

## **Curriculum Vitae: Peter Michael Karibe MENDY, Ph.D.**

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### **EDUCATION**

1987 Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science/African Studies, University of Birmingham, UK  
1982 Diploma, Portuguese Language, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal  
1981 Master of Social Science, Political Science/African Studies, University of Birmingham, UK  
1979 Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Keele University, UK  
1978 Bachelor of Arts (Honors), Political Science, Sheffield University, UK

### **Teaching Fields**

- Government and Politics in Africa
- Africa under European Colonial Rule
- Portuguese Colonialism and African Resistance
- Contemporary African History
- Africana Studies
- Applied Development Studies
- International Non-Governmental Organizations Studies

### **Research Fields**

- Civil - Military Relations in Africa
- The Military and Politics in Guinea-Bissau
- War-to-Peace Transitions in Lusophone Africa
- Democratization Processes in Lusophone Africa

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2013 - Present Professor of History/Africana Studies, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI  
2005 - 2013 Associate Professor of History/Africana Studies, Rhode Island College  
2000 - 2005 Assistant Professor of History/Africana Studies, Rhode Island College  
1999 - 2000 Policy Advisor, United Nations Development Programme, Luanda, Angola  
1998 - 1999 Consultant, United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar, Senegal  
1994 - 1998 Director, *Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisa* (National Institute of Studies and Research) / INEP, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau  
1991 - 1994 Deputy Director, INEP, and Coordinator, *Centro de Estudos de História Contemporânea* (Centre for the Study of Contemporary History), Bissau  
1987 - 1991 Social Studies Teacher, Woodrow Wilson School, Boston, Massachusetts

### **PUBLICATIONS**

## **Curriculum Vitae: Peter Michael Karibe MENDY, Ph.D.**

- 2023 *Amilcar Cabral: Um Nacionalista e Pan-Africanista Revolucionário*. Editora Lutas Anticapital, Marília, São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2020 “Amilcar Cabral: The legacy of a ‘simple African’ Revolutionary,” in *Africa is a Country* (The New School online journal), September 12, 2020, <https://africasacountry.com/2020/09/the-legacy-of-a-simple-african-revolutionary>
- 2019 *Amilcar Cabral: A Pan-Africanist Revolutionary*. Athens: Ohio University Press.
- 2013 *Historical Dictionary of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau* (with Richard A. Lobban), Volume 4, Lanham, MD: The Scarecrow Press.
- 2012 “Amílcar Cabral e a Libertação da Guiné-Bissau: Contexto, Desafios e Lições para uma Liderança Africana Efetiva,” in Carlos Lopes (ed.), *Desafios Contemporâneos da África: O Legado de Amílcar Cabral*. São Paulo: Editora UNESP.
- 2011 “The 2005 Presidential Elections in Guinea-Bissau: Challenged Democratization in a Precarious State,” in Abdoulaye Saine, Matt Hounnikpo & Boubacar N’Diaye (eds.) *Elections and Democratization in West Africa, 1990-2009*. Trenton: Africa World Press.
- Preface: Leopoldo Amado, *Guerra Colonial e Guerra de Libertação Nacional, 1950-1974. O Caso da Guiné-Bissau*, Lisbon: Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento.
- 2010 “Amilcar Cabral and the Liberation of Guinea-Bissau: context, challenges and lessons for effective African leadership,” in Carlos Lopes (ed.), *Africa’s Contemporary Challenges: The Legacies of Amilcar Cabral*. London and New York: Routledge.
- 2008 “Law: Lusophone Africa,” in *New Encyclopedia of Africa*, Second Edition, Volume 3, New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons Reference Books
- “Guinea-Bissau: History and Politics,” in *New Encyclopedia of Africa*, Second Edition, Volume 2, New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons Reference Books
- “Guinea-Bissau: Geography and Economy,” in *New Encyclopedia of Africa*, Second Edition, Volume 2, New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons Reference Books
- 2006 Book Review: Jonina Einarsdottir *Tired of Weeping: mother Love, Child Death, and Poverty in Guinea-Bissau*. Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2004, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 39 (1)
- 2005 “Cabral na Guiné-Bissau Colonial: Contexto, Desafios e Conquistas,” in *Cabral no Cruzamento de Épocas*, Praia: Fundação Amilcar Cabral
- 2003 Book Review: Joshua Forest, *Lineages of Fragility: Rural Civil Society in Guinea-Bissau*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 36 (3)

