Emily Williamson Ibrahim

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Boston University, Anthropology, August 2022

Dissertation: Folded Speech: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo

MS.Arch. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, June 2014

Thesis: Understanding the Zongo: Socio-Spatial Processes of Marginalization in Ghana

M.Arch. University of Virginia, Architecture, May 2009

Thesis: Zongo: Water Infrastructure and Public Life

B.A. Colby College, Major: Art with a concentration in Art History, minor: education

graduated with honorary distinction, June 2004

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Linguistics and Communication, Storytelling, Material Worlds, Geography, Art and Design, Urban Anthropology, Strangerhood, Islam, Morality and Ethics, Play Theory, Imagination, Digital Cultures, Personhood, Emotions, Existentialism, Phenomenology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-present	Kenyon College, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology ANTH 113, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, ANTH 391, Living Language: An Invitation to Linguistic Anthropology
2023	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology ANTH 122b, We Are All Ears: The Power, Politics and Ethics of Storytelling, Graduate and Undergraduate, Original Course Design, Solo-Taught, Faculty, Spring.
2023	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology ANTH 158a, Urban Worlds, Undergraduate, Original Course Design, Solo-Taught, Faculty, Spring.
2023	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology ANTH 230A, Readings and Research in Anthropology, Advisor and Reader for Graduate Theses.
2023	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology IIM 98B-2, Independent Study, Advisor Undergraduate Independent Study.
2022	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology ANTH 81a, Conducting Ethnographic Fieldwork, Undergraduate, Original Course Design, Faculty, Solo-Taught, Fall.
2022	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology ANTH 81a, Advanced Ethnographic Methods, Graduate, Original Course Design, Faculty, Solo-Taught, Fall.
2022	Brandeis University, Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Anthropology ANTH 138a, Digital Cultures, Graduate and Undergraduate, Original Course Design, Faculty, Solo-Taught, Fall.

2021	Boston University, Preparation Course (WR698) for Teaching Writing (goals, content, and method)
2021	Boston University, Department of Anthropology AN101 Introduction to Anthropology, Undergraduate, Head Teaching Fellow, Spring.
2020	Boston University, Department of Anthropology AN101 Introduction to Anthropology, Undergraduate, Head Teaching Fellow, Fall.
2020	Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture LDAR 223G Urban Contexts, Graduate, Co-Taught, Faculty, Spring.
2020	Boston University, Department of Anthropology AN260 Sex and Gender in Anthropological Perspective, Undergraduate, Teaching Fellow, Spring.
2019	ZSP Storytelling Workshop, Nima-Maamobi Community Library, Ghana Ages 7-16, Lead Teacher and Curriculum Designer, Fall.
2015	Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture LDAR 223G Cultural Geography, Graduate, Co-Taught, Faculty, Spring.
2015	Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture LDAR 6951G Landscape Architecture Thesis, Graduate, Co-Taught, Faculty Advisor, Spring.
2015	Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture LDAR217G Research Methods for Design, Graduate, Co-Taught, Faculty, Winter.
2012	University of Virginia, Department of Architecture Community as Classroom: Urban Studies and Service Learning in Cape Coast Ghana, Graduate,

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

"Understanding the Zongo: Socio-Spatial Processes of Marginalization in Ghana." In *The African Metropolis: Struggles Over Urban Space, Citizenship, and Rights to the City,* edited by Toyin Falola and Bisola Falola. New York: Routledge Press, 2017. (Editorial Review)

Journal Articles

- "Reflections on 'Gizo-Gizo: A Tale from the Zongo Lagoon'." *African Studies Center Newsletter*, July 2017. Boston University, African Studies Center.
- "What is the Point? A Response to Edward Eigen's 'Anaglyptography and the Phthisiophobic Imagination." XS, An MIT Department of Architecture Publication. (Winter 2013) 1-4.
- "Architecture as a Social Art with Civic Purpose." University of Virginia Colonnade, 2012.
- "Zongo: Water Infrastructure and Public Life: Forming a Sustainable Informal Settlement in Cape Coast, Ghana." The University of Chicago Art Journal, (2010) 88-102. (Editorial Review)
- "Inhabiting the Watershed." Lunch, a Publication by The University of Virginia School of Architecture, 2009.

