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EMPLOYMENT

2022-present, Professor, Department of History, Kent State University
2010-2022, Associate Professor, Department of History, Kent State University
2007-2010, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Kent State University
2006-2007, Professorial Lecturer, Department of History and School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
2004-2006, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History and School of Foreign Service African Studies Program, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
2003-2004, Professorial Lecturer, Department of History, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1997-1999, Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies & Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
1995-1996, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of North Carolina—Charlotte.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED BOOKS:

[Race and Diplomacy in Zimbabwe: The Cold War and Decolonization, 1960-1984](#)

(African Studies Series, Cambridge University Press, 2021, Paperback and Open Access as of March 2023)

[The Urban Roots of Democracy and Political Violence in Zimbabwe: Harare and Highfield, 1940-1964](#) (Rochester University Press, 2008) (Paperback edition August 2013)

EDITED BOOK (forthcoming):

Co-editor with Corrado Tornimbeni, ***Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa, 2000-2025 A Political Historical Reassessment*** (James Currey, forthcoming, March 2026) includes a co-authored introduction and single-authored case study chapter on Zimbabwe.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

- "Renegotiating Frontline State Relations after Zimbabwe's Independence: Cold War Influences on the Politics of Zimbabwe's Role in Frontline State Solidarity, 1980-1986", **Rivista italiana di storia internazionale** Fascicolo 1, gennaio-giugno 2023.
- Co-authored with Arrigo Pallotti and Corrado Tornimbeni, introduction to special issue: 'The Crisis in Southern Africa in the 1980s: New Research Perspectives,' in **Rivista italiana di storia internazionale** 1/2023, pp. 5-10, doi: 10.30461/107872
- "Post-1989 Cold War Diplomatic Shifts in Southern Africa" **Comparativ (Leipzig)** 29: 5 2019 74-89.
- "The Anglo-American and Commonwealth negotiations for a Zimbabwean settlement between Geneva and Lancaster, 1977-79" **Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History** 45: 2017: 823-43.
- "Front Line Diplomats: African Diplomatic Representations of the Zimbabwean Patriotic Front, 1976-1978" **Journal of Southern African Studies** Vol 43 2017 Issue 1 pp. 107-12
- "Catholic voices of the voiceless: the politics of reporting Rhodesian and Zimbabwean state violence in the 1970s and the early 1980s" **Acta Academica** 47(1) 2015 182-207
- "Rationalizing Gukurahundi: Cold War and South African Foreign Relations with Zimbabwe, 1981-1983" **Kronos** vol 37 no 1 Cape Town 2011 (published June 2012)
- "The Congo crisis, the United Nations, and Zimbabwean nationalism, 1960-1963" **African Journal on Conflict Resolution** Vol 11, No 1. 2011.
- "The "Fascist Cycle" in Zimbabwe (2000-05)" **Journal of Southern African Studies**. (June 2006)
- "Mai Chaza's Guta re Jehova (City of God): healing, reproduction, and urban identity in an African Independent Church" **Journal of Southern African Studies** 23 (1) (March 1997): 87-105.
- "Poor women and nationalist politics: alliances and fissures in the formation of a nationalist political movement in Salisbury, Rhodesia, 1950-56" **The Journal of African History** 37 (3) (September 1996): 283-310.

BOOK CHAPTERS (forthcoming):

"Unipolar Aftershock: Africa at end of the Cold War" a chapter for Evert Kleynhans and Marco Wyss (eds), **Africa's Cold Wars** (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

"Did Democracy ever have a chance in Zimbabwe? Performative democracy within a militarized state, 2000-2025" for **Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa, 2000-2025: A Political Historical Reassessment**, edited by T. Scarnecchia and C. Tornimbeni (forthcoming March 2026, James Currey Press).

“Cold War and Decolonization in Africa” chapter for *The Cambridge Companion to the Cold War in Africa*, edited by Paul C. Banda and Gift W. Kayira (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS:

“You have to boil water to make tea’: the impact of cross-border raids on the Frontline States, Rhodesian, and Patriotic Front negotiations, 1976-1979” a chapter for Sue Onslow, Hugh Pattenden, and Carl Watts (eds), *Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence: National, International, and Transnational Perspectives* (Bloomsbury Academic, November 2025).

“Politics as war: Five historical myths about Zimbabwean Cold War politics” in A. Rasch, M. Niemi, and A. Hammer (eds), *The Politics of the Past in Zimbabwe*. Brill 2025, 256–278.

