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Education

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

Awards

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

Published Monographs

The ANC and its War against Apartheid, 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.

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

"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 (forthcoming)

"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

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Languages

Xhosa (basic)

Spanish (basic)

Other Research

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

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

Faculty Undergraduate Advisor, 2013-2017