Book Reviews

"Review of Swahili Port Cities: The Architecture of Elsewhere", by Prita Meier. H-AMCA: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, 2017.

Project Reports

- "Zongo Water Project: Phase 3." Pamphlet. Blurb Online Publishing, 2014.
- "Zongo Water Project: Phase 2." Pamphlet. Blurb Online Publishing, 2013.
- "Zongo Water Project: Phase 1." Pamphlet. Blurb Online Publishing, 2012.

Books

Southwest DC, Studio 27 Architecture. Self-Published by Studio 27 Architecture, 2012.

Note: This book was a collaborative firm effort. Emily Williamson played a lead design and writing role.

Children's Books

Gizo-Gizo: A Tale from the Zongo Lagoon. Accra, Ghana: Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2016.

Digital Databases

Disaster Risk Management Initiative Knowledge Bank for Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Nepal, and Kyrgyzstan, by James Wescoat, Emily Williamson, and Hala Malik. https://archnet.org/collections/667/details, Arch-net, 2014.

Drawings

Book Cover Design: Opting Out: Women Messing with Marriage Around the World. Edited by Joanna Davidson and Dinah Hannaford. Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers Press, 2022.

Two Drawings in: The Palgrave Handbook of Islam in Africa. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

Works In-Progress

Book: Folded Speech: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo (tentative title). Considering presses such as Duke's Material Worlds Series, Princeton University Press, or De Gruyter Academic Publishing.

Journal Article: The Fly Bites at My Sores: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo. Note: Preparing for submission to journals.

Global Digital Literacies Project. A partnership between the Zongo Story Project and Boston University's K-16 Education Outreach Program, Pardee of Global Studies, and African Studies Center.

Book Anthology (editor): We Are All Ears. Note: This book is a collaborative effort. Emily is the editor and was primary teacher and curriculum designer for the project. Preparing for submission to an interactive digital press that focuses on K-12 education.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants 2022-2026	Global Literacy Exchange Program with the Zongo Story Project, Title VI Funding Grant Boston University, African Studies Center, Awarded in August.
2021-2022	Urban Research Award Boston University Initiative on Cities, Awarded in May.
2020	Graduate Arts Research Grant Boston University Arts Initiative, Awarded in May.
2019-2020	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Grant United States Department of Education, Awarded in November.
2018-2020	Hariri Institute Digital Software Development Grant Boston University, Awarded in January.
2018	Muslim Studies Grant Pardee School of Global Studies & Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations Boston University, Awarded in April.
2014	Aga Khan Program of Islamic Architecture Travel Grant Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in March.
2013	Harold Horowitz Travel Grant in Architecture Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in April.

2008	Carter G. Woodson African Studies Grant University of Virginia, Awarded in May.
Fellowships	
2021-2022	Cora Du Bois Dissertation Writing Fellowship Harvard University, Awarded in July.
2021-2022	Center for Humanities Dissertation Writing Fellowship Boston University, Awarded in May.
2021-2022	Graduate Writing Fellowship (GWF) Boston University, Awarded in December.
2018-2019	Long-Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (GRAF) Boston University, Awarded in December.
2017-2018	Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs Colloquium (CURA) Fellowship Boston University, Awarded in April.
2017	Communities Engaging with Difference and Religion Research Fellowship Boston University, Awarded in December.
2017-2018	Foreign Language and Area Studies Annual Fellowship (FLAS) The United States Department of Education, Boston University, Awarded in April.
2017	Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship (FLAS) The United States Department of Education, Boston University, Awarded in April.
2016	Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship (FLAS) The United States Department of Education, University of Florida, Awarded in April.
2016	Short-Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (GRAF) Boston University, Awarded in March.
2016-2017	Foreign Language and Area Studies Annual Fellowship (FLAS) The United States Department of Education, Boston University, Awarded in April.
2015-2016	Foreign Language and Area Studies Annual Fellowship (FLAS) The United States Department of Education, Boston University, Awarded in April.
2014	Public Service Fellowship Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in April.
2013	Shangri-La PhD Workshop Fellowship University of California, Berkeley and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in February.
2013	Environmental Governance and Sustainability Fellowship Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in April.
2013	Public Service Fellowship Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in April.
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Awards 2019	Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Book Club for "Gizo-Gizo!" United Nations, Awarded in November.
2017	Children's Africana Book Award - Best Children's Book for Young Readers African Studies Association, Awarded in November.