Co-authored with Eric Makombe, “A Brief History of Urban Youths in Zimbabwe: 1980-2020” in Rory Pilosof (ed.), *Fending for Ourselves: Youth in Zimbabwe 1980-2020* (Harare: Weaver Press 2021)

“Africa and the Cold War” Chapter in *Blackwell Companion to African History*, edited by William Worger, Nwando Achebe, and Charles Ambler (London: Blackwell Wiley 2018)

“Harare Zimbabwe’s Fractured Landscape: Contested Memories of ‘Township’ Histories” in Ken Bindas and Fabrizio Ricciardelli (eds) *Regional History as Cultural Identity* (Rome: Viella 2017)

“Joshua Nkomo as Zimbabwean Nationalist diplomat; from 'father of the nation' to 'enemy of the state'” in Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni (ed), *Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo of Zimbabwe: History, Memory and Politics* (London: Palgrave MacMillan 2017)

Co-authored with David Moore, “South African Influence in Zimbabwe: From Destabilization in the 1980s to Liberation War Solidarity in the 2000s” A. Pallotti and U. Engel (eds.) *South Africa: 20 years after apartheid* (Brill 2016)

“Proposed Large-Scale Compensation for White Farmers as an Anglo-American Negotiating Strategy for Zimbabwe, 1976-1979” pp. 105-126 in A. Pallotti and C. Tornimbeni (eds) *State, Land and Democracy in Southern Africa* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate 2015).

“Intransigent Diplomat: Robert Mugabe and His Western Diplomacy, 1963-1983” pp. 77-92 in Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni (ed) *Mugabeism? History, Politics, and Power in Zimbabwe* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan 2015).

“The ‘Sell-out’ logic in the formation of Zimbabwean nationalist politics, 1961-1964”, pp. 225-240 in S. Chiumbu and M. Musemwa (eds) *Crisis! What Crisis?: the Multiple dimensions of the Zimbabwean Crisis*. (Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Press, 2012)

“The mapping of respectability and the transformation of African residential space” in B. Raftopoulos and T. Yoshikuni (eds.) *Sites of Struggle: Essays in Zimbabwe’s Urban History* (1999) Harare: Weaver Press.

“Housing and Gender Ideologies in Rural and Urban Zimbabwe: Life Histories and the Nuclear

Family” in Hemalata Dandekar (ed.) *Shelter, Women and Development: First and Third World Perspectives* (1993) UNESCO.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Black Soldiers in the Rhodesian Army: Colonialism, Professionalism and Race*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024, by M. T. Howard, for *Perspectives on Politics* 23, no. 1 (2025): 336–338.
- Mugabe’s Legacy: Coups, Conspiracies, and the Conceits of Power in Zimbabwe* by David B. Moore, London: Hurst 2023, for *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 62, no. 3 (2024): 309–11.
- African Activists in a Decolonising World: The Making of an Anticolonial Culture, 1952-1966*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023, by Ismay Milford. Moderator for **H-Diplo Roundtable Review** Published online 13 December 2024.
- Pan-Africanism Versus Partnership: African Decolonisation in Southern Rhodesian Politics, 1950-1963*. New York: Springer, 2023. by Brooks Marmon, *Southern Journal for Contemporary History* 2024 49(1):1-4 28 June 2024,
- US Foreign Policy and the End of the Cold War in Africa*, by Flavia Gasbarri, Moderator for **H-Diplo Roundtable Review 15-30**, February 19, 2024.
- Author’s response to roundtable on my book, *Race and Diplomacy in Zimbabwe*, **H-Diplo Roundtable XXV-2** September 25, 2023
- The White House and White Africa: Presidential Policy Toward Rhodesia During the UDI Era, 1965-1979* by Eddie Michel. New York: Routledge, 2019, **H-Diplo Roundtable XXI-6**. 30 September 2019
- Murder at Small Koppie: The Real Story of South Africa’s Marikana Massacre* by Greg Marinovich, *Labor* (2019) 16:3 123-124
- Zimbabwe’s International Relations: Fantasy, Reality and the Making of the State* by Julia Gallagher *African Studies Review* Volume 62, Number 1, March 2019. pp. E45-E47
- The Land Reform Deception: Political Opportunism in Zimbabwe’s Land Seizure Era*. By Charles Laurie. *The American Historical Review*, Volume 123, Issue 4, 1 October 2018, Pages 1440–1441
- Kenneth Kaunda, the United States and Southern Africa* (2016) by Andy DeRoche. **H-Diplo Roundtable XVIII, 32 on Kenneth Kaunda, the United States and Southern Africa**. July 10 2017
- Unpopular Sovereignty: Rhodesian Independence and African Decolonization* (2015) by Luise White *Journal of African History* 58:1(2017)
- Visions of Freedom: Havana, Washington, Pretoria, and the Struggle for Southern Africa, 1976-1991*, by Piero Gleijeses pp. 248-51 *African Studies Review* 58:2 2015
- Segregation: a Global History of divided cities*, by Carl H. Nightingale Chicago University Press pp 176-79 *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 48:1 December 2014.