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- “Portugal’s ‘Civilizing Mission’ in Colonial Guinea-Bissau: Rhetoric and Reality, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 36 (1)
- 2002 “Bissau, Guinea-Bissau” (with Richard A. Lobban), in *Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures*, Volume 1, Danbury, CT: Grolier Publishing.
- 2000 “Guinea-Bissau: State Decay and Factional Struggles, 1973-1998,” in Dani W. Nabudere (editor) *Globalisation and the Post-Colonial African State*, Harare, Zimbabwe: AAPS Books
- 1997 *Historical Dictionary of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau* (with Richard A. Lobban), Volume 3, Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press
- “The Emergence of Political Pluralism in Guinea-Bissau,” in F. Koudawo and Peter Karibe Mendy (editors), *Pluralisme Politique en Guinée-Bissau*, Bissau: Edições INEP
- “A relevância do pensamento de Cheikh Anta Diop na Africa lusófona: o caso da Guiné-Bissau,” in *SORONDA, Revista de Estudos Guineense*, Nova Série 1, Volume 1
- 1996 “Guinea-Bissau: The Struggles Continues,” in *Orbit: the global view on today’s world*, Third Quarter, London: Volunteer Service Overseas.
- 1994 *Colonialismo Português em Africa: A Tradição da Resistência na Guiné-Bissau, 1879-1959*, Bissau and Lisbon: Edições INEP/Imprensa Nacional Casa Moeda.
- 1993 “The Tradition of Resistance in Guinea-Bissau: The Portuguese-African Encounter in Cacheu, Bissau and ‘suas dependências’, 1588-1878,” in C. Lopes (editor) *Mansas, Escravos, Grumetes e Gentio: Cacheu na Encruzilhada de Civilizações*, Bissau: Edições INEP.
- “A Herança Colonial e o Desafio da Integração,” in *SORONDA, Revista de Estudos Guineense*, Volume 16.
- 1992 “Conquista Militar da Guiné: da resistência á ‘pacificação’ do Arquipélago dos Bijagós,” in *SORONDA, Revista de Estudos Guineense*, Volume 13.
- 1990 “A Economia Colonial da Guiné-Bissau: ‘Nacionalização’ e Exploração,” in *SORONDA, Revista de Estudos Guineense*, Volume 9.

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS**

- 2021 Remote presentation: “Amilcar Cabral: Giving Life to the Spirit of Frederick Douglass,” to the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Falmouth, MA, July 05, 2020.
- 2020 Remote presentation: “Amilcar Cabral: Life, Legacy, and the Challenges of Leadership and Governance in Guinea-Bissau,” to the Center for African Studies, Howard University, Washington, DC, November 18, 2020.

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Remote presentation: “Amilcar Cabral: Giving Life to the Spirit of Frederick Douglass,” to the Falmouth Cape Verdean Club, Falmouth, MA, August 8, 2020.

Remote presentation: “Guiné-Bissau Pré-Colonial: Sociedades, Presença Portuguesa, Tráfico de Seres Humano e Ambição Imperial Frustrada / Pre-Colonial Guinea-Bissau: Societies, Portuguese Presence, Human Trafficking, and Frustrated Imperial Ambitions (1446-1915),” to the Seminar of the Amilcar Cabral African Youth (JAAC), Guinea-Bissau, May 31, 2020.

Remote presentation: “25 de Maio de 1963: O Pan-africanismo num ponto de viragem crítico. Conquistas e desafios para a unificação da África / 25 May 1963: Pan-Africanism at a Critical Turning Point. Achievements and Challenges for the Unification of Africa,” to the XII Seminar of the Afro-Brazilian Studies Nucleus, Universidade Federal do Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS), Brazil, May 25, 2020.