2014	Master of Science in Architecture Studies Prize for Thesis Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in June.
2009	University of Virginia School Medal American Institute of Architects, Awarded in May.
2009	Henry Adams Award, Fund for Excellence in Architecture American Institute of Architects, Awarded in May.
2009	Faculty of Architecture Award for Design Excellence University of Virginia, Awarded in May.
2009	International AECOM Architecture Competition Finalist, AECOM Architecture, Awarded in May.
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Scholarships

2015-2022 Dean's Merit-Based Scholarship

Boston University, Awarded annually in June.

Aga Khan Merit Based Scholarship 2013-2014

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in March.

2012-2013 Aga Khan Merit Based Scholarship

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Awarded in January.

Certificates

2022 Graduate Certificate in African Studies,

Boston University, Awarded in August

Intensive Remote Teaching Training 2020

Boston University, Received in July.

2018 Advanced Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training

Boston University, Received in March.

Completion of Architecture Intern Development Program Certificate 2014

National Council of Architectural Registration Board, Received in September.

2009 Certificate of Merit in Architecture

University of Virginia, Received in May.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016-present Non-Profit Co-Founder, Co-Director, and Teacher - Zongo Story Project, Accra, Ghana

> Using story as the primary learning and teaching tool, ZSP strives to elevate proficiencies in oral, written, and visual forms of literacy, promote local knowledge building, culturally appropriate content, and

encourage critical thinking and creativity.

2015 Architecture and Graphic Design Consultant, Cambridge, MA

> Designed graphics and websites for architecture firms; Collaborated with architecture firms on design competitions and a range of residential and institutional architecture projects; Worked with non-profits in the United States, Ghana, Peru, and Haiti on community-based design, urban planning, and landscape

heritage & preservation projects.

2012-2015 Researcher - Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

> Carried out a comprehensive, systematic literature review for community disaster relief in South Asia; Working with Professor James Wescoat and Hala Malik, developed a public searchable database on Disaster Risk Management for Arch-net and the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture; Created Maps and other graphic materials for publications and presentations; Researched and wrote about the history of the Emerald Necklace. Emily Williamson Ibrahim 5

2009-2012 Project Manager and Designer - Studio 27 Architecture, Washington, DC

Organized, designed, and led architecture projects at various scales and of different typologies (e.g. large renovations for: Gallaudet University, "The Artisphere" – Arlington VA's Art Center, United States Forest Service, and KIPP Charter Schools). Researched, designed, and proposed various urban plans, landscapes and buildings for architecture competition entries; Designed firm's self-published research pamphlet "Fragments"; Collaborated with colleagues on the design, layout, and publication of "Southwest, DC," a firm publication about Washington DC's urban history and proposals for the future.

2008 Designer - SmithGroup JJR, Washington, DC

Researched, designed and presented architectural and urban project proposals for competition entries. Presentation boards included: historical urban research, concept and environmental diagrams, 3D renderings, zoning and program distribution analysis, zoning and building code research.