- Foreign Interventions in Africa* (2013) by Elizabeth Schmidt. **H-Diplo Roundtable**.(17 February 2014)
- Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence; An International History* (2012) by Carl Watts. **H-Diplo Roundtable**. (10 March 2014)
- History and the Testimony of language*. (2010) By Christopher Ehret. **Journal of World History** (December 2013) 24.3 666-9.
- Bulawayo Burning: the Social History of a Southern African city, 1893-1960* (2011), By Terence Ranger, **Journal of Southern African Studies**, 37:3 (645-47) (2011).
- A Predictable Tragedy: Robert Mugabe and the Collapse of Zimbabwe*. By Daniel Compagnon (2011), **Journal of African History** (July 2011) 52:2 268-270.
- Alex La Guma: a Literary and Political Biography*. By Roger Field, **International Journal of African Historical Studies** 44:1 (2011) 162-4.
- Breve Storia del Sudafrica: dalla segregazione alla democrazia* By Mario Zamponi (2009) in **Afriche e Orienti** 1 (2010)
- The Dynamics of Violence in Central Africa*. By Rene Lemarchand (2009) **History: Reviews of New Books** Volume 38, Issue 3, May 2010, pages 109-110
- Gukurahundi in Zimbabwe. A Report on the Disturbances in Matabeleland and the Midlands 1980-1988* (2007) **The Journal of African History**, 49:3 November 2008, pp 493-495
- Law, Language, and Science: The Invention of the 'Native Mind' in Southern Rhodesia, 1890-1930*. By Diana Jeater (2007) **Journal of Southern African Studies**, 34:1 March 2008, 221-222
- Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958*. By Elizabeth Schmidt. (2005) **Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History** Volume 7, Number 1, Spring 2006
- Zimbabwe: the Past is the Future*. (2004) Edited by David Harold-Barry. **African Studies Review** 48.3 (2005) 216-218
- The Historical Dimensions of Democracy and Human Rights in Zimbabwe. Volume Two: Nationalism, Democracy and Human Rights*. (2003) Edited by Terence Ranger. **The Journal of African History**, Volume 46, Issue 03, November 2005, pp 539-541
- Colonial Lessons: Africans' Education in Southern Rhodesia, 1918-1940*. By Carol Summers (2002) **Journal of Southern African Studies** 30:3 (September 2004) 710-713.
- The Rise of an African Middle Class: Colonial Zimbabwe, 1898-1965*. By Michael O. West 2002. **Africa Today** 50:1 (Spring 2004) 150-152.
- Terra, produzione e lavoro. Storia agraria dell'Africa australe: il caso dello Zimbabwe*. By Mario Zamponi, 2001 **Journal of Southern African Studies** 29:1 (March 2003) 320-21.
- Lifebuoy Men, Lux Women: Commodification, Consumption, and Cleanliness in Modern Zimbabwe*. By Timothy Burke. 1996. **International Journal of African Historical Studies** 31:2 (1998) 359-60.
- Capital and Labour on the Rhodesian Railways, 1888-1947* By John Lunn. 1996 **Journal of African History** 40:1 (1999) 144-45.
- The Decolonization of Africa*, by David Birmingham, **Journal of African History** 38:2 (1997) 341-42.
- Drawn from African Dwellings*. By Jean-Paul Bourdier and Trinh T. Minh-Ha. 1996 **International Journal of African Historical Studies** 32:1 (1999) 173-5.

The Atlas of Africa Affairs: Second Edition. By Ieuan LL. Griffiths. 1993. **International Journal of African Historical Studies** 28:1 (1995) 194-95.

From Civilization to Segregation: Social Ideals and Social Control in Southern Rhodesia, 1890-1934 By Carol Summers. 1994 **International Journal of African Historical Studies** 28:2 (1995) 412-13.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

“Between Democracy and Political Violence: Generational Shifts in the Historiography of Zimbabwean Politics” British Zimbabwe Society Research Days, St. Antony’s College, Oxford, UK. 20-21 June, 2025.

“Zimbabwe’s election shake-down: the role of non-state external funding in Presidential elections (2008-2015) on perceptions of democracy”, *African Studies Association* Annual meeting, San Francisco, CA November 30-December 2, 2023.

“Migration to Italy: the comparative situations of African and Ukrainian refugees and migrants in Bologna, Italy.” *African Studies Association* meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 21, 2022.

“Politics as war: the Cold War Dynamics in the Making of ZANU-PF’s Zimbabwe” presented at “Politics of the Past in Zimbabwe” workshop, Copenhagen/Gilleleje, Denmark, 16-18 September 2022.

“ANC-ZANU (PF) relations in the 1980s: why is this history an issue today?” *African Studies Association* meeting, Boston MA, November 20, 2019.

“Truth and Reconciliation in Zimbabwe: Still searching for post-*Gukurahundi* (1983-7) and post 2008 political violence reconciliations” *Commemorating Violent Conflicts and Building Sustainable Peace*, PEACE-PHS Joint Conference, International Studies Association, Kent State University, October 26, 2019

“Harare Rhodesia to Mbare Zimbabwe: Global cultural forms and build environments in a settler colonial African capital city, 1950s to 2010s” presented at “*The Pursuit of Global Urban History: a Dialogue between two fields*.” Leicester University, Leicester UK July 11-12 2019.

