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Preface

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Introduction

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1976-1984

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1970-1973	Teacher and coach, Rift Valley Academy, Kijabe, Kenya
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1976-1984	Field work with the Murle people, South Sudan
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1987-1996	Anthropology Coordinator (Africa), SIL
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Arrangement

1. Photographs

Form of citation

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1. Photographs

SAD.D64/1-92	1976-1984 Photographs of Murle people taken during field work undertaken by linguist and cultural anthropologist Jon Arensen
SAD.D64/1	1976-1984 A Murle warrior with facial scarring 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/2	1976-1984 A smiling warrior wearing a lion's mane 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/3	1976-1984 Woman carrying gourds beside a water pool during the dry season, a time of dearth 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/4	1976-1984 Typically dispersed housing clusters in Murleland 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/5	1976-1984 Grass houses located in family homesteads 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/6	1976-1984 Murle shelter from the heat in grass houses 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/7	1976-1984 Wildlife seeking shade under trees in the dry season 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/8	1976-1984 White-eared kob leaping through tall grass 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/9	1976-1984 Two male kob at a mating lek 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/10	1976-1984 Kob on their 700-mile annual migration 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/11	1976-1984 Fire and smoke in dry grassland: "when the grass is yellow it is burned off" 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/1	1976-1984 Tiang hartebeest, attracted to the green grass 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/13	1976-1984 Inundated landscape: "during the rains Murleland becomes a broad lake" 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/14	1976-1984 Broad lake and low trees under clouds: "the rainy season restricts foot travel"

- SAD.D64/15 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
“In the dry season wildlife converges on the rivers”
- SAD.D64/16 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Cow herd with two herders in a parched landscape, taken from the air: “pasture can be hard to find in the dry season”
- SAD.D64/17 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Cow herd and herders at a watering place: “herd boys take the cattle to water every day”
- SAD.D64/18 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Cattle are sometimes branded, this one with circular motifs
- SAD.D64/19 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Tethered cows with tukls in the background: “cattle are tethered every night within the compound”
- SAD.D64/20 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Boy milking a white cow, with another boy and a dog beside him: “milk is the main food of the lowland Murle”
- SAD.D64/21 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Dead white bull lying under thatched coverings: “bulls are often sacrificed to get God’s attention”
- SAD.D64/22 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
“A young man ready for battle”, carrying pole shield and wearing zebra skin and earrings
- SAD.D64/23 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Young man with skin coated with white ash: “ashes can be adequate clothing”
- SAD.D64/24 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Man seated beside a smoking fire beating a drum held under his legs with a stick: “the beating of a drum sets the beat for a dance”
- SAD.D64/25 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
A dancer, wearing headdress and armknife, blows a horn made from the windpipe of a giraffe
- SAD.D64/26 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
A girl wearing beads and a white feather “dressed up for the dance”

- SAD.D64/27 1976-1984
Man wearing lion mane headdress and smoking, viewed from behind: "the epitome of elegance"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/28 1976-1984
Men and women at a dance, the men wearing skins of kob, jackal and patas monkey
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/29 1976-1984
Men dancing, some in skins some in shorts: "dancers jump up and down in rhythm"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/30 1976-1984
Warriors wearing giraffe man headdresses
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/31 1976-1984
Circle of men dancing before a line of women: "age-sets arrange dances in the harvest season"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/32 1976-1984
Women with fish baskets: "women are the primary fishermen"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/33 1976-1984
Women fishing at a pond in large numbers
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/34 1976-1984
Women submerged in a pond up to their waists: "they can fish out a pool in a couple of hours"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/35 1976-1984
Woman leaning down to recover a fish from a submerged basket: "women reach into their baskets and seize a fish"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/36 1976-1984
Woman standing in a pond biting a fish held in her hand: "they kill the fish by biting it behind the head"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/37 1976-1984
Woman standing in a pond with her catch strung around her waist
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/38 1976-1984
Man tending to a fishing dam: "men make fish traps"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/39 1976-1984
A man wearing shorts handles a long fish trap: "traps are placed in gaps in a small dam"
1 digital photograph