2004-2006 Designer - Treacy and Eagleburger Architects, Washington, DC

Surveyed and drew existing building conditions; Helped design and draw proposed plans, sections, and details; Conducted code and zoning research; Managed internal office organization; Organized an architectural materials library; created graphic marketing materials.

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, & EXHIBITIONS

Invited Talks	
2023	Boston University. <i>Socio-Spatial Mapping</i> . AN 101: Introduction to Anthropology. Boston, MA. March.
2023	Kenyon College. Folded Speech: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo, February.
2023	Kenyon College. An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, February.
2022	Boston University. <i>Socio-Spatial Mapping</i> . AN 101: Introduction to Anthropology. Boston, MA. November.
2022	Boston University. Ethnographic Methods. Professionalization Series. Department of Anthropology, November.
2022	Boston University. Folded Speech: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo. Rodney Lecture Series, African Studies Center, December - October.
2022	Brandeis University. Folded Speech: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo. Annual Saler Lecture, Department of Anthropology, September.
2022	Boston University. "The Housefty Bites at My Sores." Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, April.
2022	University of Maryland. Folded Speech: An Ethics of Comings-and-Goings in an Accra Zongo. School of Architecture, Planning, & Preservation. February - February.
2021	University of Maryland. <i>Islamic Settlements of West Africa</i> . ARCH 428L: <i>Islam in Africa: Architecture and Culture</i> . School of Architecture, Planning, & Preservation. December.
2021	Boston University. <i>Socio-Spatial Mapping</i> . AN 101: Introduction to Anthropology. Boston, MA. October.
2021	Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies. We Are All Ears: Storytelling, Science, and Sense of Place. Centering Africa in STEAM Education: A Workshop for Elementary - High School Educators. October.
2021	Boston University. Sensing Place. AN 220: Urban Anthropology. Boston, MA. March.
2021	Wentworth Institute of Technology. Remember Your Grave. ARCH 9700 Storytelling and Architecture. February.

2020	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Negotiating Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo. Aga Khan Program in Islamic Architecture, "An Evening with" Lecture Series. November.
2020 2020	Boston University. Socio-Spatial Mapping. AN 101: Introduction to Anthropology. October. Boston's Jewish Community Day School. Zongo Story Project Storytelling Workshop. January.
2017	United States Library of Congress. <i>Gizo-Gizo, A Tale from the Zongo Lagoon</i> . Washington, DC, November.
2014	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Community-Based Design and Cultural Landscapes. Cambridge, MA, March.
2014	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. <i>Community, Urban Design, and Planning in Ghana</i> . Global Sustainability Group. Cambridge, MA, February.
2013	Rhode Island School of Design. Zongo Water Project. Providence, RI, October.
2013	Boston Architectural College. Sustainable Design Strategies. Boston, MA, November.
2012	University of Pennsylvania. Community Planning and Design Initiatives in Ghana. Philadelphia, PA, November.
2012	University of Virginia. Zongo Water Project. Charlottesville, VA, March.
2012	University of Virginia. Community as Classroom in Ghana. Charlottesville, VA, February.
Conference Pr	resentations and Organization
2023	African Studies Association Conference Roundtable Organizer for: Creating Presence for Children: Reflections on a Virtual Storytelling Exchange Between young writers in Ghana and the United States
2022	American Anthropological Association. Panel Organizer for: Negotiating Uncertainty: Unsettling the Anthropology of Religion, Ethics, and Morality. Paper entitled: The Housefly Bites at My Sores: A Semiotics of Uncertainty in an Accra Zongo.
2021	African Studies Association Conference Panel: <i>Imagining Otherwise</i> . Paper entitled: <i>Folded Speech: An Ethics of Comings-and-Goings in an Accra Zongo</i> . November.
2020	African Studies Association Conference Panel: Life on the Cusp: Imagining the Future in Urban and Rural Accra. Paper entitled: Remember Your Grave. Washington, DC. November.
2019	Ghana Studies Association Conference. Because We Can Never Know Tomorrow: Picturing and Performing Protection in Nima, Accra. University of Ghana – Legon. Accra, Ghana. July.
2017	African Studies Graduate Student Conference. Boston University. Singing Discomfort: Living Together Differently in Nima-Accra, Ghana. Boston, MA, April.
2015	Annual Africa Conference. Understanding the Zongo. University of Texas, Austin.
2013	The Right to Architecture Symposium, Zongo: The Right to Architecture. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA, April.
Interviews	
2017	Washington Post. Interview about Gizo-Gizo: A Tale from the Zongo Lagoon and the Zongo Story Project. Washington, DC, November.
2017	City 97FM Ghana. Interview about the Zongo Story Project. Accra, Ghana, August.
Exhibitions	