“Shifting US diplomatic responses to 1989 in Southern Africa”, presented at *Revolutions and Transformations in Global Perspective 1989-2019, Conference*, Leipzig 12-15 June 2019

“Luise White’s Insurgent Contributions to Zimbabwean Historiography” presented at “*Audacious Histories*”: *A Workshop in Honor of Luise White*, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, Florida February 9, 2019

Roundtable in honor of Frederick Cooper’s contributions to African labor history at the *African Studies Association* (ASA) meeting in Atlanta Georgia, November 2018,

“Military and diplomatic consequences of ZANU and ZAPU competition for Communist and Eastern Bloc funding, 1976-1979” *Italian African Studies Association Conference* September 5 2018.

“Roundtable: Being in the Market: Celebrating the Work of Gracia Clark”, *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL November 18 2017.

“Governments of National Unity (GNUs) in Zimbabwe: the Long History of a Failed Concept” 14th *North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa*, Friday, October 6 to Sunday,

- Burlington, Vermont, October 8, 2017.
- “Harare, Zimbabwe’s Fractured Historical Landscape: Local and Global Memories of the urban Past” *American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Denver Colorado, January 7, 2017.*
- “Zanu-Pf Forever?: a Slow or Sudden Death of Zanu-PF's Monopoly on State Power in Zimbabwe” *African Studies Association Meeting, Washington DC 1-2 December 2016.*
- "Race and Class in Harare, Zimbabwe, 1980-2005" *Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference VII, Kent State University, September 21, 2016.*
- “Cold War Race States: Rhodesia and Zimbabwe 1964 and 1984” *African Studies Association Meeting, United Kingdom, Robinson College, Cambridge UK, September 9, 2016.*
- “Zimbabwe Identity. From Township to Cosmopolitanism”, *Regional History as Cultural Identity: An International Conference on the Application of Regional or Local History to National Narratives, Kent State University Florence, Italy 4 July 2016.*
- “Joshua Nkomo's response to ZANU-PF's attacks, 1982-1987, an American view” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. January 7 2016.*
- “Hammarskjöld vs Tshombe in Central Africa: Racialised Readings of the 1961 UN Intervention Over Katanga” *African Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Diego November 20, 2015.*
- “Was Joshua Nkomo a “Sell-out” before or during the 1980 elections? What do the historical records say about this?” *From the Second to the Third Chimurenga: Historical Perspectives on Zimbabwe’s Recent Past. University of the Free State, 11-12 November 2015.*
- “Operation *Gukurahundi* in Regional and International Cold War and Anti-Apartheid Contexts, 1983-1987”, *African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 20, 2014.*
- “Catholic Voices of the voiceless: Records of Zimbabwean violence in the 1970s, early 1980s, and 2000s, at the *Northeastern Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA) Burlington, VT October 17, 2014.*
- “*Cold War Relations with Zimbabwe during Operation Gukurahundi, 1982-1985*” presented at the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, Lexington, KY, June 17, 2014.
- “*Working Group Participant: Sub-Saharan Africa*” at conference: “Flexible Frameworks, Beyond Borders: Understanding Regional Dynamics to Enhance Cooperative Dynamics to Enhance Cooperative Security” Centro Residenziale Univesitario di Bertinoro, Italy. May 16-17, 2014.
- “*Zimbabwe: Race, Land, and Historical Development*” Invited Presentation in the Department of Political Science and Development, University of Bologna at Forli, May 15, 2014.
- “*South African Influence in Zimbabwe: From Destabilization in the 1980s to Liberation War Solidarity in the 2000s*” for conference “South Africa, 20 years after apartheid” University of Bologna, Forli, Italy May 9, 2014
- “*Zimbabwean Elections 2013*” Panel Chair and Organizer, African Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore MD November 22, 2013
- “*Cold War Politics in Southern Africa,*” Panel Chair and Discussant, African Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore MD November 22, 2013

