

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. History, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, U.K., (August 1996)
Thesis: 'Land, Labour and Cattle: the Political Economy of Zululand, c. 1930-1950'. Supervisor:
Prof. Shula Marks.

M.A. History, University of Natal, Durban, South Africa(April 1991) Thesis: 'The Impact of
European Land Delimitations and Expropriations on Zululand, 1880-1920'.

B.A. Honours, History, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada (May 1988).

Employment/Professional and Administrative Posts

2008-present, Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Programs, University of West Georgia.
Responsible for establishment and operation of the center, coordination of three major degree
programs (Environmental Studies, Environmental Sciences, Global Studies, and six minor
degree programs, Africana Studies, American Studies, Canadian Studies, Film Studies, Latin
American Studies, Women's Studies), recruiting of students, coordination of teaching faculty,
budget of the center, SWOTS analysis, related CORE courses.

Aug. 2007-present, Professor of History, University of West Georgia
Responsible for undergraduate courses on World History, Global Studies Pre-colonial Africa,
Colonial and Modern Africa, The transforming societies of Southern Africa and Graduate level
courses on South Africa and Capitalism in Africa (syllabi and teaching assessments available
on request).

2002-2008, Director, Global Studies program, University of West Georgia. Responsible for
the oversight, coordination and development of this interdisciplinary B.A. major degree program,
including development of certificate program, internship program, coordination and teaching of
courses in the major and at the introductory level, annual reviews, advising of all students,
coordination of faculty offerings in the degree and development of study abroad opportunities.

Aug. 2002-Aug. 2007 Associate Professor of History, Department of History, University of
West Georgia. Responsible for undergraduate courses on World History, Global Studies Pre-
colonial Africa, Colonial and Modern Africa, The transforming societies of Southern Africa and

Graduate level courses on South Africa and Capitalism in Africa (syllabi and teaching assessments available on request).

Sept. 1997- June 2002 Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, State University of West Georgia. Responsible for undergraduate courses on World History, Pre-colonial Africa, Colonial and Modern Africa, The transforming societies of Southern Africa and a Graduate level course on Capitalism in Africa.

August 1996-June 1997 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Responsible for African history courses: Pre-colonial Africa, Colonial and Modern Africa, The transforming societies of Southern Africa (syllabi and teaching assessments available on request).

January-June 1996

Substitute Teacher, M.S.A.D. 40, 51, Maine.

July-December 1993

Leave substitute lecturer, Department of History, University of Natal, Durban. Responsible for upper-level course on American history: 'The Federalist era to the Monroe Doctrine, 1776-1824'.

Summer 1992

Senior Teacher's Assistant, Flemington School, Toronto, Ontario. Multi-cultural Classroom teaching and supervision.

Summer 1991

Teacher's Assistant, Flemington School, Toronto, Ontario. Duties as above.

January-December 1990

Senior Supervising Tutor, Department of History, University of Natal, Durban. Responsible for co-ordination and supervision of five tutors, liaison with faculty and Head of Department.

January-December 1989

University Tutor, Department of History, University of Natal, Durban. Responsible tutorials for a first year level survey course in colonialism and imperialism, administration and evaluation of formal tests and essays.

Awards, Scholarships and Grants

2006-07: University of West Georgia International Programs grant to conduct a planning trip for a Global Studies study abroad experience in South Africa (\$5,000)

2006-07: University of West Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning grant to conduct a planning trip for a Global Studies study abroad experience in South Africa (\$2,500)

2004: U.S. Title II Part A Higher Education Grants for Improving Teacher Higher Education for 'Infusing World History into the New Social Sciences Curriculum for Secondary School Teachers' (\$26,679.00)

Spring 2004: Faculty paid research leave, University of West Georgia (Full salary and benefits)

2001-02: State University of West Georgia Faculty Research Grant: For travel to South Africa to conduct research for a book, *A History of South Africa* (\$1500)

2000: State University of West Georgia Junior Faculty Nominee for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Grant.

1999-00: State University of West Georgia STEP/P-16 grant to develop and implement a teacher-education workshop: 'Infusing World History into the Secondary School Curriculum' (\$9,200)

1996-97: Student Support Services honored faculty member for positive academic impact on first generation, disabled or low income students, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

1996: Travel grant to present a seminar paper at the Canadian Research Consortium on Southern Africa annual Conference. From the Department of History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. (\$750)

1995: Partial Fees Scholarship, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, England. (\$5,000)

1993: Research grant, University of London, Central Research Committee, Irwin Fund to cover travel and maintenance expenses for a research trip to South Africa: A study of the political economy of Zululand, 1900-1948. (\$8,500)

1992: Partial Fees Scholarship, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, England. (\$5,000)

1990-1991: Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Department of National Education, South Africa, to undertake a Masters degree at the University of Natal. (\$25,000)

Professional Training

Feb. 2008, P-Card Training, University of West Georgia. Trained in the use and regulation of University System of Georgia purchasing cards, UWG.

