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Research and Teaching Interests: Africa's pre-colonial and colonial histories; women's and gender history; history and memory; comparative European colonial histories; 20th century African intellectual life; international development and human rights; immigration.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2008-Present	**Assistant Professor**, The University of Texas at Austin Department of History **and** Department of African and African Diaspora Studies; Affiliate, Center for Women's & Gender Studies
2006-08	**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Denison University
2004-05	**Teaching Fellow**, Department of History, Yale University

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EDUCATION

2006 Yale University

- **Ph.D.** History, "Forgetting Lives, Remembering Symbols: Women in the History of Zimbabwe" (*Qualifying Exams Passed with Distinction*)
- *Major:* Africa*; Minors:* European Imperial History, and African American History since 1865

2001 **M.A.** History of Education, University of Toronto (Canada)
1999 **M.A.** International Development, Saint Mary's University (Canada)
1998 **B.A.** International Development, Saint Mary's University

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming, Under Review, and in Preparation:
Imagine-Nation: Memory in the Making of Zimbabwe, forthcoming. (**Monograph**)

"Becoming Imperial: Swiss Identity in British Southern Africa since 1880" in Patricia Purtschert, Harald Fischer-Tiné, eds.: *Colonial Encounters of the Swiss Kind: Imperial Entanglements and Postcolonial Assemblages*, forthcoming. (**Chapter**)

"Subtle Competitors, Fierce Brokers: Women and the Exercise of Power in Sixteenth Century Southeastern Africa" *under review*. (**Journal Article**)

"Mothers and Daughters: Women's Inter-Generational Memory of Wars of Liberation in Southern Africa," *in preparation* (**Journal Article**)

"In the Name of the Fathers: Land, Amnesia and the Rhodesian UDI," in Lynette Jackson and Timothy Scarnecchia, eds., *Zimbabwe in the 1980s*, in preparation (**Chapter**)

Published Works:
"Gender, Nehanda, and the Myth of Nation-hood in the Making of Zimbabwe" in Gerard Bouchard, ed., *Whither National Myths: Reflections on the Present and Future of National Myths* (Routledge, 2013), 206-222.

"Nehanda;" "Charwe wokwa Hwata;" "Victoria Chitepo;" "Mutapa leader, Nyanhewe," and "Mutapa Leader, Gatsi Rusere" all five (5) entries in the *Oxford Dictionary of African Biography* (2011).

"'A School said to Resemble a Luxury Hotel': Historicizing African Women's Quest for Education before Oprah's School" *History Compass* (Vol. 7, April 2009)

"Nehanda and Gender Victimhood in the Central Mashonaland 1896-97 Rebellions: Revisiting the Evidence" *History in Africa: A Journal in Method*, 35 (2008), 103-131.

"Women, Spirit Possession, and History" (by invitation), *Encyclopedia of Women's History*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

"Administering Medicine without a License: Missionary Women in Rhodesia's Nursing History, 1890-1901" *The Historian*, 68, 2, (Summer 2006), 241-266.

"The Zimbabwe Shamanic Foundation," *Shamanism*, 17, 1, (Spring/Summer 2004).

"'*Mapfupa Angu Achamuka* – My Bones Shall Rise': The Intellectual Legacy of Mbuya Nehanda of Zimbabwe" *Journal of Postcolonial Education,* 1, 2, (2002), 25-45.

"The Eye of the Storm" *trans/forms - Insurgent Voices in Education*, 5, 7 (Jan. 2001) (Short Story in a referred journal)

"Woman...This is Your Body Calling!!!" *Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal*, 23, 2, Special Issue, Sexual Economics (1998). (Poetry in a refereed journal)

COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT

- **History of Southern Africa (U)**
- **Civilizations of Africa to 1800 (U)**
- **History and Memory (G)**
- **African Women's History (U)**
- **Apartheid and Resistance in South African History (U)**
- **Gender, Empire, Nation (G)**
- **History of Africa since 1800 (U)**
- **Doing History: Research Methods in African History (U)**
- **History of International Development (U)**
- **Human Rights and International Development in African History (U)**

INVITED ACADEMIC PAPERS

"Black Colony, White Memory: The Price of Commemorating Occupation Day in Rhodesia, 1890-1980" Presented at the University of Iowa, International Programs and African Studies Program, Iowa City, March 11, 2013

"When Memory goes Awry: Black and White Nationalism in Southern Africa" Presented at the Center for African Studies, University of Florida, October 28, 2011

"You May Want to do this after Tenure: Reflections on Researching an Obscure Woman" Presented at the American Historical Association, *Sponsored by the AHA Committee on Women Historians*, Boston, MA, Hynes Convention Center, January 8, 2011

"Nehanda, History and Memory, 1896-2010" Presented at the Research Days 2010, Britain Zimbabwe Society and the Center for African Studies, Oxford University, UK, June 19-20, 2010.

