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Education

University of Florida, PhD, History 2006-2010
University of Florida, MA, History 2003-2006
Hamilton College, BA 1995-2000

Awards

American Council of Learned Societies, Digital Justice Seed Grant, 2022
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Distinguished Scholar Award, 2021
Rankin Inclusion Fellowship, 2020 (declined)
Innovative Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, 2019
Hallam Award for Best Article, History Department, University of Kentucky, 2015
Milbauer Prize for Best Dissertation in History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, 2010
Dissertation Writing Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Florida 2009
Daniel Koleos Award for best qualifying exams, Department of History, University of Florida 2008
Conference Paper Travel Award, History Department, University of Florida 2008
Fulbright IIE Dissertation Fellowship, United States Department of State 2007-2008
Hunt and Jean Davis Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, Center for African Studies, University of Florida 2006
Yale University Group Project Abroad, Zulu language program, University of KwaZulu-Natal 2004
Alumni Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida 2003-2007
Darling Prize for Academic Excellence in American History, Hamilton College 2000
Kenneth G. Watters Scholarship, Hamilton College 1995-2000

Pending Grant Proposals

National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, Level III, expected decision; December 2021

Published Monographs

The ANC 's War against Apartheid: Umkhonto we Sizwe and the Liberation of South Africa, Indiana University Press, 2018

Dissertation

“Cosmopolitans in Close Quarters: Everyday Life in the Ranks Umkhonto we Sizwe, 1961-Present”
Dissertation based on 18 months of field research in South Africa. Completed 2010.

Master's Thesis

“Voices From Without; The African National Congress, Its Radio, Its Allies, and Exile, 1961-1984”

Master's Thesis Research, Mayibuye Center Archives, University of Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa. Completed 2004.

Publications

"Training and Deployment at Novo Catengue and Jack Simons' Diaries," *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 40 (2014) 1325-1342.

"Struggle History and Self-Help; The Parallel Lives of Nelson Mandela in Conventional and Figurative Biography," *African Studies*, 73 (2014) 169-191.

"Voices From Without; The African National Congress, Its Allies, Its Radio and Exile," *Radio and Its Publics*, University of Witwatersrand Press (2012) 154-172.

"The ANC: its Radio and Exile," *The Struggle for South Africa*. Cape Town: University of Cape Town Press (2012) 65-85.

"The African National Congress, its Radio, its Allies and Exile," *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 35 (2009) 349-373.

Book Reviews

Albert Luthuli, by Robert Vinson, *American Historical Review*, Fall 2020.

South Africa's Post-Apartheid Military: Lost in Transition and Transformation by Lindy Heinecken, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, Fall 2020.

Teaching

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Fall 2016-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Fall 2011-Fall 2016

Sessional Instructor, Department of History, McGill University, Spring 2011

Adjunct Professor, Department of History, George Washington University, Fall 2010

Conference Papers

Following the Money: A History of the Funding Practices of International Defense and Aid as Represented in Struggle Autobiography, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2019

"The "Ghost" of the Matola Raid: A History of the Circulation of Information About State Witnesses in the Global Anti-Apartheid Movement", African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2018

"Naming and Listing Dead and Missing in the Aftermath of the Matola Attack" Missing and Missed Workshop, Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, February 2018

"The (Post) Apartheid City and Minecraft: Reading Maps as Evidence in the History Classroom" Innovation + Design Lab, CELT, University of Kentucky, April 2016

"Freedom Park and the Concretization of Struggle History in South Africa" Baraza Lecture Series, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, September 2015

"New Perspectives on *Long Walk to Freedom*: Nelson Mandela's Life Story and the Uses and Misuses of Political Biography" Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series, African American and African Studies Center, University of Kentucky, April 2015

"New Perspectives on *Long Walk to Freedom*: Nelson Mandela's Life Story and the Uses and Misuses of Political Biography" Hopkinsville Community College, January 2015

"New Perspectives on *Long Walk to Freedom*: Nelson Mandela's Life Story and the Uses and Misuses of Political Biography" Fort Campbell, January 2015

"The Many Lives of Nelson Mandela: A Brief Review of the Historiography and Biography of a Great Man" Donovan Scholars Lecture Series, Lexington Seniors Center, November 2014

"Uses and Misuses of Biography: Mandela, Violence and the Anti-Apartheid Struggle in South Africa" Derrick Lecture Series, College of the Holy Cross, March 2014

"Training and Deployment at Novo Catengue" Mobile Soldiers and the Un-National Liberation of Southern Africa, March 2013

"Using GIS to Map Apartheid in the Classroom" Global Mountain Regions, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky, October 2012

"The Best Thing That Nelson Mandela Never Said or Our Deepest Fear: Struggle Biographies and the American Self-Help Industry" Out of Africa: The Work of Memoirs in Contemporary Africa, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, September 2012

"Losing the Plot; Mystery, Narrativity and Investigation in Novo Catengue" Works in Progress, Department of History, University of Kentucky, September 2012

"Seeing the Past in the Present: A Team Taught Syllabus for GIS and the History of Segregation in Lexington and Cape Town" CELT Course Redesign Institute, University of Kentucky, January 2012

"Losing the Plot; Mystery, Narrativity and Investigation in Novo Catengue" African Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 2011

"Losing the Plot; Mystery, Narrativity and Investigation in Novo Catengue" Camps, Liberation Movements, Politics, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town South Africa, June 2011

"The Sight of Battle; Representations of the Wankie Campaign, July 31 -September 8, 1967" African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2009

"It's the Soup the Makes the Soldier; Some Provisional Thoughts on Food and Eating in the Angolan Camps of the African National Congress," Presenter, War and the Everyday Colloquium, Human Sciences Research

Council, Cape Town, South Africa, November 2008

“The African National Congress, Its Radio, Its Allies, and Exile, 1960-1984” Presenter, WISER Radio Colloquium, Radio and Its Publics, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, December 2007

Languages

Xhosa (intermediate)

Afrikaans (basic)

Spanish (basic)

Other Research

Principal Investigator, *The Bitter Aloe Project*, www.bitteraloeproject.com

Faculty Director, University of Kentucky Cape Town Internship Programs (Spring and Summer) 2013-2018

Graduate Coordinator, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, University of Florida 2008-2010

Pre-dissertation Research, Liberation Archives, University of Fort Hare, Alice, South Africa, Mayibuye Center, University of Western Cape, South Africa, 2006

Research Assistant, Gwendolen M. Carter Conference, The Politics of Inequality 2005-2006 Editorial

Board Member, African Studies Quarterly, Center for African Studies UF 2003-2006

Service

Executive Committee, History Department, University of Kentucky, 2018-2020, 2023-present

Executive Committee, Commonwealth Institute of Black Studies, University of Kentucky, 2023-present

Advisory Board, Gaines Center for the Humanities, 2022-present

Executive Committee, Cooperative for Humanities and Social Sciences, 2019-2022

African American and Africana Studies Lusophone Africa Hiring Committee, Chair 2019

African American and African Studies Cluster Hiring Committee, Member, 2018-2019

On-Campus Director, Cape Town Internship/Study Abroad Programs, 2013-Present

Faculty Undergraduate Advisor, 2013-2017