Boston University Arts Initiative Gallery. Online & Physical Exhibition.

2021

2020 Illustrating Anthropology, Royal Anthropological Institute. Online & Physical Exhibition. Open Eye Gallery in Liverpool in November 2020 as part of the National Being Human Festival of the Humanities. (A week-long exhibition at Bloc Projects in Sheffield planned for after the pandemic.) Hydro-City International Traveling Exhibition, Zongo Water Project. October-May. 2010-2011 World Architecture Festival, Zongo Water Project. Barcelona, Spain, January. 2010 2009 City of Charlottesville Community Design Center, Watersheds. September. **Invited Design Critic** 2021 Rhode Island School of Design Graduate Landscape Architecture Studio, Providence, RI. 2017 Wentworth Institute of Technology, Graduate Architecture Studio, Boston, MA. 2017 Wentworth Institute of Technology Undergraduate Architecture Studio, Boston, MA. 2015 Rhode Island School of Design Graduate Landscape Architecture Studio, Providence, RI. 2015 Phillips-Andover Academy High School Architecture Studio, Andover, MA. 2014 Wentworth Institute of Technology Graduate Architecture Studio, Boston, MA. Rhode Island School of Design 2014 Graduate Landscape Architecture Studio, Providence, RI. 2014 Northeastern University Graduate Urban Planning and Design Studio, Boston, MA. 2013 Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Water and Landscape Systems Studio, Cambridge, MA. 2013 Phillips-Andover Academy High School Architecture Studio Critic, Andover, MA. Boston Architectural College 2013 Graduate Architecture Studio, Boston, MA. University of Virginia 2012 Graduate Landscape and Architecture Studio, Charlottesville, VA. 2012 National Building Museum Community-Based Design Charrette, Washington, DC.

LANGUAGES

2012

English Native

Hausa Advanced spoken and written; Language spoken at home

Graduate Architecture Studio, Boston, MA.

Boston Architectural College

French Beginner spoken and written

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Accra.	Ghana

2023 Anthropology Field Research, June 18-July 19 (1 month)

Topics included: Creative Communication, Strangerhood, Islam, Storytelling, Values and Ethics

2018-2020 Anthropology Dissertation Field Research, Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Scholar,

January 2019-2020 (12 months); Long-Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellow (GRAF) and Muslim

Studies Fellow, July 2018-January 2019 (6 months)

Topics included: Belonging, Islam, Strangerhood, Place, Mobility, Personhood, Storytelling, Material World

2017 Hausa Language Training and Pilot Research for Dissertation, Area Studies Summer Fellowship

(FLAS), June-August

Topics included: Hausa Language with Ghanaian Dialects, Belonging, Islam, Strangerhood, Place, Mobility,

Personhood, Storytelling

2016 Pilot Research for Dissertation, Short-Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (GRAF), August.

Topics Included: Hausa Language with Ghanaian Dialects, Belonging, Islam, Strangerhood, Place, Mobility,

