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EDUCATION

2012 PhD, History, Michigan State University
2004 BA, History, Saint Vincent College

EMPLOYMENT

2012- Assistant Professor, Department of History, Southern Methodist University

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript in Progress

To Swim with Crocodiles: Allegiance, Power, and Authority in South Africa, 1800-1996

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Bantu Authorities and Betterment: The Ambiguous Responses of Natal’s Chiefs and Regents, 1955-1970,” [Journal of Southern African Studies](#) 41, no. 2 (2015): 273-297.

“‘It is because of our Islam that we are there’: The Call of Islam in the United Democratic Front,” [African Historical Review](#) 41, no. 1 (2009): 118-139.

Book Chapters

“‘Women Were Not Supposed to Fight’: The Gendered Uses of Martial and Moral Zuluness during *uDlame*, 1990-1994” in Jan Bender Shetler (ed.), [Gendering Ethnicity in African Women’s Lives](#). University of Wisconsin Press (2015): 178-205.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Articles

Review of Cabrita, Joel. *Text and Authority in the South African Nazaretha Church in South African Historical Journal* (forthcoming).

Review of Lee, Christopher. *Unreasonable Histories: Nativism, Multiracial Lives, and the Genealogical Imagination in British Africa* in *The Historian* (forthcoming).

Review of Thelen, David and Karie Morgan. *Experiencing Sophiatown: Conversations among Residents about the Past, Present and Future of a Community* in [Safundi](#), 16:2 (2015): 241-244.

Review of Adhikari, Mohamed. *The Anatomy of a South African Genocide: The Extermination of the Cape San Peoples* on [H-Genocide](#), H-Net Reviews (Jul 2013).

“African women and African-born women” in Daina Ramey Berry and Deleso Alford Washington (eds.), [Enslaved Women in America: An Encyclopedia](#). Greenwood Press, 2012.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2016 Southern Methodist University [Golden Mustang Teaching Award](#)
2015 [American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship](#) (\$35,000)
2012 Michigan State University Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$6,000)
2012 Donald Lammers Graduate Student Award (\$2,000)
2010-2011 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad, South Africa (\$26,000)
2010-2011 Fulbright-IIE U.S. Student Fellow (declined)
2008 Nnamdi Azikiwe Best Graduate Student Paper in African Studies (MSU African Studies)
2008 MSU Department of History Pre-dissertation Research Grant (\$5,000)
2007 Fulbright-Hays Zulu Group Project Abroad in South Africa (\$8,000)
2007 Jeff Rooney Memorial Paper Prize (MSU History Department)
2006-2009 FLAS, MSU African Studies Center – Zulu (\$45,000)

INVITED TALKS

“South Africa after Mandela: Access to Rights,” Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, February 2015.

“Only the Fourth Chief: Archival and Oral Sources on Land and Chiefly Authority,” Pietermaritzburg Archival Repository of the National Archive, South Africa, July 2013.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

“Sources and Social Identities: The Establishment and Uses of the *amaLala* Category,” Southern African Historical Society Biennial Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa, July 2015.

“Scholars, Photographers and Chiefs: Uses and Constructions of Zuluness,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

“Chiefs, Artists and Athletes: Complicating Resistance to Apartheid,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, April 2013.

“Remembering and Writing the History of South African Violence,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2012.

Papers Presented

“He Wants to be Registered as a Chief: The Creation of “Government Tribes” in Colonial Natal,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2015.

“Nomsimekwana’s Tale: An *Amalala* Oral Tradition in 20th Century Claims on Land & Zuluness,” Izithunguthu: Southern African Pasts before the Colonial Era, Their Archives and Their Ongoing Present/Presence, Cape Town, South Africa, July 2015.

“Nomsimekwana’s Tale: An *Amalala* Oral Tradition in 20th Century Claims on Land & Zuluness,” Southern African Historical Society Biennial Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa, July 2015.

“‘Persons Unknown’ and the Killing of the Peace Chief: The State, Inkatha, and Local Involvement in the Assassination of Mhlabunzima Maphumulo,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November 2014.

“Mhlabunzima Maphumulo: Chief by the People? Defining Membership and Authority at Table Mountain during *uDlame*, 1989-1994,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, October 2014.

“‘So that the Bullet Can’t Hit You’: Women’s Construction and Use of Zuluness during Civil War in South Africa (1990-1994),” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Toronto, May 2014.