- "The Theatre of Geneva: Zimbabwean Cold War Diplomacy, 1976"*, Department of Economic History Seminar, University of Zimbabwe, November 1, 2013
- "Paranoid Freedoms: Zimbabwe in the early 1980s"*, Presented for the panel "Recuperating the Postcolonial Moment: Zimbabwe in the 1980s II" at the African Studies Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, November 28, 2012.
- "Diplomacy and Third World Solidarities: 20 Years of Zimbabwean Cold War Diplomatic Maneuvering, 1963-1983"* Panel 47: *Cold War Connections and World Communities in the 1960s and 1970s*. Presented at the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference Washington DC, June 21, 2013.
- "Turning a Cold War Crisis into an Opportunity: Zimbabwean Diplomacy and the Americans at Geneva, 1976"* Panel 24: *The "Painful Moment": The United States and Rhodesia, 1975-77*. Presented at the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference Washington DC, June 21, 2013
- "Zimbabwe's Diplomacy and Foreign Policy in the late 1970s and early 1980s"*, Presented at the British Zimbabwe Society Research Day, St Antony's College, Oxford, UK, June 14, 2012.
- "Urban-rural Violence in Harare: How has it changed in the past 50 years?"* Presented at the CAS@50 conference Center for African Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 6, 2012.
- "Principles of Access to Archives, African Historians' Comments on the most recent ICA 2011 Draft Principles."* Presented at the American Historical Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 7, 2012.
- "Defending to Death: Political Killings and Territory in and Around Harare, Zimbabwe 1960-2011"* For Panel: *Death, Space, and Belonging: The Politics of Death and Burial in Modern Zimbabwe*. Presented at the *African Studies Association Meeting, Washington DC, November 17-19, 2011*
- "Short Attention Span Diplomacy: Henry Kissinger's Shuttle diplomacy, the US, and the Geneva Talks, 1976"*, SHAFR Conference, Washington, DC. June 24, 2011.
- Invited Discussant for *"Panel 61: JFK and Africa: A View from the Outside"* SHAFR Conference, Washington, DC. June 24, 2011.
- "The Congo crisis, the United Nations, and Zimbabwean nationalism, 1960-1963"* ECAS 4 Uppsala Sweden, June 14, 2011,
- "Urban Political Conjunctures: Terence Ranger's insights into the limits of class alliances in Zimbabwean urban history"* Making History: Terence Ranger and African Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 14-15, 2010.
- "American Imperialists and Allies: Robert Mugabe's diplomacy with Americans at the Rhodesia Geneva talks, 1976"* Panel: *"Zambia, South Africa, Rhodesia and the Diplomacy of American Cold War Cultural Influence"* Cold War Cultures Conference, University of Texas at Austin, September 29 to October 2, 2010.
- Invited Discussant for 2-panel's on *"Placing Zimbabweans: Asylum Seekers, Diasporas, Farmers"*, Canadian African Studies Association Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, May 6-9, 2010
- "The Point of No Return': October 8, 1960 and the Militarization of the State in Southern*

- Rhodesia*” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 20, 2009.
- “Panel Chair”, Symposium on Zimbabwe Healing, Syracuse University, October 29-30, 2009
- “*The Logic of ‘Sell-out’ Politics and American Interests in Zimbabwe’s African Nationalist Parties, 1961-1964*”, Exploring Hidden Dimensions of the Zimbabwe Crisis, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa, July 1-2, 2009.
- “*On the Wrong Side of the People*”: *Southern Rhodesian African Nationalists’ Strategies to access American Funds in the early 1960s*”, American Historical Association Panel Presentation, New York City, January 5, 2009.
- “*Roundtable on the 2008 Zimbabwean Elections*”, African Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2008
- “*Social Space and Urban Consciousness in Zimbabwe, 1960 to 2008*”, Rethinking Urban History: Technology, Environments, and Politics, Case Western Reserve University, November 13-14, 2008
- “*The Current Crisis in Zimbabwe*”, Roundtable Chair, Northeastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington Vermont, April 2005.
- “*Gender and Nationalism, 1945-1965*” Paper Presented at the Britain-Zimbabwe Research Weekend, June 12-13, 2004 St. Antony’s College, Oxford, UK.
- “*‘Imperialist Stooge’ versus ‘Communist Puppet’: Defining a sellout in Zimbabwean Nationalist Politics*” Co-Chair, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, October 31, 2003.
- Roundtable: International Civil Society and the Zimbabwean Crisis: Trade Union, Donor and NGO Activities Leading Up to the Presidential Elections of 2002* .“ Co-Chair, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2002.
- “*Defending respectability: gendered space and politics in African communities, Salisbury Rhodesia, 1944-1954*” African Workshop Seminar, November 18, 1998. Ann Arbor, MI
- “*The Kasubi Tombs World Heritage Site in Uganda*” Panel Presentation “Historic Preservation and Heritage Conservation, for the “City, Space and Globalization Symposium, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, February 27, 1998.
- “*From Township Advisory Board elections to Nationalist Political mobilization: creating populist politics in the African residential areas of Salisbury, Rhodesia, 1948-1958.*” Africa’s Urban Past, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, June 19-21, 1996
- “*The Collapse of a Trade Union Tradition: Independent Trade Unions, Nationalist Politics, and the United States’ Interests in Southern Rhodesia.*” Canadian Association of African Studies Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada May 1-5, 1996.
- “*Domesticity without a Home: official discourses and African participation in married housing schemes, Salisbury, Rhodesia, 1940-1960.*” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, 1994

INVITED TALKS AND COURSES

- Summer Course Professor, American Academy of Brazil (KSU-PUCPR program), Curitiba, Brazil, July-August 2023, (also July August 2021 remotely during covid).