Personhood, Storytelling

2002 Teaching English, Love Preparatory School in Accra, June-August

Topics included: Storytelling

Cape Coast, Ghana

2014 Community Planning and Design, MIT Public Service Fellowship, June - August

Topics included: Storytelling, Islam, Water Infrastructure, Urban Planning, Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Strategies, Micro-Finance Workshops

2014 Historical Socio-Spatial Research, MIT Aga Khan Travel Grant, January

Topics included: Zongo Histories, Islam, Geographies of Power and Culture, Marginalization

2012 Community Planning and Design, University of Virginia Teaching Fellowship, Summer

Topics included: Cape Coast History, Fante Ethnic Group Culture, Zongo Culture, Islam, Urban Planning

and Policy, Community-Based Design, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Urban Design, Life Histories

2008 Community Planning and Design, University of Virginia Carter G. Woodson

African Studies Grant, October

Topics included: Zongo Culture, Islam, Architecture, Landscape Design,

Mapping and Surveying

2008 Community Planning and Design University of Virginia Architecture Study

Abroad Program, June-July

Topics included: Cape Coast History, Fante Ethnic Group Culture, Zongo Culture, Islam, Urban Planning and Policy, Community-Based Design, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Urban Design, Life Histories

Kumasi, Ghana

2014 Asante Traditional Building Research, World Monuments Fund; January

Topics included: Asante Traditional Buildings, Tourism, Historic Landscape Preservation, Life Histories, Mapping and Surveying of Buildings, Interviews

Ghana and Burkina Faso

2013 Historical Socio-Spatial Research MIT Public Service Fellowship; MIT Environmental Governance

and Sustainability Fellowship; MIT Harold Horowitz Travel Grant in Architecture, June - August Topics included: Zongo Life Histories, Islam, Geographies of Power and Culture, Marginalization

Uganda

2017 Refugees: Strangers as Neighbors Program Communities Engaging with Difference and Religion

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (ASA), Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)

African Studies Association (ASA)

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Ghana Studies Association (GSA)

Nigeria Studies Association (NSA)

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2021	Fulbright Program for Masters and Doctoral Students from Ghana, Applicant Reviewer
2021	Works-in-Progress Graduate Speaker Series, Coordinator
2019	MIT Priscilla King Public Service Center, Applicant Reviewer
2017-2018	Boston University Graduate Student Organization, Representative for Anthropology
2017-2018	Boston University African Studies Graduate Student Conference, Lead Conference Organizer
2010-2015	University of Virginia Architecture Young Alumni Council, Boston Area Representative

ART & DESIGN

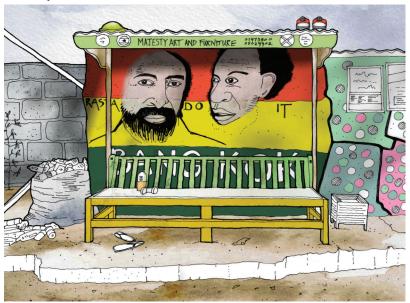
For more work samples, please see my website at www.emilywilliamsonibrahim.com. Portfolio available upon request.



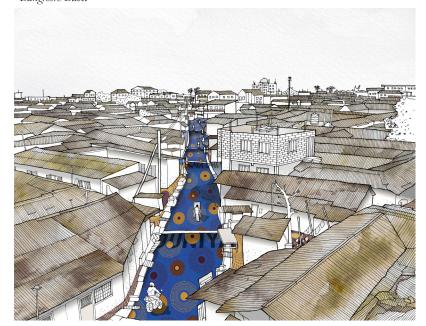




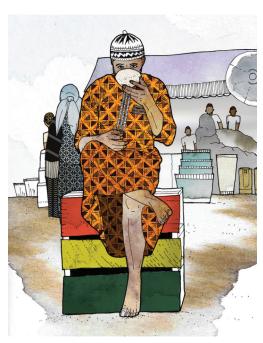
"Folded Speech."



"Bangkok Base."



"A Road of Folded Speech."



"Festival on the Street."



"Washing Hands for Prayer."