Presentation: “Amilcar Cabral: Profile of a Visionary Leader and Activist Intellectual” to the Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Falmouth, MA, February 29, 2020

Book presentation and panel discussion of published book *Amilcar Cabral: A Nationalist and Pan-Africanist Revolution*, Cape Verdean American Community Development, Pawtucket, RI, February 8, 2020

2019 Book Launch presentation: *Amilcar Cabral: A Nationalist and Pan-Africanist Revolutionary*, Rhode Island College, Gaige Hall 200, September 12, 2019.

Interviewed (October 10, 2019) by Saeed Husaini of the *Jacobin* magazine, later published as “The Socialist Agronomist Who Helped End Portuguese Colonialism,” October 18, 2019 issue.

Presentation: “Amilcar Cabral: Sketching a Biographic profile of an African Revolutionary,” Rhode Island College History Department Colloquium, Lincoln, RI, October 19, 2019.

Interviewed (November 6, 2019) by David Love of the *Atlanta Black Star* magazine, later published as “Amilcar Cabral, the African Engineer and Revolutionary Who Brought Portuguese Colonizers to Their Knees,” November 14, 2019 issue.

2018 Distinguished Lecturer Presentation: “Guinea-Bissau: State Fragility and International Drug Trafficking,” *Africa Awareness Week*, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA, March 30, 2018.

2014 Keynote Address: “Education for Freedom and Development,” Jurarim Organization for Youth Excellence, Dallas, TX, 8 November 2014

Presentation: “China in Africa: A Historical Perspective,” *Forum on Sino-African Relations in Cape Verde*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 9 October 2014

Graduate Seminar Presentation: “Amilcar: The Question of Liberation in the 21st Century,” Political Science Dept., University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, 15 May 2014

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Keynote Address: “Democracy in Disarray: Challenges, Lessons, and the Prospects of Democratization in Guinea-Bissau,” *Africa Speaks Lecture*, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, 14 May 2014

Keynote Address: “Post-Independence Lusophone Africa: Societies, Cultures, and Literatures,” *Portuguese Honor Society Lecture*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 9 April 2014

2013 Presentation: “The Radio in Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa.” *Rhode Island College Department of Communication Seminar*, Providence, RI, 19 November 2013.

2011 Presentation: “Conflict, Conflict Resolution and the Radio in Post-Independence Guinea-Bissau.” *Pro Dignitate International Seminar on Radios, Peace and Development*, Lisbon, Portugal, 28-29 October 2011

Presentation: “African Responses to European Colonization: Comparative Perspectives of British, French and Portuguese Colonialisms.” *Seminar on Africa in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries: Colonialism, Independence and Legacies*, Primary Source, Watertown, MA, 2 August 2011.

Presentation: “Ballots and Bullets: Democratization and the Military in Guinea-Bissau, 1990-2000.” *Georgetown University Lusophone Africa Conference*, Washington, DC, 27-28 January 2011.

2010 Presentation: “Guinea-Bissau: Historical Context and Legacies.” *Institute For Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies/Pro Dignitate Foundation Conference*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 24 September 2010.

2009 Panelist: “History, Memory and Violence.” *Brown University Africana Studies Department Symposium*, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 24 April 2009.

Presentation: “International Non-Governmental Organizations in the World System: Issues and Challenges.” *The World System Riter Seminar*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 20 April 2009.

Presentation: “HIV/AIDS in Africa: A Continent Endangered.” *Dialogue on Diversity Workshop*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 8 April 2009.

Presentation: “Contemporary Africa: Beyond Myth and Mystification. Challenges and Potentials.” Lecture presented at School of Social Work, Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts, 27 March 2009.

Presentation: “Africa in the Inter-War Years: Economic Crisis and War.” *The World System Riter Seminar*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 20 March 2009.

