

Curriculum Vitae

I. Personal Data

Name: Lynda R. Day

Department: Africana Studies

Projected/Actual Tenure Date: 1997

Present Academic Rank: Full Professor

Initial Date in Present Rank: January 2013

Initial Appointment Date to Tenure- or CCE-Track Position: September 1997

II. Higher Education

Degrees:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Degree and Major</i>	<i>Date Conferred</i>
Howard University	1971-1975	B.A. Comparative History	June 1975
University of Wisconsin-Madison	1977-1980	M.A. African Studies	May 1980
University of Wisconsin-Madison	1980-1988	Ph.D. African History	May 1988

Title of Dissertation:

The Female Chiefs of the Mende [Sierra Leone], 1885-1977: The Evolution of an Indigenous Political Institution.

Additional Higher Education

Certificate from the Higher Education Resources Services (HERS) Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration. Bryn Mawr College. June 25-July 21, 2006.

III. Teaching Career

At Brooklyn College (List in reverse chronological order):

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Department</i>
2012-present	Professor and Chairperson	Africana Studies
2010-2012	Endowed Chair, Women's Studies	Women's Studies Program
1999-2012	Associate Professor	Africana Studies
1992-1999	Assistant Professor	Africana Studies

Outside of Brooklyn College (List in reverse chronological order):

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Department</i>
Univ. of Ghana-KNUST	1999-2000	Fulbright Lecturer	General and African Studies
Hofstra University	1997-1998	Adjunct	History Department
Adelphi University	1991-1993	Adjunct	History Department
Adelphi University	1991	Adjunct	Core Studies Department
William Paterson Univ.	1988-1991	Assistant Professor	African, AfAm and Caribbean
Adelphi University	1987-88	Adjunct	AfAm Studies

A. Teaching Experience: Courses Taught and/or Developed

- WMST 1001-Introduction to Women's Studies
- WMST 3328-Women, War and Peace
- WMST 3446/AFST 3360-Black Women in America
- WMST 3550-Special Topics: Gender in Contemporary Africa
- WMST 4405-Community Internship
- CORC 3208-Comparative Studies in Cultures and Transformation (Study Abroad)
- AFST 1001- Introduction to Contemporary Africa
- AFST 3101- States, Kingdoms and Trade: Africa to 1800 (cross-listed with History)
- AFST 3102- Contact, Conquest, and Independence: Africa since 1800 (cross-listed with History)
- AFST 3105-Africa in Antiquity
- AFST 3107-Southern Africa (Taught as Study Abroad to Cape Town, South Africa in 2008)
- AFST 3138-The Black Diaspora in New York
- AFST 3210-African Religion and Cultures in the New World
- AFST 3290-Special Topics: Arts, History and Culture of Ghana (Study Abroad)
- AFST 4410- Seminar in the Social Sciences: Life Histories of African Women (also as Study Abroad)
- AFST 4412-Summer Seminar Abroad
- AFST 5404-Independent Study (also as Study Abroad)
- AFST 7050X- Social History of Africa: 1750-1945 (cross-listed with History)
- AFST 7020X- Black Community Organizations and Participation
- AFST 7040X-Graduate Summer Seminar Abroad
- AFST 7070X-Graduate Independent Study
- History 359- History of the USA from the Colonial Era to the Present (U. of Ghana-KNUST)
- History 460- History of the African Diaspora (U. of Ghana-KNUST)
- History 152-20 – American Civilization to 1865 (Adelphi Univ.)
- History 153-20 – American Civilization since 1865 (Adelphi Univ.)

Co-developed the Brooklyn College Global Studies Minor

Developed the Comparative Studies Upper Tier Core Course master syllabus

Directed the BC Study Abroad to Ghana program, '02, '05, '07,'09, '11, '13, '14, '16,'17.

Directed two senior theses at KNUST-Ghana, 1999-2000.

Directed Xeny Odame M.A. Thesis. Won the History Department's award for Best M.A. Thesis, 2000.

Directed Tyquane Wright Senior Honors Thesis.

Directed Sherri Cummings Senior Honors Thesis.

V. Scholarly and Creative Activity

A. Publications

Recent Published Works

African Women Traditional Chiefs and Rulers. *The Palgrave Handbook of African Women's Studies* Edited by Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso and Toyin Falola. March 2019.

