# The Journal of African History

PERIODICALS

JAN - 9 199

SIVE - Edwardsville,

VOLUME 35 · 1994 · NUMBER 3



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

## THE JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORY

### EDITORS

- D. M. Anderson School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London WCIH OXG, England
- R. LAW University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA, Scotland
- J. C. MILLER University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903, U.S.A.
- D. Robinson Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824, U.S.A.

Books for review should be sent to D. M. Anderson at S.O.A.S.

### ADVISORY EDITORIAL BOARD

P. Bonner University of the Witwatersrand

M. Brett S.O.A.S., London

C. J. Bundy University of the Western Cape

J. D. Fage University of Birmingham

T. Falola University of Texas, Austin

B. Heintze Goethe Universität,

Frankfurt-am-Main

A. McDougall University of Alberta, Edmonton

S. McIntosh Rice University, Houston,

Texas

K. Mann Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

M. Mbodji Université de Dakar, Senegal

M. Michel Université de Provence

W. R. Ochieng' Maseno University College, Kenya

R. Oliver S.O.A.S., London

A. D. Roberts S.O.A.S., London

A. Triulzi Istituto Universitario

Orientale, Napoli

© Cambridge University Press 1994

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Journal of African History (ISSN 0021-8537) is published three times a year.

Three parts form a volume. The subscription price (excluding VAT) of volume 35, 1994 (which includes postage) is £61.00 (US \$111.00 in the USA, Canada and Mexico) for institutions; £33.00 (US \$57.00 in the USA, Canada and Mexico) for individuals and £26 (US \$46 in the USA, Canada and Mexico) for students ordering direct from the Press and certifying that the Journal is for their own personal use. Single parts £22.00 net (US \$38.00 in the USA, Canada and Mexico). EU subscribers (outside the UK) who are not registered for VAT should add VAT at their country's rate. VAT registered subscribers should provide their VAT registration number.

Orders, which must be accompanied by payment, may be sent to a bookseller or to the publisher: Cambridge University Press, The Edinburgh Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 2RU; or in the USA, Canada and Mexico, to Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011–4211. Japanese prices for institutions (including ASP delivery) are available from Kinokuniya Company Ltd, P.O. Box 55, Chitose, Tokyo. Copies of the Journal for subscribers in the USA, Canada and Mexico are sent by air to New York to arrive with minimum delay. Second class postage paid at New York, NY, and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: send address changes in USA, Canada and Mexico to *The Journal of African History*, Cambridge University Press, 110 Midland Avenue, Port Chester, New York, NY 10573–4930.

### COPYING

This Journal is registered with the Copyright Clearance Center, 222 Rosewood Drive, Danvers, MA 01923. Organizations in the USA who are also registered with C.C.C. may therefore copy material (beyond the limits permitted by sections 107 and 108 of US copyright law) subject to payment to C.C.C. of the per-copy fee of \$05.00. This consent does not extend to multiple copying for promotional or commercial purposes. Code 0021-8537/94 \$05.00+.00.

ISI Tear Sheet Service, 3501 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA, is authorized to supply single copies of separate articles for private use only.

Organizations authorized by the Copyright Licensing Agency may also copy material subject to the usual conditions.

For all other use, permission should be sought from Cambridge or the American Branch of Cambridge University Press.

The Journal is listed in the major relevant abstracting and indexing services worldwide.

# CONTENTS

I A Town Called Dakalajan: The Sunjata Tradition and the Question of Ancient Mali's Capital DAVID C. CONRAD State University of New York - Oswego	2
II Killing Bwana: Peasant Revenge and Political Panic in Early Colonial Ankole	355
JUSTIN WILLIS British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi	379
III Contesting Clothes in Colonial Brazzaville	
PHYLLIS M. MARTIN Indiana University	401
The Historiography of Origins in West Africa	
IV Of Origins and Colonial Order: Southern Nigerian Historians and the 'Hamitic Hypothesis', c. 1870–1970	
PHILIP S. ZACHERNUK York University, Ontario	427
V A Dagara Rebellion against Dagomba Rule? Contested Stories of Origin in North-Western Ghana	
CAROLA LENTZ Free University of Berlin	457
Text-in-Context	
VI Ethiopian Source Material and Colonial Rule in the Nineteenth Century: The Letter to Menilek (1899) by Blatta Gäbrä Egzi'abehēr	
IRMA TADDIA University of Bologna	493
REVIEWS OF BOOKS	
Basil Davidson, The Search for Africa: A History in the Making.	
Hussein M. Adam and Charles Geshekter (eds.), Proceedings of the First	517
International Congress of Somali Studies.  LIDWIEN KAPTEIJNS  James F. Searing, West African Slavery and Atlantic Commerce: The Senegal	518
River Valley, 1700-1860.  George Joffé (ed.), North Africa: Nation, State and Region.	520
JULIA CLANCY-SMITH Alfred Tokollo Moleah, South Africa: Colonialism, Apartheid and African	521
Dispossession.  Michael Twaddle, Kakungulu and the Creation of Uganda, 1868–1928.	522
CHRISTOPHER WRIGLEY Charles Chevenix Trench, Men Who Ruled Kenya: The Kenya Administration	524
1892–1963. CHRISTOPHER P. YOUÉ	525
Terence Ranger and Olufemi Vaughan (eds.), Legitimacy and the State in	
Twentieth-Century Africa. J. F. ADE AJAY1	526
15 AFH	35

# SHORTER NOTICES

Frederick Cooper, Florencia E. Mallon, Steve J. Stern,	Allen F. Isaacman and	
William Roseberry, Confronting Historical Paradigms	: Peasants, Labor and	
the Capitalist World System in Africa and Latin Ame	rica. D.M.A.	528
Lewis Pyenson, Civilizing Mission: Exact Sciences and	French Overseas	
Expansion, 1830-1940.	A. S. KANYA-FORSTNER	529
Henry Munson, Jr., Religion and Power in Morocco.	JULIA CLANCY-SMITH	530
Carol Kerven, Customary Commerce: A Historical Reas	sessment of Pastoral	
Livestock Marketing in Africa.	RICHARD WALLER	530