Jan. 2008, Trained to implement Seven Revolutions in Global Change in the Epislen/New York Times Knowledge Network Online Learning Environment, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA

Nov. 2005, Backward Design Theory workshop, University system of Georgia "Preparing Teachers to Teach Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Oct. 2004: Attended Georgia Department of Education Institute/conference on the new Professional Standards for Georgia Teachers

Nov. 2002: Attended/Participated in National Assessment Institute

Aug. 2000. WebCT and Distance Learning course training

Nov. 1998: Interpreting Islam: teaching workshop.

Oct. 1997: Writing Across the Curriculum workshop.

Oct. 1997-Feb. 1998: Microsoft and WordPerfect computer applications training.

Publications, Reviews, Conference Papers and Presentations

Books

Cosmopolitan Citizenship: An Introduction to Global Studies with Pat Campbell and Christy Stevens. Under contract with Blackwell Publishers, U.K., final mss due Sept. 2008. Online version available at: http://webct.westga.edu/SCRIPT/11498200601/scripts/serve_home

The Making of South Africa: Culture and Politics, 2004, Prentice Hall/Pearson Publishers, Saddle River, NJ. Reviews available on request

Edited Journal

“(Un) Healthy Interiors: Contestations at the intersection of public health and private space” *Special Issue of Studies in the Social Sciences*, Vol. 38, July 2005, co-edited with Dr. J. Ablard, includes a co-authored introduction to the issue.

Articles

>Chiefs, cattle and “Betterment”: Contesting Zuluness and Segregation in the Reserves’ chapter in *Zulu Identities. Being Zulu, Past and Present*, edited by Ben Carton, Jabulani Sithole and John Laband, pp. 250-56. University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2008.

‘Africans and The myth of rural retirement in South Africa, c.1900-50’. *The Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology* for a special issue on *Aging in Africa*, Dec. 2007

‘Negotiating the political practice of the state: The case of reclamation, resistance and “betterment” in Zululand.’ in Clifton Crais (ed.) *The Culture of Power in Southern Africa*, Heinemann Press (Portsmouth, 2003). pp. 65-90.

‘Chiefly Authority and Leap-frogging Headmen in Zululand, South Africa, c. 1930-50’, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Volume 27, No. 3, Sept. 2001, pp. 567-590

“‘Of Oxford Bags and Twirling Canes’”: Native Anti-Malaria Assistants, The State and Popular Responses to Anti-Malaria Campaigns in Early Twentieth Century Zululand’, *Radical History Review*, No 80, Spring 2001, pp. 75-99

‘Malaria Epidemics in Early Twentieth Century Zululand, South Africa.’ in *Aktual’nye problemy zdorov’ia naseleniia (Current Problems in Public Health)*, Birskii State Pedagogical Institute, Birsk, Russia, 2000, pp. 133-143.

‘The Persistence of the Cattle Economy in Zululand, South Africa, 1900-1950’, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1, 1999, pp. 98-136

Encyclopedia Entries

“Segregation, 1910-1948” In *Encyclopedia of South African History*, Forthcoming, Lynne Rienner

‘Durban’ in *Encyclopedia of African History*, K. Shillington Editor (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K.), Nov. 2004,

‘The Pedi Polity’, in *Encyclopedia of African History*, K. Shillington Editor (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K.), Nov. 2004

‘The Anglo-Zulu War’ in *Encyclopedia of African History*, K. Shillington Editor (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K.), Nov. 2004

‘Shaka Zulu’ in *Encyclopedia of African History*, K. Shillington Editor (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K.), Nov. 2004.