Visiting Lectures, University of Bologna-Forli, for Graduate Course 31841 - *Sviluppo Politico nell'Africa Subsahariana (Seminario)*. May 2019, May 2020.

Invited Lecture (remote), Center for Innovation and Technology (CITE), "The Gukurahundi and the Cold War" Oct 27, 2021

"Zimbabwe as a 'Race State': the troubled history of racializing international relations" Middlebury College, Middlebury VT . October 6 2017

"Proposed Large-Scale Compensation for White Farmers as an Anglo-American Negotiating Strategy for Zimbabwe, 1976-1979" University of the Free State, South Africa, June 15, 2015 and University of Zimbabwe Department of Economic History, July 7 2015.

"Who will pay for Africa's next war? EU, AU and US Strategies in the Sahel," Presented at "Seminario di studi Le relazioni tra Africa sub-sahariana e Unione Europea tra sicurezza internazionale e lotta alla povertà" University of Bologna, November 20, 2012.

"Political Violence in Zimbabwe: Then and Now", Baraza Seminar, University of Florida-Gainesville, March 21, 2008.

COMMUNITY TALKS AND OUTREACH:

Presenter and Co-convener, "Urban History Workshop", July 5 2017, Southern Africa Political Economy (SAPES) Trust, Harare Zimbabwe.

"The Future History of Zimbabwe's Urban economics and politics" Southern African Political Economy Studies (SAPES) Trust, November 7, 2013, Panel participant as part of a policy Dialogue Series. Harare, Zimbabwe

"Charles Mzingeli and Township politics" Talk to graduates at the Harare Theological Seminary College, Harare, Zimbabwe, November 7, 2013

"Zimbabwe Elections 2013" West Cleveland Kiwanis, Jones Road Church, Cleveland, Ohio, July 17, 2013

"Is the 'Government of National Unity' solution working in Africa?: Kenya and Zimbabwe in comparative perspective" Center for International Education, Lakeland Community College, September 20, 2012

Co-organizer "12th Annual May 4 Symposium on Democracy: Democracy and Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo". April 28-30, 2011 Kent State University

Panel Participant, Violence against women in the Congo Teach-In, University of Akron, February 13, 2009

"Zimbabwe" Invited Research Presentation for the Center for International Education, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, September 17, 2009

"Urban Roots of Democracy and Political Violence in Zimbabwe" USAID Mission, Harare, Zimbabwe, July 18, 2009

"Political Violence in Zimbabwe" Brown Bag Talk, Institute of African American Affairs, Kent State University, April 8, 2009

GOVERNMENT GRANT REVIEW

NEH Fellowship Review Committee, Summer 2011

Grant Proposal Review, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, November 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE AND PUBLICATIONS:

Co-Chair, Association of Concerned Africa Scholars 2016-present
Editor, Association of Concerned Africa Scholars Bulletin, 2011-2018
Book Review Editor for African titles, *Journal of Urban History* 2011-2015
Editorial “Scientific Committee”, *Afriche e Orientali – la rivista* (Bologna, Italy, 2011-present)
Steering Committee Member, Zambezi African Studies Association, African Studies Association
Affiliate Organization, 2011-2016
Editor, “Rethinking Zimbabwe” blog, part of SSRC/Royal African Society African Arguments
blog, May 2011-2014
Contributor to the “Africa is a Country” blog, “The New Old Man in Zimbabwe” November 25,
2017
Contributor to the “Africa is a Country” blog, “National Geographic explores Zimbabwe’s pre-
election pulse” July 25, 2013
Co-editor, Association of Concerned Africa Scholars *ACAS Review: Tribute to Terence O.
Ranger (April 8 2015)*
Co-editor, Association of Concerned Africa Scholars *Bulletin*, #87(November 2012, #86;
November 2012; #80 December 2008. Included Article “Shadows of Gukurahundi”
Co-authored with Jocelyn Alexander and coordinated the signature of 35 scholars for a letter
published in the Lessons of Zimbabwe, *London Review of Books* 31:1 January 2009 in response
to an essay in the LRB by Professor Mahmood Mamdani.

Book manuscript reviews for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Rochester
University Press, James Currey Press and Lynn Reiner Press.

Article manuscript reviews for *Journal of African History*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*,
African Studies Review, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Diplomatic History*,
Gender and History, *The Historical Journal*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Africa Today*, *African
Historical Studies*, *International Labor and Working Class History*, *Journal of Eastern African
Studies*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *South African Historical Journal*, *International Journal
of African Historical Studies*, *African Studies* (South Africa) and others.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007-present, Department of History, Kent State University

Completed Ph.D. Advisor for Susan Ziki, defended in May 2024.

Completed Ph.D. Passmore Chishaka, defended July 2023.