The Impact of Judith Van Allen's Article, "Sitting on a Man: The Lost Political Institutions of the Igbo" on the Classroom. *Journal of West African History* 3:2 (Fall 2017) 183-187.

Nyarroh of Bandasuma. 2016. *Dictionary of African Biography*, Edited by Henry Louis Gates and Emmanuel Acheampong. Oxford University Press.

Women Chiefs and Post War Reconstruction in Sierra Leone. *African and Asian Studies* 14 (2015) 19-39.

Anatomy of an Evolving Movement: the Women's Peace Movement and Political Activism in Sierra Leone Since the 1990's. with Josephine Beoku-Betts. *JeNda: A Journal of Culture and African Women's Studies*. (2014) online.

Gender and Power: The Women Chiefs of Sierra Leone, the Last Hundred Years. 2012. Palgrave Macmillan.

Madam Yoko, and Yaa Asantewa, 2012. *Dictionary of African Biography*, Edited by Henry Louis Gates and Emmanuel Acheampong. Oxford University Press.

Earlier Publications

Mamatoma: The Chief's Namesake: Language, Gender and Age as Categories of Belonging in Sierra Leone, 2011. Chapter 11, pp. 159-178, in *Black Subjects in Africa and its Diasporas: Race and Gender in Research and Writing*, Benjamin Talton and Quincy Mills, eds., Palgrave Macmillan.

The Woodchopper: A Cultural Autobiography, 2010, by William C. Onyebeke. Edited and with a new Introduction by Lynda R. Day, Xlibris Publications.

'Bottom Power:' Theorizing Feminism and the Women's Movement in Sierra Leone (1981-2007) *African and Asian Studies* 7 (2008): 491-513.

Nyarroh of Bandasuma, 1885-1914: A Reinterpretation of Female Chieftaincy in Sierra Leone, *Journal of African History* 48 (2007): 415-37.

Headnote for "The Women of Senehun (1882)," 2005, Esi Sutherland Addy and Aminata Diaw, eds., *Women Writing Africa: West Africa and the Sahel*. New York: The Feminist Press.

Thirteen entries including Hofstra University, Freeport, Jupiter Hammon, Negro Convention Movement, Eugene Nickerson, etc., 2005. *The Encyclopedia of New York State*, Peter Eisenstadt, ed., Albany: Syracuse University Press.

What's Tourism Got to Do With It?: The Yaa Asantewa Legacy and Development in Asanteman. *Africa Today* (Fall 2004).

Book Review of *The Underneath of Things*, by Marianne Ferme, in *African Studies Review* (Fall 2003).

Long Live the Queen: the Yaa Asantewa Centenary Celebrations and the Politics of History. *Ghana Studies Journal* (Fall 2000). Also published in *JeNda*, 1:2 (Fall 2001), an electronic journal dedicated to scholarship about African women.

Rites and Reason: Precolonial Education and its Relevance to the Current Production and Transmission of Knowledge. 1998. Chapter 3 in *Women and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa: Power, Opportunities, and Constraints*. Edited by Marianne N. Bloch, Josephine A. Beoku-Betts, and B. Robert Tabachnick. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Making a Way to Freedom: A History of African Americans on Long Island. 1997. Hempstead, NY: Hofstra University Long Island Studies Institute [160 pp.]

Dr. Kadi Sesay: Sierra Leone Feminist and Advocate for Democracy. *Issue: a Journal of Opinion* 25:1 (Fall 1997) 19-22.

Friends in the Spirit: African Americans and the Challenge to Quaker Liberalism, 1776-1915. *Long Island Historical Journal* 10:1 (Fall 1997) 1-16.

Pathways to Freedom: African Americans in Eastern Queens County. *Nassau County Historical Society Journal* 51 (1996), 1-11.

'Mamatoma, The Chief's Namesake': Female Paramount Chiefs in Sierra Leone and their 'Stranger' from America. Presented at the Fortieth Annual African Studies Association Meeting, November 23, 1996, San Francisco, CA. African Studies Association Collected Papers, 1993-1996.

The Evolution of Female Chiefship During the Late Nineteenth Century Wars of the Mende. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 27:3 (Fall 1994), 481-503.