‘Praise Poets’, *Censorship: An International Encyclopedia* (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K). Nov. 2001

‘The Dutch Reformed Church’, *Censorship: An International Encyclopedia* (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K). Nov. 2001

‘Alex La Guma’, in *Censorship: An International Encyclopedia* (Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, U.K). Nov. 2001

Book Reviews: Refereed journals

J. Guy, *The Maphumulo Uprising War, Law and Ritual in the Zulu Rebellion*, H-Net/H-SAfrica, March, 2008

P. Alegi, *Laduma! Soccer, Politics and Society in South Africa* in *African Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 8, No. 3, Spring 2006

T. McClendon, *Genders and Generations Apart. Labor Tenants and Customary Law in Segregation-Era South Africa, 1920s-1940s*, *Journal of African History*, Vol. 45, Fall 2004, pp. 341-42 and

T. McClendon, *Genders and Generations Apart. Labor Tenants and Customary Law in Segregation-Era South Africa, 1920s-1940s*, *H-Net/H S-Africa*, Jan. 2004

A. Booth, *Historical Dictionary of Swaziland*, in *Africa Today*, Fall 2003.

K. Jochelson, *The Colour of Disease. Syphilis and Racism in South Africa, 1880-1950*, *African Studies Review* Vol 46, No. 1, Spring 2003.

J. M. Kimble, *Migrant Labour and Colonial Rule in Basutoland, 1890-1930*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Vol. 36, No.2, pp. 386-88.

B. Carton, *Blood From Your Children. The Colonial Origins of Generational Conflict in South Africa*, in *Peace And Change*. Vol. 27, No. 4 Oct 2002, pp. 651-53

D. Goodman, *Fault Lines: Journeys into the New South Africa*, *Left History*, Vol. 7, No. 1, Spring 2001, pp. 160-64.

N.T. Torkington, *Community Health Needs in South Africa* in *African Studies Review*, Vol. 44, No. 3, Spring 2001.

R. Cope, *Ploughshare of War. The Origins of the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879*, *African Studies Review*, Vol. 44, No. 3, Spring 2001

A. Lester, *From Colonization to Democracy*, *African Studies Review*, Vol. 42, No. 3, Dec. 1999, pp. 128-130

C. Alden, *Apartheid's Last Stand*, *African Studies Review*, Vol. 42, No. 3, Dec. 1999, 227-229

J. Brown and M. Prozesky, *Gandhi and South Africa* in *Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol. 16, No.2, Fall 1999, pp.214-17

S. Gastrow, *Who's Who in South African Politics, Vol. 5* in *Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 1, Spring 2000, pp.247-50

Conference papers, presentations and activities

-March 2008, Invited Interview for Anti-War Radio show with Scott Horton. 45 minute-long discussion of the Zimbabwe Crisis

- April 2007, Presentation with Pat Campbell, 'The Global Studies Laboratory', Vice President for Academic Affairs presentation for UWG Annual Faculty Meeting. This presentation was part of the longer-term planning for the study-abroad trip

- Sept. 2007 Paper entitled 'Going Global in South Africa, Global Studies Abroad in South Africa', presented at the South Eastern Regional Seminar in African Studies meeting, College of Charleston.

-Invited lecture: 'South African Industrialization and Segregation' Columbus State University course on South African History'. 1 Oct. 2007

- Invited talk and discussion of 'Come Back Africa' film, International Programs, International House, Columbus State University, 1 Oct., 2007

15 June 2006 'The myth of rural retirement in South Africa, c. 1930-50' paper presented to the International Conference on Aging and Social Change in Africa, Georgia State University.

4-7 March 2006, Discussant for panel on 'Identity, Globalism and Cultural Constraints' conference on 'Law, Politics and Society in South Africa: The Politics of Inequality Then and Now' Gwendolyn Carter International Conference Series, African Studies Center, University of Florida

15 Nov. 'Why Black South Africans Couldn't Retire', Invited Honors presentation for Columbus State University International House, 15 Nov. 2005

16-18 October 2005, Invited Participant in Longman Publishers workshop for specialists in world history discussion on creating the ideal world history text, San Francisco.

30 Sept-1 Oct. Panel chair and discussant for "Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Aesthetics in Western and Southern Africa." Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies conference, Maryville College, TN.

22-24 April 2005, Panel chair and discussant on colonial identities in South Africa, New England Workshop on Southern African Studies, Burlington Vermont

7-9 April Chair and Discussant, Panel on Conversion in the South African Context, Georgia Association of Historians 2005 Annual Meeting, Columbus State University Columbus, GA.

