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The Journal of Modern African Studies is proud to announce the inaugural winner of the David and Helen Kimble Prize for the best article published in the journal in the previous year.



The prize is named in honour of David and Helen Kimble (pictured above), who co-founded the *Journal of Modern African Studies* in 1963, when both were living in Dar es Salaam due to David's appointment as a professor of political science at what was then the Tanzanian campus of the University of East Africa. However, the original idea for the journal had been conceived while both were living in Ghana. David and Helen jointly edited the journal in its formative years, thus establishing it as one of the leading academic journals in African Studies. The journal's home for its first thirty-five years was in, among other places, Tanzania, Morocco, Lesotho, Malawi and finally, England.

David passed away in 2009; Helen, who is now in her nineties, still takes an active interest in African affairs.

THE WINNER

The winner for 2018 is **Kingsley L. Madueke**, for his article 'Routing ethnic violence in a divided city: walking in the footsteps of armed mobs in Jos, Nigeria', vol. 56, issue 3. This is a well-written article which draws on extensive fieldwork and provides a detailed explanation of how violence erupts and spreads in a Nigerian context. The paper has both academic and policy implications, and the depth of the research gives it critical leverage in throwing a penetrating light on an important subject.