Book Review of *A Forgotten People: Discovering the Black History of Suffolk County* by Grania Bolton Marcus. *Long Island Historical Journal* 2:1 (Fall 1989), 130.

Photo Racism in the Visual Archive. Contributed Essay. *American History Reinvented*. Photographs by Warren Neidich. New York: Aperture, 1989.

Afro-British Integration on the Sherbro Coast: 1665-1745. *Africana Research Bulletin* 12:3, 1983.

B. Other Evidence of Scholarly or Creative Activity

1. Invited Presentations (2005-Present)

- 2018** "Yoko of Mendeland." Africa At Noon Seminar Series. African Studies Program. University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 17, 2018
- 2017** "The History of Jim Crow Segregation in America: Focus on Long Island." Black History Month Program. Wyandanch Public Library. February 12, 2017.
- 2016** "History of Juneteenth Day." Wyandanch Public Library. June 19, 2016.
- Panelist "Slavery on Long Island (including Brooklyn). Brooklyn Historical Society. *Why New York?* Panel discussion series. February.
- "African American History on Long Island." Black History Month Program. Wyandanch Public Library. February 7, 2016.
- 2014** Expert panelist presenting on women chiefs and the Sierra Leone Women's Movement. U.S. State Department informational roundtable on Sierra Leone. Washington, D.C. August 25, 2014.
- 2013** Panelist. "Slavery on Long Island." Hofstra University Cultural Center symposium. Commemorating the Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Nov. 5-13.
- 2011** "Women Resisting Violence and War: The Legacy of the Women's Movements for Peace in Sierra Leone and Liberia." With Prof. J. Beoku-Betts. Brooklyn College. February 24.
- 2010** Led book discussion of Chimamanda N. Adichie's novel, *Half of a Yellow Sun*. "Talking about Literature" program. Freeport Memorial Library. February 5.
- "Women Chiefs of Sierra Leone: A Reinterpretation of Women's Leadership." Five Colleges Women's Studies Research Center. Mt. Holyoke College. March 11.
- "Asante Queen Mothers: Resistance, Spiritual Power and Family Unity." Women's History Month Celebration. Congregational Church of South Hempstead. March 14.
- 2009** "Brooklyn College Students Experience African Culture." Black History Month presentation at the Shawangunk Correctional Facility. February 21. Wallkill, NY.
- "Making A Way to Freedom," Book talk and powerpoint presentation. Brentwood Public Library. February 21.
- 2008** Speaker on a panel discussing the preservation of New York's black history sponsored by the 350th Harlem Anniversary Celebrations Committee and the Harlem Historic Preservation Society. Maysles Film Institute, May 21.
- Speaker at the Higher Ground Inter-Cultural & Heritage Association's Bethel Christian Avenue Historic District Presentation Program, Bethel AME Church, Setauket, Long Island, June 21.

2007 "The Life of Lewis Latimer." Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens. February 25.

Presentation at "A Century Plus: Freeport Authors," Freeport Public Library. September 30.

2006 Blacks on Long Island: Enslavement to Emancipation to Empowerment." Roosevelt Public Library. February 12.

Nassau County Historical Society Black History Month Speaker, February 19.

Women's History Month Speaker, Congregational Church of South Hempstead, March 16.

Presentation on Africa to students in the Summer Health Internship Program at the Nassau County Medical Center, July 25.

2005 Citibank Black History Month Program Keynote Speaker. Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages, Stony Brook New York, February 15, and the African American Museum of Nassau County, Hempstead, New York, Feb 16.

2. Abstracts and Papers Contributed at Professional Meetings (2000-present)

"Slavery, Freedom and the Quakers of Long Island," Long Road to Freedom; Surviving Slavery on Long Island. Symposium. Long Island Museum. Stony Brook, New York. March 9, 2019.

"Yoko of Senehun and the Modernization of Mendeland," 11th Annual New York Area African Historians Workshop. The City University of New York Graduate Center. April 7, 2017.

"Women Chiefs and Post-War Reconstruction in Sierra Leone." Florida Atlantic University Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Symposium, The Politics of Women's Empowerment in Post-War Sierra Leone. Feb. 2016.

"Madam Yoko, A Woman Chief of Sierra Leone, 1884-1906," 58th Annual African Studies Association Meeting. San Diego, CA. Nov. 2015.