Attended South East Africanist Conference and Workshop, Georgia Southern University, 38-30 Jan. 2005

12 Nov. 2004, presenter, "Chiefly politics and Zulu Identities in a border region" National African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, LA

4 Nov. 2004. Panel Commentator "The 20th Century British Empire In Africa", Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN

6 March 2004 Panel Chair: Phi Alpha Theta Meeting

26-28 March 2004. Co-coordinator, presenter (roundtable panel on 'Teaching Africa in America') and discussant for panel on Southern and Eastern Africa, South Eastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) meeting, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

22-24 Jan. 2004, Presenter with Pat Campbell, 'Strategies for integrating Africa into your curriculum' 5th Annual Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN) Meeting, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

5-7 Sept. 2004, attended North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa conference, University of Vermont

April 2003,. Coordinator, chair and discussant for panels for the South Eastern Regional Seminar on African Studies conference on Poverty and Liberation in Africa, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Nov. 2002 Coordinator, chair and discussant for panels for the South Eastern Regional Seminar on African Studies conference on Culture and Identity in Africa, Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

April 2002 "Of Oxford Bags and Twirling Canes": Native Anti-Malaria Assistants, The State and Popular Responses to Anti-Malaria Campaigns in Early Twentieth Century Zululand, paper presented to the NEWSA conference on Southern African Studies, University of Vermont.

March 2002: Coordinator, chair and discussant for two panels for the South Eastern Regional Seminar on African Studies conference on Culture and Identity in Africa, Georgia State University.

April 2001 Conference Coordinator, Chair and Discussant for a panel on "Changing Identities and Roles: Tradition Reconfigured", Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies Conference, "Transitions in African Development and Identities", Northern Kentucky University, Newport, KN.

Oct. 2000: Conference Coordinator, Chair and Discussant for a panel on 'Twisting in the Winds of Change: Interpreting Current Crises in Southern Africa. Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Oct. 2000: "'Native Anti-Malaria Assistants', The State and Popular Responses to Anti-Malaria Campaigns in Early Twentieth Century Zululand' accepted by NEWSA Workshop on Southern Africa Conference, Burlington VT. Unable to present due to scheduling conflict.

April 2000: Chair and discussant for a panel on: 'Negotiating the Contested: The state, politics and ideology in Southern Africa' Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies Conference Western Carolina University, Sylva, NC.

Oct. 1999: 'Native Anti-malaria Assistants, Identity and the State in Zululand', presented to the Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies Conference, Armstrong Atlantic University, Savannah, GA.

April 1999: 'Famine and Market Mechanisms in Zululand, c. 1930-50' presented to the national NEWSA Workshop on Southern Africa Conference, Burlington, VT.

March 1999: 'Popular Responses to the Anti-Malaria Campaign in Zululand, c. 1930-50' Presented to the Emory University History of Medicine Seminar Series, Atlanta, GA.

Nov. 1998: 'Resistance, Reclamation and Resistance: Betterment in the Zululand Reserves' Presented to the national African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Oct 1998: 'The Persistence of Chiefly Authority in South Africa' presented to the Department of History Colloquium, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA.

May 1998: 'The Persistence of the Cattle Economy in Zululand., C. 1900-1950', presented to the Canadian Research Consortium on Southern Africa, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

April 1997: 'Leap-frogging Headmen and Chiefly Authority in Zululand, c. 1930-50', presented to the Southeastern Regional Seminar for African Studies, University of North Carolina.

Feb. 1997: 'Chiefly authority and the persistence of tradition in the political economy of Zululand', presented to the Department of History, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

Jan. 1997: 'The Mfecane in South Africa, 1780-1830. African state formation and its implications for South African historiography', presented to the Department of History, State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia.

Oct. 1996: 'A research proposal on the African Elderly and Rural Retirement in South Africa', presented to the Department of History Workshop, University of North Carolina at Charlotte and to the Canadian Research Consortium on Southern Africa, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Oct. 1994: 'The political economy of an epidemic: Malaria in Zululand, 1929-48', Delivered to the Canadian Research Consortium on Southern Africa Workshop, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

June 1994: 'Capitalism and the Cattle Economy in Zululand, 1930-1948', Delivered to the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, England, African Studies Seminar Series.

July 1993: 'The political economy of health in Zululand 1900-1948', delivered to the Department of History, University of Natal, Durban, Postgraduate Seminar Series.

May 1993: 'A Note on Electronic Archive Resources in South Africa', paper presented to the Departments of History and Economic History, University of Natal, Durban.

June 1992: 'The Zululand Lands Delimitation Commission, 1902-1904', delivered to the Canadian Association of African Studies Conference, York University, Toronto, Ontario.

Service to the profession

-2008-09 Vice President, AAUP, UWG Chapter.