"Rape, the Long Haunting Shadow of Liberation Wars in Southern Africa: A Critical Reflection" Presented at the *Conference on Violence and Vulnerability*, Emory University, Atlanta Georgia, November 12-14, 2009.

"Leading in Nehanda's Name: Gender and the Myth of Nationhood in Zimbabwe" Presented at the *Whither National Myths: Reflections on the Present and Future of National Myths* Conference, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, May 6-8, 2009

"Remembering, Forgetfully: Nehanda in Zimbabwean History and Memory" Presented at Duke University, John Hope Franklin Center, November 8, 2007.

"Gender and the Legacy of the Heroines and Heroes of 'the Struggle' in Southern Africa: A Case Study of Zimbabwe" Presented at the *Symposium on the Life and Death of Stephen Biko*, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2007

"Imperial Women and the Invention of Rhodesia, 1890-1901" Public Lecture at the Southern African Political and Economic Series (SAPES Trust) Seminar Series, March 10, 2005, Harare, Zimbabwe.

"Revisiting African and Western Women's Historical Connections in Education: The Case of Zimbabwe from 1890" Public Lecture, *Women's History Program*, Sarah Lawrence College, NY, October 16, 2003.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2010-11	German Research Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellow, Bielefeld, Germany
2010	Pacific Security Fellow, Huntington Library, CA, USA
2010-11	Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress, (Declined)
2009-10	British Studies Junior Fellow, UTexas
2009-10	New Faculty Fellow, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, UTexas
2005-06	Whiting Fellowship, Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation
2001-2002	International Fellow, American Association of University Women
1999-2001	International Recruitment Award, University of Toronto

SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

"In the Name of the Fathers: Memory and Amnesia in Rhodesia and Zimbabwe" paper to be presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 29-Dec 1, 2012.

"To Be or Not to Be Native, that's the Question?: Southern African Settler Memories of Belonging" Presented at the Narratives and Social Memory: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches Conference, University of Minho, Portugal, June 29-30, 2012.

"AK 47 National Heroes: Violence as 'National Identity' in Zimbabwe," Presented, *History, Memory, and Identity in Africa* Conference, Université d'Oran, Algeria, 26-27 April 2010

"Remembering Nehanda and the 1896-97 Rebellions in Bulawayo and Harare" African Studies Association, 52nd Annual Meeting, *Africa at a Crossroads*, The Roosevelt New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA, November 19-22, 2009.

"Forgetfully Remembered: Spirit Mediums in Zimbabwe, 1980-2005" (**Panel Organizer**), presented at the *International Oral History Conference*, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2008.

"Nehanda, Gender, and the 1890s Uprisings in central Mashonaland: Revisiting the Evidence" presented at the *African Studies Association Annual Conference*, New York City, October 18-21, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

2013-14 Executive Committee (Dept. Governing Body)
2011-12 Executive Committee (Dept. Governing Body)
2011 **Convener,** *Let Me Tell You What Africa Means to Me: Stories of Africa from America*. Public Event discussing the Experiences of Recent African Immigrants in America**.**
2009-12 **Coordinator**, African Feminisms Series
2007-08 **Director**, Black Studies Archive Project, Denison University
2003-2006 **Director, Archives & Oral History Project –** *Living Memory History Project* – Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale. Archived for Public Use the records of the AACC (1960s-2006), as well as initiated an Oral History Project to document the "Black Experience" at Yale

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE

2010-Ongoing Article Reviewer for *Journal of Gender Studies* (Taylor Francis); *Africa Today* (Indiana UP); *International Journal of African Historical Studies* (Boston U).
2011-12 Executive Committee (UTexas History Dept.)
2009-12 Coordinator, *African Feminist Series*, The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies
2009-10 Executive Committee (UTexas History Dept.)
2008-09 Faculty Advisor, African Students Association (Texas)
2007-08 Faculty Advisor, African Students Association (Denison)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

African Studies Association; American Historical Association; Berkshire Conference of Women Historians; International Oral History Association; International Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Excellent: English, isiNdebele, chiShona, and isiZulu
Fair: French for Reading
Studying: German, Intermediate level