Comprehensive Exams for Ph.D students in African history, and transnational topics such as genocide, missionary cultures in Africa, and youth politics.

PhD comprehensive exams: Susan Ziki, Passmore Chishaka. Dante Basita, Matt Vajda, Jason Gully, Christian Lengyel, Mathew Brundage, Robert Sidwell, Aaron Pride, Jason Carruthers, Nick Mays, Dan Farrell, Michael Goodnough, Jason House, Dwight Meyer.

PhD Committee member for: Aaron Pride, Denise Jennison, Hans Henning Bunge, Jason Gully; and Mamoun Alzoubi (English), Juan DeVille (Nursing), Bin Xing (Communications), Deonna Richardson (Akron History), Eric Williams (Akron History).

External PhD/D.Phil Examiner for PhD/D.Phil candidates in Zimbabwean history at: Loyola University (Chicago 2017), Witwatersrand University (Johannesburg 2014), University of the Free State (Bloemfontein, South Africa 2016, 2019), and the University of Birmingham (UK 2016)

MA Advisor for Rutendo Rangisi and Ropafadzo Hove (2022-2024)

Courses taught:

Kent State, 2007-present

Post Colonial African History

Pre Colonial African History

Colonial African History

Graduate Seminar: Major readings in African history

“Contemporary Africa: Democracy and Political Violence (upper-level and graduate seminar)

“World History: Modern” (lecture class, LER, Diversity course)

“African Urban History: a Highlife History” (upper-level and graduate seminar)

“African History since 1880” (upper-level and graduate seminar)

“Teaching World History” (graduate seminar)

“Writing Seminar” (graduate Seminar)

“Post-Colonial African Cities” (graduate seminar)

“Global Migrations: A History” (history majors, upper-level undergraduate)

“Southern African Revolutions” (history majors, upper-level undergraduate and grad course)

“Modern Zimbabwe: An African History” (history majors, upper-level undergraduate and grad course)

“Senior Seminar” (history majors, writing and research seminar)

“Historian’s Craft” and “Historical Research Methods” (history majors, writing and research seminar)

“African Civilizations” (30000-level survey for undergraduates)

“Methodology” (graduate seminar)

“On-line version of World History Modern”

“On-line version of Contemporary Africa”

Destination Kent--First Year Experience Course (first year students) “Resistance and Rebellion in Colonial Africa” (upper-level and graduate seminar)

2023, July-August, World History Modern at the American Academy, PUCHI/Kent State, Curitiba, Brazil

2006-2007, Professorial Lecturer, Department of History and SFS African Studies Program, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

“Societies After Slavery: Post-Emancipation Societies in the British West Indies and British Colonial Africa (history seminar) “African Political Violence” (School of Foreign Service, International Affairs lecture/seminar) “Resistance Movements in Colonial Africa” (history seminar)

2004-2005, 2005-2006. Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History and School of Foreign Service African Studies Program, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

African History I and II (two semester lecture survey) (taught 3 semesters); “Culture and Politics of African Cities: African “Highlife” History” (seminar); “Resistance Movements in Colonial Africa” (seminar): “Societies After Slavery: Post-Emancipation Societies in the British West Indies and British Colonial Africa (seminar): Tutorial in Modern Africa field (graduate).

2003-2004. Professorial Lecturer, Department of History, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

“Culture and Politics of African Cities: African “Highlife” History” (seminar)
“Pan-Africanism: Africa and the United States” (seminar, U.S. History course, African-American Studies course)

1997-1998, 1998-1999. Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies & Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

“Africa to 1850: Cycles of Exchange in African Kingdoms” (survey course, taught two times); “Africa from 1850: Colonialism, Nationalism, Cosmopolitanism” (survey course, upper-level writing course, cultural diversity course, taught two times); “Coming of Age in Twentieth Century Africa” (first-year writing seminar, cultural diversity course) ; “African Nationalist Life Histories” (upper-level undergraduate and graduate seminar); “African Nationalist and Millennial Politics” (upper-level undergraduate and graduate seminar).

1995-1996. Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of North Carolina—Charlotte.

“Pre-colonial Sub-Saharan African History” (survey course)
“Modern Sub-Saharan African History” (survey course)
“Gender and Nationalism in Africa” (seminar, upper-level writing course)

