

## OBITUARIES

Mary Alice Eggleston Kraehe, retired African Bibliographer at Alderman Library of the University of Virginia, died of pulmonary disease on August 26, 1995. She held a BA in philosophy from the University of Minnesota, and an MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky, where she was elected to the Beta Phi Mu Honor Society.

During her tenure in the libraries of the Universities of Kentucky and North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she developed her expertise in the antiquarian book trade. In 1970, she joined the faculty of Alderman Library, where she became the African Bibliographer until her retirement in 1994. In the mid-seventies, she began developing a special collection to support the then burgeoning African Studies program, bringing it to respectable size and quality by the time of her retirement. She particularly developed a collection of dictionaries and grammar books which she compiled under the title: *African Languages: A Guide to the Library Collection of the University of Virginia*, published in 1981. In 1993, she assisted the Division of Continuing Education with its Global Studies Program for Teachers.

An active member of the African Studies Association, she held numerous offices in its Africana Librarians Council, serving as chairperson of the group from 1987–88. She also served on the Microfilm Project of CAMP. In addition to the African Studies Association, she was also a member of the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, the American Library Association, the Friends of the Kennedy Center, the League of Women Voters, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She is survived by her husband, a son and a daughter, and three grandchildren. A memorial fund was established at Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va 22903, for publications in African Studies.

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The Senegalese historian, Mouhamed Moustapha Kane, passed away in Dakar on September 12, 1995. Professor Kane was a Maotre assistant in the History Department of the Universite Cheikh Anta Diop, where he had been teaching since 1987, when he completed his PhD at Michigan State University on the subject, *A History of Fuuta Tooro, 1890s-1920s: Senegal Under Colonial Rule—The Protectorate*.

Professor Kane had published a volume of texts on Futa Toro under the title, *The Islamic Regime of Fuuta Tooro: An Anthology of Oral Tradition Transcribed in Pulaar and Translated into English* (Michigan State University, 1984) in conjunction with David Robinson. He was the author of a number of articles, dealing principally with the history of Senegal and west Africa and the sociology of Islam. His most recent articles dealt with popular Islamic culture ("L'empreinte de l'Islam confrerique sur le paysage commercial senegalais," in *Islam et Societes au Sud du Sahara* 8 for 1994), and with an important but little known text on al-hajj Umar ("Une vision iconoclaste de la guerre sainte d'al-Hajj Umar Taal," *Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines*, 1994; in collaboration with Sonja Fagerberg-Diallo and David Robinson). His contribution to the workshop ("Muslim societies under French colonial rule") held in Aix-en-Provence in September 1994 was entitled "Du p,tre au patron de la `revolution al-Falah': Al-Hajj Mahmoud Ba du Diowol (1905- 1978)." It will appear in the edited collection of papers due out in 1996.

Professor Kane was the president of AROA, the Association de Recherche Ouest Africaine, organized around the West African Research Center in Dakar. He was active in many associations and networks across three continents. He leaves a wife, Marema, and 4 children (Jinndaa, 13, Abdoussalam 9, Kollé 7, and Thierno Seydou, almost 2), and many other relatives and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Those wishing to write to the family may direct their letters care of his brother Sidi Ben Omar Kane, Conseiller technique, Ministere du Travail et de l'Emploi, Gouvernement du Senegal, DAKAR, or to another brother, Mamadou Abdourrahim Kane, BP 15363, DAKAR-FANN.

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