Presentation: “Africa and the World System in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries: Colonialism and Independence, Development, Decay and Renaissance.” *The World System Riter Seminar*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 13 February 2009

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- 2008      Participation: *Conference on the State of the African Diaspora*, Southampton, Bermuda, 20-23 November 2008.
- Presentation: “Democracy on Stage: The 2005 Presidential Elections in Guinea-Bissau.” *Conference on Democracy, Democratization and Elections in West Africa*, Miami University, Oxford, 10-11 April 2008.
- Participation: *49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, San Francisco, CA, 26-29 March 2008.
- Moderator: Panel discussion on “Overviews of Labor Rights and Human Rights.” *International Conference on Labor Rights and Human Rights*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 20-21 March 2008.
- Presentation: “Africa and the World System Through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Connections and Transformations.” *The World System Riter Seminar*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 15 February 2008.
- 2007      Presentation: “Guinea-Bissau: Politics, Society and Culture.” *Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies International Conference*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 25 April 2007.
- Presentation: “What are International Non-Governmental Organizations? An Overview.” *International Conference on International NGOs and Community Development*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 29-30 March 2007.
- 2006      Presentation: “Post-Independence Lusophone Africa: State, Society and Language.” *Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies Inaugural Conference*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 21 October 2006.
- 2005      Moderator: Panel discussion on “Lessons Learned: How can we prevent such atrocities?” Rhode Island College/African Alliance of Rhode Island *Conference on Genocide in Africa: Rwanda – A Case Study*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, 3 November 2005.
- Moderator: Panel discussion on “Understanding Darfur,” *Conference on Darfur Genocide: Bringing the Crisis into Public Consciousness*, Brown University, Providence, RI, 30 April – 2 May 2005.
- Presentation: “1965 Turning Point: Liberation Struggles, Cold War Battlefields, and the US Civil Rights Movement.” *Annual Conference of the National Council for History Education*, Pittsburg, PA, 21-23 April 2005.
- 2004      Presentation: “Amilcar Cabral and the Liberation of Guinea-Bissau: Context, Challenges and Lessons for Effective African Leadership.” *Amilcar Cabral Symposium*, Praia, Cape Verde, 9-12 September 2004.
- Presentation: “Guinea-Bissau and the Subversion of Constitutional Order: Lessons Learned.” *United Nations Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Africa*, The United Nations, New York, 7 June 2004.
- 2002      Presentation: “Cold War Battlefields of the Seventies and Their Consequences: The African

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Theater.” Workshop, *The US on the World Stage: Teaching Post-World War II History in the Secondary Classroom. The United States in the Aftermath of Vietnam*, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, 25-26 October 2002.

Presentation: “Portugal’s Missão Civilizadora in Guiné Portuguesa: Myth and Realities.” *International Conference. Portuguese/African Encounters: An Interdisciplinary Congress*, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 26-29 April 2002.

Presentation: “Vietnam, the Civil Rights Movement and African Nationalism.” *Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians*, Washington, DC, 13 April 2002.

2001 Presentation: “The United Nations Development Agencies in Angola: The Issues and Challenges of a War-Torn Country.” *Watson Institute for International Studies Lecture Series*, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 27 April 2001.

2000 Presentation: “United Nations Peace-Keeping in Africa: Constraints and Challenges.” *Washington University/University of Missouri African Studies Lecture Series*, St Louis, Missouri, 1 November 2000.

1998 Presentation: “Guinea-Bissau: State Decay and Factional Struggles, 1973-1998.” 25th Anniversary of the African Association of Political Science Conference, *The African Renaissance and the Challenge of Globalization*, Pointes-aux-Piments, Mauritius, 2-3 October 1998.

Presentation: “Political Transformation in Guinea-Bissau: The Appearance of Multipartyism.” *International Conference on Africa and Globalization: Towards the Millennium*, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, England, 24-27 April 1998.

1995 Presentation: “Human Resources Development in Guinea-Bissau.” *International Seminar on Higher Education and Development in Africa*, Nairobi, Kenya, 26 November-2 Dec. 1995

1994 Presentation: “Guinea-Bissau: Economic Development Experience, 1973-1993.” *International Seminar on the Development Experience of Taiwan*, Taipei, Taiwan, 14-17 March 1994.

1993 Presentation: “Colonial Heritage and The Challenge of Integration: The Experience of Guinea-Bissau.” *International Conference on West African Integration*, Dakar, Senegal, 11-15 January 1993.