- SAD.D64/40 1976-1984
A man empties an upended fish trap on dry ground: "tilapia and catfish are abundant"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/41 1976-1984
A dead fish lying beside a fish trap in the grass: "fish are eaten or dried for future use"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/42 1976-1984
Boys sliding down a chute of water spilling down an earth embankment into a water pool, a village in the background: "boys will be boys"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/43 1976-1984
Boys sliding down a chute of water spilling down an earth embankment into a water pool: "mudslides can be hard on the backside"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/44 1976-1984
A group of 3 women and 4 children, some bearing loads on their heads: "heading off on a dry season migration"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/45 1976-1984
Three infants among tree trunks: "rest after a long day of walking"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/46 1976-1984
A long bundle of food, a cooking pot and gas canisters: "food for the migration - with a focus on dried meat"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/47 1976-1984
Small temporary hut on migration, an infant seated inside among skin beds
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/48 1976-1984
A young boy weaving a circular dead-fall mouse trap
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/49 1976-1984
A highland village of grass huts among trees, with a group of women and children at work
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/50 1976-1984
A grass roofed house in the highlands, a child carrying a stick walking in the foreground
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/51 1976-1984
Murle women in a highland village, one carrying a rolled skin bed on her head and another carrying a child on her back
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/52 1976-1984
A family of highland Murle, seated in a village

- SAD.D64/53 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Desert rose in bloom, a relative to the baobab
- SAD.D64/54 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Honey beer brewing in a large black clay pot
- SAD.D64/55 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Close-up of three circlets of “ancient blue beads offered to God”,
attached to a branch
- SAD.D64/56 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Close-up of a necklace made of bird talons, plastic bottle caps,
and metal waste, hanging around a person’s neck
- SAD.D64/57 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
A person holding a thumb harp in both hands and making music
- SAD.D64/58 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Playing the universal *mbao* game: a close-up of hands, feet and
the playing board and shiny metal counters
- SAD.D64/59 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Braiding a rope
- SAD.D64/60 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Knife hanging from a man’s neck against his back, a safety pin
attached to an upper-arm ring: “knife at the ready”
- SAD.D64/61 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Close-up of torso scarification marking age-set, featuring snakes
and ?zebra
- SAD.D64/62 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Group of mainly women and children and a dog on migration,
the women bearing loads on their heads
- SAD.D64/63 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Grass covered house in empty flat grassland, a woman carrying
a child in the foreground
- SAD.D64/64 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
Weaver bird perched on a stalk of grain: “chasing weaver birds
out of the grain fields”
- SAD.D64/65 1 digital photograph
1976-1984
A woman seated on a watch platform made of branches raised
above a field of grain: “women on guard duty”

SAD.D64/66	1976-1984 A sheaf of sorghum, a primary crop 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/67	1976-1984 A man carrying sorghum hung over a wooden pole: "harvest time" 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/68	1976-1984 Cleaned sorghum in a container stacked within two other metal and earthenware containers 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/69	1976-1984 Seated woman threshing grain 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/70	1976-1984 Murle girl with beads 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/71	1976-1984 Women with front teeth extracted to hold lip plug 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/72	1976-1984 Young woman wearing earrings and beads: "the sultry look" 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/73	1976-1984 Woman repairing a grass roof 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/74	1976-1984 Young woman wearing necklace: "girl being coy" 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/75	1976-1984 Old man wearing the hair wig of his dead father 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/76	1976-1984 Man wearing a wig made of goat hair, carrying a stool over his shoulder and a large bird's wing 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/77	1976-1984 Smiling man wearing headdress with black feather, necklace and earrings: "old elephant hunter" 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/78	1976-1984 Warrior brushing his teeth with a twig, with scarified torso and arms and metal bracelet 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/79	1976-1984 Murle girl with oiled hair 1 digital photograph
SAD.D64/80	1976-1984 Murle woman, seated beside village grass hut 1 digital photograph

- SAD.D64/81 1976-1984
Youth, wearing earrings and beaded and hair necklaces, with skin coated in ash
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/82 1976-1984
Man with large white bracelet crouched beside a hubble-bubble gourd pipe
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/83 1976-1984
Man wearing metal earrings and animal skin
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/84 1976-1984
Male white-eared kob
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/85 1976-1984
Man with spear walking among low trees: "on the hunt for kob"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/86 1976-1984
Men with spears forcing a wounded kob to the ground: "making a kill"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/87 1976-1984
Two men, one with a load of meat balanced on his head: "taking the kob meat home"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/88 1976-1984
Man bending over butchered kob carcasses: "sharing out the meat"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/89 1976-1984
Twenty men and boys with spears and animal carcasses grouped under a tree beside water: "successful hunt at the tree of meat"
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/90 1976-1984
Woman and child, with necklace of snail shells, on migration, surrounded by belongings packed in skins, dogs and kids
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/91 1976-1984
Child playing with corn
1 digital photograph
- SAD.D64/92 1976-1984
Two Murle warriors
1 digital photograph