“Nomsimekwana’s Tale: Oral Tradition in Claims on Land and Zuluness, 1905-2010,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

“‘Because my people are in the MDM, I have to be with them’: The Peace Chief and Zulu Politics during *uDlame*,” Southern African Historical Society Biennial Conference, Gaborone, Botswana, June 2013.

“Bantu Authorities and Betterment: The Ambiguous Responses of Chiefs and Regents,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, April 2013.

“Remembering the ‘Peace Chief’: Local Interpretations of *uDlame*,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2012.

“‘Only the Fourth Chief’: *uDlame*, Land, and Chiefly Authority in KwaZulu-Natal, 1973-1994,” African Studies Center Eye on Africa Seminar, Michigan State University, March 2012.

“‘It was not a usual fight’: Rural Zulu Women, Oral History, and (Un)usual Challenges,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2011.

“‘But there was no respect’: Zulu Women, Political Conflict, and the Gendering of Ethnicity,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, October 2011.

“‘So that the bullet can’t hit you’: African Women, Political Conflict, and the Practice of Zuluness in South Africa, 1975-1994,” Southern African Historical Society Biennial Conference, Durban, South Africa, June 2011.

“The ‘Peace Chief’ Mhlabunzima Maphumulo: Conflict over Land and Authority in Mbambangalo during the *uDlame*,” History and African Studies Seminar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, May 2011.

“‘It is *because* of our Islam that we are there’: The Call of Islam in the United Democratic Front,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2008.

Roundtable Participation

“Digital Southern African Studies,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, October 2014.

Panel Discussant

“Unsettling Histories of Colonial Natal,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, April 2016.

CAMPUS AND DALLAS TALKS

Moderator, “Helen Suzman Forum on Life under Apartheid,” University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX, February 2015.

Panelist, “20 Years of Change in Africa Panel,” Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute Godbey Lecture Series, Dallas, TX, April 2014.

Presenter, “Nomsimekwana’s Tale: Oral Tradition in Claims on Land and Zuluness, 1905-2010,” Dallas Area Social Historians (DASH), Dallas, TX, December 2013.

Presenter, “Representations of Africa,” Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Southern Methodist University African Student Association, Dallas, TX, March 2013.

RESEARCH, ADVISING & DIGITAL HUMANITIES

2016-2018 *Honorary Research Associate*, Archive and Public Culture Research Initiative
University of Cape Town

2015 *Faculty Mentor*, SMU [Engaged Learning](#)
Sarah Rahimi, “Crossing Borders to Changing Identities: An Oral History of African Immigration to Dallas”
Faculty Mentor, Dallas Jewish Historical Society
Hannah Williams, “Jewish South Africans in North Texas”

2014 *Senior Distinction Adviser*, SMU History Department
Jennifer King, “The Road to Democracy: Challenges of an Exiled Liberation Movement”
Savannah Stephens, “Bantu Education: The School of Propaganda and Oppression”

2014-2015 *Fellow*, Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute Seminar, Global Africa

2014 *Collaborator*, [Day of DH 2014](#), Open community project on digital humanities

2012-2014 *Member*, Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute Africa Research Cluster

2010 *Research Assistant*
Wiebe Boer’s book project on nation-building and football in Nigeria, 1904-1960

- 2008-2010 *Research Assistant*
Peter Alegi's projects on African football and 2010 World Cup
- 2007-2008 *Writer*, MATRIX: The Center for Digital Humanities and Social Sciences
Writer for the [Community Video Education Trust](#) (CVET) digital archive of
documentary video footage of the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Program Committee, North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa
Contributor, [Africa is a Country](#) blog
Member, African Studies Association
Member, African Studies Association Women's Caucus
Member, Southern African Historical Society
Member, American Historical Association
Member, Association of Concerned African Scholars

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Member, Clements Department of History Undergraduate Committee (2014-)
Founding Organizer, Michigan State University Africanist Graduate Conference (2007-2009)

LANGUAGE

- isiZulu* - Advanced Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking Proficiency
90+ oral history interviews
2007 Fulbright-Hays Intensive Zulu Group Project Abroad in South Africa
4 years of academic year graduate study (2006-2010)
Semester Abroad, School for International Training, Durban, South Africa (2003)