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She is currently President of the International Association for the History of Religions (from 2005-10), for which she travels extensively. She is frequently consulted by government, development, and media organizations on religious conflict in Nigeria, the war in Northern Uganda, and the rise of Pentecostalism in Africa and beyond.

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