### EMPLOYMENT

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI. January 2005-

Assistant Professor in History

### ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Institute for Research in the Humanities Residential Fellowship, UW-Madison**, Spring 2008

**UW-Madison, Graduate School Research Grant**, Summer 2007

**UW-Madison, Graduate School Research Grant**, Summer 2006

**Institutional Nominee, Northwestern University, Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms  
International Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Humanities and Fine Arts**, 2005

**Harold Perkin Prize for Best Doctoral Dissertation, History Department, Northwestern Univ.**, 2005

**Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**, 2004-2005

**Northwestern University Dissertation Year Fellowship**, 2003-2004

**Fulbright-IIE Grant**, 2001-2002

**Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship**, 2001-2002

**National Security Education Program Graduate International Fellowship**, 2001-2002

**Social Science Research Council International Predissertation Fellowship**, 2000-2001

**Fulbright-Hays Intensive Kiswahili Language Study Fellowship**, Tanzania, June-August 2000

Hans Panofsky Predissertation Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2000

George Romani Prize for Best First-Year Graduate Paper in History, Northwestern University, 1999

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

“Networks of Knowledge: Clanship and Collective Well-Being in Buganda,” *Journal of African History* 49, 2 (July 2008): 197-216.

“History from the Healer’s Shrine: Genre, Historical Imagination, and Early Ganda History,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 49, 3 (July 2007): 527-552.

“Renovating Tradition: The Discourse of Succession in Colonial Buganda.” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 34, 3 (2001): 511-541.

“Reimagining Tradition: The Politics of Succession in Colonial Buganda.” Northwestern University Program of African Studies Working Papers Series, Number 9, November 2000.

### Reviews

“A Re-Assessment of Violence in Nineteenth-Century East Africa.” A review of *War in Pre-Colonial Eastern Africa* by Richard Reid. *Journal of African History* 49, 3 (November 2008), 495-497.

“Public History, Professional Historians, and the Production of Knowledge in Twentieth-Century Tanzania.” A review of *Practicing History in Central Tanzania: Writing, Memory, and Performance* by Gregory Maddox with Ernest Kongola. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 40,1 (2007): 195-96.

“In Pursuit of Wealth: Trade, Politics, and State Formation in Buganda.” A review of *Political Power in Pre-Colonial Buganda: Economy, Society, and Warfare in the Nineteenth Century* by Richard Reid. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 36, 2 (2003): 459-62.

### Encyclopedia Entries

“Ganda,” World Book Encyclopedia, 2006 edition.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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**African Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, November 14, 2008

“Public Healing and Political Authority in Buganda” (panel chair)

**European Union Center of Excellence**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 7, 2008

Commentator for Workshop on “Health and Development in Africa: An International Dialogue”

**Institute for Research in the Humanities**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 24, 2008

“Networks of Knowledge: Clanship and Collective Well-Being in Buganda, East Africa”

**Worldwide Universities Network Virtual Seminar**, University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Leeds, February 19, 2008

“Public Healing and Political Violence in Buganda, East Africa”

**African Studies Association Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, November 17, 2006.

“Health, Wealth, and Knowledge: Clanship and the Role of the Deep Past in 20<sup>th</sup>-century Ganda History (panel chair)

**New Research in Equatorial Africa**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 13, 2006

“A Comparative Note from the Healer’s Shrine”

**African Studies Program**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 27, 2006.

“Public Healing and Political Authority in Early Ganda History”

**Worldwide Universities Network Conference on Colonial Migrations**, Leeds University, June 8, 2006

“Health, Wealth and Knowledge: Clanship and Collective Well-Being in Precolonial Buganda”

**UW-Madison/Northwestern University Annual African History Workshop**, UW-Madison, May 7, 2005  
“Clanship and Collective Well-Being in Buganda”

**Precolonial African History in a Post-Colonial Age**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 12, 2005  
“Public Healing, Political Violence, and Territorial Expansion in Buganda”

**Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 8, 2005  
“What’s the Point of Studying Precolonial African History?”

**African Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Boston, October 31, 2003  
“History from the Healer’s Shrine: Genre, Historical Imagination, and Early Ganda History” (panel chair)

**Program of African Studies**, Northwestern University, May 28, 2003  
“History from the Healer’s Shrine: Portable Spirits and Early Ganda History”

**Africa Seminar**, Northwestern University, February 4, 2003  
“From Proposal to Fieldwork: Implementing a Successful Research Program in Africa”

**African Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Nashville, November 19, 2000  
“Renovating Tradition: The Uganda Agreement, Christianity, and the Politics of Succession in Colonial Buganda”

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## MEMBERSHIPS

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**African Studies Association**  
**Uganda Historical Society**  
**Uganda Studies Association**

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Manuscript Reviewer**, *The American Historical Review*, *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*

**UW-Madison Faculty Senate**, Fall 2005–present

**Undergraduate Council**

**Graduate Council**

**Chair, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Selection Committee, Program of African Studies, UW-Madison**

**Co-Organizer**, UW-Madison/Northwestern University Annual African History Workshop