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anthropology**

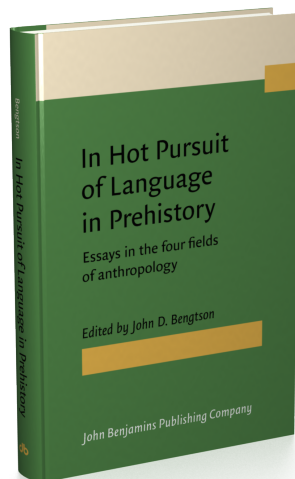
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Field research

1. 1957–60 Ethiopia, especially provinces of Wallega, Kafa, Sidamo, and Gemu-Gofa. Initially coffee plantations were studied *vis-à-vis* culture change in peasantry (major adviser, Sidney Mintz). Remainder of research consisted of linguistic and ethnographic surveys. In the summer of 1960, on the way home, another survey trip was made to Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Congo, and Rwanda.
2. 1971–72 Ethiopia. Primarily ethnographic field research on the Dime of Gemu-Gofa, supplemented importantly by linguistic work on several selected languages of Gemu-Gofa and Kafa. The latter was necessitated by a war which raged around Dime for the whole year.
3. 1989–90 Ethiopia. Linguistic field research. Goals to fill out the parameters of the Omotic group of languages. Restrictions on travel due to war-time conditions in Ethiopia generally. Varying amounts of data, from very much to small amounts of supplementary data on selected aspects, were gathered on Diddesa Mao, Adikas and Jeba dialects of Dizi, Shinasha of Dangur, Hamar, Oyda, Ganjule, Gat'ame or Haruro, Shako, Chara, Gimira, Janjero, and Ongota (Birale). Time was also spent ascertaining that several languages were no longer spoken, to wit, Mesmes, Galila of Lake Wonchi, Garo or Boxa.

Library research, major and unpublished

1966–68 Prepared a general ethnology course on greater (British) India, participated in the informal “Harvard Lunch Group on Indology,” read and discussed India with a number of colleagues, reviewed the literature on Himalayan language classification, made new classifications of Indian languages. Prepared grant applications for field research in Uttar Pradesh, Nepal and Maharashtra. All successful up to the point of getting research cooperation from Indian colleagues.¹

1. Washed out by the “Berreman affair,” i.e., alarm among Indian academics that anthropologists from the USA might be CIA agents and the subsequent insertion of this into Indian national electoral politics. So I refocused research energies on Africa and the Middle East. Still much of this South Asian research later re-surfaced in ASLIP publications [HCF].

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