SERVICE AT KENT STATE

University Research Faculty Advisory Committee, 2024-2025
 Provost's Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee, 2022-23
 College of Arts and Science Dean Review Committee, 2018-2019
 Faculty Representative, College Advisory Committee (CAC) 2018-19. 2025-26
 Director, Graduate Program, Department of History Kent State, Fall 2015-Summer 2016, interim
 Spring 2023
 Member of Graduate Program Committee, Department of History, 2009-2010, 2012-2013,
 Spring 2023, 2023-24.
 Co-Organizer, Kent State University's Annual May 4th Symposium on Democracy: Democracy
 and Violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (April 28-29, 2011)
 Department of History Representative on the College Curricular Committee, 2009-2010,
 Member of Department of History Faculty Advisory Committee, 2009-2010, 2015-16, 2019-20,
 2021-22, 2025-26.
 Member of KSU RASP Award Assessment Committee, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2014, Fall
 2015, and Fall 2016.
 Member of Department of History Transformative Learning Grant Team, 2008-2010
 Member of Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of History, 2008-2009
 Co-Faculty Organizer of the Preparing Future Professional Historian seminars, Department of
 History, 2008-2009
 Member African Studies Minor Development and Title VI Grant Committee, 2009-2010
 Member College of Arts and Sciences First Year Experience Course Redesign Team, 2009.
 Edited Department of History Newsletter, Spring 2009, 2010
 Member Department of History Ad Hoc Committee on Merit Revisions, 2008-09
 Member Department of History Ad Hoc Committee on Communication and Newsletter, 2009-10
 Completed the KASADA Faculty Advising training program, 2007-2008

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2025 KSU University Research Council research travel support (\$3500)
 Spring 2025 FPIL, (semester leave) awarded
 2019 Co-Grantee, Leicester University International Research Development Fund for Workshop
 on Urban Zimbabwe, (US\$7820)
 Spring 2017 FPIL
 2013-2016, College of Arts and Sciences Innovative Research Seed Grant, Kent State University
 (US\$24,000)
 Fall 2013, Faculty Semester Research Leave, URC, Kent State University
 Summer 2012, International Research Travel Grant, Kent State University
 Spring 2012, Research Travel Grant, Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan
 Summer 2011, Faculty Summer Research Grant, Kent State University
 Spring, 2010, Provost's Office Summer Course Design Grant, Kent State University
 Summer 2009, Faculty Summer Research Grant, Kent State University
 Spring-Fall 2009, Transformative Learning Grant, Kent State University
 Spring 2009, Moulton Fellow, Kent State University
 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U. S. Department of
 Education. (Harare, Zimbabwe), 1991-1992

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Kent State University, 2023.

Finalist for the Distinguished Teaching Award, Kent State University Alumni Association, October 2016.

FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVES

National Archives Kew, London, September 2016, July 2019, June 2021, June 2023, June 2025

Bodleian Library Special Collections, Oxford University, June 2025

National Archives of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, July 2017

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta Georgia, January 2016

South African Defense Forces Archive, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2015

National Archives of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, October 2013, 2015

United States National Archives II, College Park, Maryland, March 2013

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor, MI. Fall 2012

The National Archives, Kew, London, Summer 2012

Department of Foreign Affairs Archives, Pretoria, South Africa, Summer 2011

United States National Archives II, College Park, Maryland, April 2011

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor, MI. Spring 2010

National Archives of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, Summer 2009

South African National Archives, Pretoria, South Africa, Summer 2009

George Meany Archives (AFL-CIO), College Park, Maryland, summer 2006

United States National Archives II, College Park, Maryland, 2001-2003

Bentley Library, University of Michigan, summer 2003

Research Associate, Makerere Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda, 1996-1997.

National Archives of Uganda, Entebbe, 1996-1997

Rhodes House Library, Oxford University, 1991-1992, 1996

Public Records Office, London, 1991

Library of Congress, Washington DC, 1991, 1993-1995

Institute for Commonwealth Studies Library, London, 1992, 1996

School of Oriental and African Studies Special Collection, London, 1996

Zimbabwe National Archives, 1991-1992

PUBLISHED ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

--"Harare, Zimbabwe" for Oxford Reference Encyclopedia, African History, co-authored with

Dr. Eric Makombe, University of Zimbabwe (forthcoming)

--“Mai Chaza”, “Charles Mzingeli”, and “Reuben Jamela” for the *Dictionary of African Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)

--“Charles Mzingeli” and “History of the Labour Movement in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, 1890 to the present” for the *Encyclopedia of Protest and Revolution* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2009)

--“Zimbabwean Politics” *The New Encyclopedia of Africa* (2007), John Middleton, editor.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, 1994. Degree: Ph.D.

Dissertation: *The Politics of Gender and Class in the Creation of African Communities, Salisbury, Rhodesia, 1937-1957*

Dissertation Committee: *Frederick Cooper, Gracia Clark, Keletso Atkins, Geoff Eley.*

Comprehensive fields: *Modern Africa (Frederick Cooper); Modern European Left (Geoff Eley); Colonial Anthropology and History (Nick Dirks); Renaissance Italy (Marvin Becker)*

University of Michigan, 1985. B.A. History

LANGUAGES

ChiShona (basic): FLAS scholarships 1989-1991, two years pre-fieldwork language training at Michigan State University’s African Languages Department. Fulfilled Fulbright-Hays Language Requirement (1991)

Latin and French (basic reading); Italian (basic speaking and decent reading).