"Madam Yoko of Senehun, Sierra Leone." New York Area African Historians Workshop. Princeton University. March 28, 2014.

"Women Chiefs in War and Post War Reconstruction in Sierra Leone," 56th Annual African Studies Association Meeting. Baltimore, MD. Nov. 16, 2013.

"A Gendered Analysis of Women, Peace-building, and Post-Conflict Reconstruction Sierra Leone and Sierra Leone," 54th Annual African Studies Association Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 17, 2011.

"The Women's Movement in Post War Reconstruction in Sierra Leone and Liberia," International Sociological Association Meeting, Sweden, June 2010.

“HIV/AIDS in Post-War Sierra Leone: Gendered Cultural Practices as a Dimension of Prevention, Transmission, and Treatment. Praxis in a Freetown NGO.” 52nd Annual African Studies Association Meeting. New Orleans, November 21, 2009.

“Women Chiefs in War and the Post-War Reconstruction of Sierra Leone,” 5th Annual Greater New York Historians of Africa Workshop. Hofstra University, March 8, 2008.

“Bottom Power: Theorizing the Feminist Movement in Sierra Leone,” 50th Annual African Studies Association Meeting. New York City, October 18, 2007.

“Women Paramount Chiefs of Sierra Leone in the Post War Era.” 48th Annual African Studies Association Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 18, 2005.

"Shared Memories or Forgotten Nightmares: Ghanaian Students Confront African American History." 47th Annual African Studies Association Meeting. New Orleans, November 11, 2004.

"Nyarrow of Badasuma: A Woman Chief of Sierra Leone, 1885-1914." Presented at the Columbia University Seminar on Women and Society. March 24, 2003.

"African American Perspectives on Tourism in Ghana." Presented at the Eco-Fest 2001 Conference. Accra, Ghana. Oct. 16, 2001.

“Sierra Leone Women and War: Historical Perspectives.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Meeting. Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. March 15, 2001.

“Long Live the Queen: The Yaa Asantewa Centenary and the Politics of History.” 43rd Annual African Studies Association Meeting. Nashville, TN. Nov. 8, 2000.

“What’s Tourism Got to Do With It?: the Yaa Asantewa Legacy and Development in Asanteman.” Presented at the Nana Yaa Asantewa Centenary International Conference. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. August 3, 2000.

2. Other Creative Work and Scholarly Activity

- Organized lecture series, panels, symposia, receptions, film series and an art exhibit as Endowed Chair of Women’s Studies, 2010-2012.
- Outside evaluator for the African American Studies Department, Nassau Community College, 2010 and 2015.
- On camera interview discussing Long Island African American historic sites and events for *Mapping the African American Past* educational website hosted by Columbia University. January 2010.
- Co-Chaired Brooklyn College Faculty Day Roundtable. Middle States Re-accreditation: Where Do We Go From Here? May 20, 2009.
- Organized Sixth Annual New York Area Historians of Africa Workshop. Brooklyn College. March 6, 2009.

- Outside evaluator for the SUNY-New Paltz Black Studies Department. May 2-3, 2009. Met with all constituencies of the Department as well as the Dean of Liberal Arts and the President of SUNY-New Paltz. Co-wrote the Self-Study evaluation report.
- Brooklyn College Faculty Day Conference poster session. Photographs of Women Chiefs of Sierra Leone. May 21, 2008.
- Panel Chairperson, “Recovering History, Preservation, and Community: Local African American History on Long Island,” 2008 Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New York City, March 29, 2008.
- Moderated panel, “Women in the Black Power Movement” as part of the Women’s Studies Program conference on Women in the Black Freedom Struggle, Brooklyn College, March 4, 2008
- Organized a Darfur Awareness program for Black History Month. Included the movie “Darfur Diaries” and two speakers, one from the Darfur People’s Coalition and one from Human Rights Watch, February 14, 2008.
- Reviewer for the *Africa Studies Review* and *Jenda*, an e-journal dedicated to scholarship on African women, and the PSC-CUNY research awards.
- Attended the Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study Institute, October 30-31, 2006.
- Consultant and interviewee for “Then I’ll be Free to Travel Home,” African Americans in New York radio program. Produced by E.V. Tait, EVT Educational Productions. Regularly aired on National Public Radio since 2004.
- On camera interview for CBS News educational video, “The Civil Rights Movement.” 2003.
- Moderated IRADAAC conference panel, “New Directions in African Studies Scholarship,” Fall 2003.
- Discussant, African Studies Association panel, “African Women in Higher Education,” Nov. 2001.
- Consultant for the *Newsday* Long Island History series. Fall 1996-Spring 1998.