1992 Presentation: “The Tradition of Resistance in Guinea-Bissau.” *International Seminar on African History*, University of Munich, Munich, Germany, 14 July 1992.

1991 Presentation: “Perturbação da *Pax Lusitana*: Resistência Passiva na Guiné ‘Portuguesa’ durante os primeiros anos de *Estado Novo*.” *International Colloquium on The Social Sciences in Lusophone Africa: The Portuguese Colonial System, 1930-1974*, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, 19-25 November 1991.

## **HONORS/RECOGNITIONS**

2014 Citation: “Recognition for Contributions in the Area of Education in Rhode Island,” Mayor of the City of Providence.

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- 2010 Certificate of Appreciation for “Valuable Contribution Rendered to the Bissau-Guinean Community in the United States.”
- 2007 Rhode Island College Unity Center Award “In Recognition of Exemplary Leadership and Multi-Cultural Understanding”
- Certificate of Appreciation for “Creating Consciousness of the African Diaspora,” Rhode Island College Unity Center
- 2006 Certificate of Appreciation for Notable Service to the Rhode Island College Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies
- 2005 Certificate of Appreciation for “Outstanding Contribution toward the Promotion of History in School and Society”, National Council for History Education
- 1991 Teacher of the Year Award for “Dedication and Service to the Students of the Boston Public Schools,” Woodrow Wilson School, Boston, MA

### **COLLEGE SERVICE**

- 2011- 2012 Member, College Lectures Committee
- 2009-Present Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies
- 2007-2011 Co-Director, International Non-Governmental Organizations Studies Program
- 2006-2008 Member, Racial Understanding Sub-Committee of the Committee on Human Relations
- 2005-2007 Rhode Island College Curriculum Committee
- 2005-2007 Member, Council of Rhode Island College
- 2005-2007 Member, Bye-Laws Sub-Committee of the Council of Rhode Island College
- 2005-2006 Co-Chair, Promising Practices Multicultural Conference
- 2004-2005 Co-Chair, Promising Practices Multicultural Conference
- 2003-2008 Advisor, Organization of African Students and Professionals in America, RIC
- 2001-Present Member, Dialogue on Diversity [and Inclusion] Committee
- 2001-Present Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Africana Studies Program

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2020-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Gambia Journal of Humanities and Social Science*
- 2014-Present Honorary Member, *Sigma Chapter of Phi Lambda Beta, National Portuguese Honor Society*
- 2014-Present Member, *Alpha Beta Epsilon Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society*
- 2014-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Leadership and Management*
- 2011-Present Member, Board of Advisors, *Amilcar Cabral Institute of Economic and Political Research*
- 2009-Present Member, Academic Advisory Board, *Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies*



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2003-Present	Member, <i>Lusophone African Studies Organization</i>
2000-Present	Member, <i>African Studies Association</i>
2006-2010	Member, United Nations, <i>Development Programme Working Group on Governance, Democracy and Human Rights in Africa</i>
1997-2000	Member, Executive Committee, <i>African Association of Political Science</i>
1996-1998	Member, Editorial Board, <i>African Journal of Political Science</i>
1995-1998	Member, Editorial Board, <i>SORONDA, Revista de Estudos Guineense</i>
1994-1998	Founder-Member and First President, <i>Guinea-Bissau Association of Political Science</i>
1992-Present	Member, <i>Council for the Development of Economic and Social Science Research in Africa</i>

### **LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES**

*Manjaco* (spoken in Guinea-Bissau/Senegal/Gambia) – **fluent** (mother tongue)

*Crioulu* (spoken in Guinea-Bissau/Cape Verde/Senegal) - **fluent**

*Wolof* (spoken in Gambia/Senegal/Mauretania) – **fluent**

*Mandinka* (spoken in Gambia/Senegal/Mali/Guinea-Bissau/Guinea-Conakry/Sierra Leone/Liberia) -**Fair**

*English* – **excellent, written and spoken**

*Portuguese* - **Good, written and spoken**

*French* – **Fair, written and spoken**