-2007-08, Member-at-Large, AAUP Executive Committee, UWG -Served as an external reviewer for 'The Revolutionary World. A Global History of the Twentieth Century' for Blackwell publishers, Oct. 2007

-Served as an external reviewer for a paper on Mozambican refugees in South Africa for the Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, Dec. 2007

-2000-2003, 2004-present, Coordinator, Southeastern Regional Association of African Studies (SERSAS) and coordinating catalogue archivist for past papers.

-Manuscript reviewer for article mss on Aids in South Africa, *African Studies Review*

-Manuscript reviewer for an article on cattle and the beef industry in South Africa, *African Economic History*

-Manuscript reviewer: Thompson/Wadsworth Publishers for World History Textbooks

-Contributing member of the SouthEast Africanist Network, University of Florida

July 2003: Reviewer, journal article manuscript for *African Economic History*

Nov. 1998: Reviewer, journal article manuscript for *African Studies Review*

University Positions and Activities

2007-08, Co-Chair, Senate Ad hoc Rules Committee

2007-08, Chair, Learning Resources Committee. Oversight of disbursement of \$50,000 in grant monies

2006-09, Member, University of West Georgia Learning Resources Committee

2006-2009 -Member of Faculty Senate, University of West Georgia

2006-07, Member, Dean's Executive Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of West Georgia

2005-2008- Director/Coordinator, Global Studies Major Degree program, University of West Georgia

2005-06 -Member of Departmental Search Committee, Latin American Search

2003-06, Member of Dean's Executive Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of West Georgia

2004-05-University of West Georgia Salary Compression Committee

2004-ongoing -Representative of the State University of West Georgia to the University System of Georgia's Africa Council and Studies Abroad Committee

2004 -2005 Chair, President's Disciplinary Review Appeals Committee (reviewed one case)

2002-ongoing-XIDS Core Course Review Committee: Area E.

2001 ongoing -Global Studies Committee

2000-ongoing: Faculty Advisor to the Advanced Academy, University of West Georgia

2000-ongoing: Member of Honors Committee, University of West Georgia

2003-2005. Chair, Department Curriculum Review and Course Scheduling Committee

2002-2003- Coordinator, Student Advising, Department of History

2003-04, Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, Department of History, State University of West Georgia

2000-02: Department Faculty Representative for the A-Day Campaign, State University of West Georgia.

2000-01: Member of Search Committee (African American), Department of History, State University of West Georgia

2000-02: Interdisciplinary Studies (XIDS) Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, State University of West Georgia.

1999-01: Member of Institutional Studies and Planning Committee, State University of West Georgia and Parking Services Subcommittee

1999-00: Member of Search Committee (Middle-East/Ancient Mediterranean post) Department of History, State University of West Georgia

1998-00 Faculty Advisor: Phi Kappa Pi Honors Society, State University of West Georgia

1998: Member of M.A. Thesis Examining Committee, Department of Sociology, State University of West Georgia.

1998,99: Examiner for non-Western portion of a comprehensive M.A. Exam, Department of History, State University of West Georgia.

1998-99 Member of the Search Committee (Early Modern European post), Department of History, State university of West Georgia

1998-00: Member and Chair of the Colloquium Committee, Department of History, State University of West Georgia

1998-00: Member of the Budget Oversight Committee, Department of History, State University of West Georgia.

1998-00: Member of the Teacher Education Advisory Committee. Department of History, State University of West Georgia

1998-00: Member of College of Arts and Sciences P-16 Teacher Education Advisory Committee

1998-00: Faculty Mentor, The Hope Scholarship Program, State University of West Georgia

1996-97: Convener, Departmental History Workshop, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

1991-92: Co-convener, Graduate Student Seminar on research and methodology, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London.

1989-90: Chairman, History Society, University of Natal, Durban.

1987-88: Member of Executive Board of History Department Student Council, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. In charge of symposia and faculty relations.

Member of Queen's University African Studies Organization.

Student-related Advising

On-going:

-Faculty Advisor for Phi Sigma Pi, National Honors Fraternity

-Faculty Advisor for *Tomashi NoAnime* Student Organization

-Faculty Mentor, HOPE Scholarship program

-Member of Honors College Faculty Advisory Committee

-Member of Advanced Academy Student Advisory Committee

Professional Memberships

African Studies Association, U.S.A.

American Historical Association, U.S.A.

Association of Third World Studies, U.S.A.

Canadian Research Consortium on Southern Africa, Queen's University, Canada

Carroll County Historical Society

Historical Globalization Network

Institute of Historical Research, London, England

International Studies Consortium, Columbus GA

Medical History Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Royal African Society, London, England

Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies, U.S.A., Coordinator, 1999-2003

South African Network of Skills Abroad