VI. Grants

A. Funded Grants

<i>Title</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Amount Funded</i>	<i>Period of Grant</i>
CUNY Diversity Grant	Research Foundation	\$2,800	Fall 2017
CUNY Diversity Grant	Research Foundation	\$2,000	Spring 2011
Tow Faculty Travel Grants	B.C. Foundation	\$2,500,	2005,
PSC-CUNY Travel Grants		\$6,357	1995
		\$3,500	2005
		\$3,730	2007
		\$3,800	2009
Fulbright Senior Lecture/Research Award	CIEE	\$50,000	1999-2000

VII. Professional Awards

- A. Fellowships: **Research Fellow.** Five College Women’s Studies Research Center.
Mt. Holyoke, Mass. Spring 2010.

B. Lectureships: **Fulbright Lecture and Research Award.** Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, 1999-2000.

C. Honors and Awards:

Endowed Chair of Women’s Studies, Brooklyn College Women and Gender Studies Program, 2010-2012.

Sankofa Award. Central Nassau Branch of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. May 2005.

Woman of the Year. Iota Zeta Theta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. March 30, 2003.

Certificate of Commendation for *Making a Way to Freedom: A History of African Americans on Long Island.* American Association for State and Local History, 1998.

Nassau County Community Service Award. July 3, 1998.

NAACP Hempstead Branch Historian’s Award. May 9, 1998.

New York State African Americans of Distinction. Presented by Gov. Mario Cuomo, 1992.

VIII. University, College and Community Service

A. Service to Brooklyn College:

1. Administrative Service

Title/Description	Dates of Service
Department Chairperson	2003-2006

2. Service on College and/or Presidential Committees

Name of Committee	Dates of Service
Co-Chair, Middle States Re-accreditation Steering Committee	2006-2009
Faculty Council Core Curriculum 2 nd Tier	2006-2007
Search Committee, Undergraduate Dean	2005-2006
Core Curriculum Review Committee	2003-2005
Search Committee, Assistant Provost	2003
Secretary, Council on Administrative Policy	2003-2006
Chairperson, Core Curriculum Committee	1997-1998
Secretary of Faculty Council	1997-1999

3. Service on School and/or Division Committees

Name of Committee	Dates of Service
Tenure and Promotion	2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008

4. Service on Department Committees

Name of Committee	Dates of Service
Chairperson Curriculum Committee	2007-2009
Program Committee	1992-present
Curriculum Committee	1992-present
Library Representative	1994-2006
Summer Study Abroad Seminar Planning Committee	1995-present

5. *Student Activities (Advisement, Counseling)*

Faculty Advisor-Black Family	2004-2006
Faculty Advisor-NBSSO	1995-1996
Faculty Advisor-Pan African Student Alliance	1995-1998

6. *Other Service*

Represented Brooklyn College and Chaperoned B.C. students at the New York State Black, Latino and Asian Legislative Caucus Weekend (2005, 2006, 2007)
 Tow Faculty Travel Fellowship Selection Committee (2003, 2004)

B. Service to University and Graduate Center:

1. *Administrative Service*

Title/Description	Dates of Service
n/a	

2. *University Committees*

Name of Committee	Dates of Service
n/a	

3. *Doctoral Program Committees*

Name of Committee	Dates of Service
n/a	

C. Service Off-Campus:

1. *Professional Activities and Memberships*

Organization	Office Held (if applicable)	Dates of Service
African Studies Association (ASA)		1982-present
ASA Women's Caucus		1996-present
ASA Women's Caucus	Co-Convener	1998-2000
ASA Women's Caucus	Treasurer	2003-2010
ASA 50 th Annual Meeting LAC		2007
Organization of Am. Historians		2008

2. *Community Service*

Description	Dates of Service
Board of Trustees, Congregational Church of So. Hempstead President-Women's Fellowship, The Congregational Church of So. Hempstead Queenmother, Village of Besease, Ashanti Region, Ghana	2012 to present 2006-2008 2005-present