

# Curriculum Vitae Nancy J. Jacobs

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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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Associate Professor, Department of History, Brown University	2003–present
Elected Faculty Fellow, Institute for Environment and Society, Brown University	2014–present
Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies, Brown University	1996–2003
Benedict Distinguished Visiting Professor, Department of History, Carleton College	Spring 2014
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Brown University	2007–2011
Director, International Scholars of the Environment Program, Watson Institute	2008–2009
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brown University	1996–2003
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges	1995–1996
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Fort Lewis College	1994–1995
Associate Instructor, Department of History, Indiana University	1992–1993
Intern, Political Section, United States Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa	1986

## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D.</b> in History Indiana University, Bloomington	1995
<b>M.A.</b> in African Studies University of California, Los Angeles	1987
<b>B.A.</b> in History and German Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan	1984

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*Birders of Africa: History of a Network*. New Haven: Yale University Press, forthcoming 2016. xvi + 350 pp.

*African History through Sources*, volume 1: *Colonial Contexts and Everyday Experiences, c. 1850–1946*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014. xv + 328 pp.

*Environment, Power and Injustice: A South African History*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. xii +300 pp.

### **Book Manuscript in Preparation**

“African History through Sources, volume 2: Sovereign States and Modern Developments, 1945–2015” (with co-author Jennifer Johnson). Under contract (New York: Cambridge University Press).

### **Edited Journal Issue in Preparation**

*Kronos: Southern African Histories* 41, “*The Micropolitics of Knowledge*.” (with co-editor Andrew Bank). Forthcoming 2015.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

“Marriage, Ornithology, and Secret Intelligence in the Life of Rudyard Boulton, an American in Africa.” *Kronos: Southern African Histories* 41, “*The Micropolitics of Knowledge*.” Forthcoming 2015.

“Herding Birds, Interspecific Communication, and Translation.” *Critical African Studies*, 7, “*Writing Animals into African History*.” (2015 DOI: 10.1080/21681392.2015.1061791 (print forthcoming).

“The Intimate Politics of Ornithology in Colonial Africa.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 48 (2006): 564–603.

“Latitudes and Longitudes: Comparative Perspectives on Cape Environmental History.” *Kronos: Journal of Cape History* 29 (2003): 7–29. Republished online at *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Comparative Studies* 15 (2004), <http://www.safundi.com/issues/15/jacobs.asp>, and in print in *South Africa and the United States Compared: The Best of Safundi, 2003–2004* (Safundi, 2005): 117–150.

“The Great Bophuthatswana Donkey Massacre: Discourse on the Ass and Politics of Class and Grass.” *American Historical Review* 108 (2001): 485–507.

“Grasslands and Thickets: Bush Encroachment and Herding in the Kalahari Thornveld.” *Environment and History* 6 (2000): 289–316.

“Environment, Production and Social Difference in the Kalahari Thornveld, c. 1750 – c. 1820s.” *Journal of Southern African Studies* 25 (1999): 347–373.

“The Flowing Eye: Water Management in the Upper Kuruman Valley, South Africa, c.1800–1962.” *Journal of African History* 37 (1996): 237–260.

## Non-Refereed Journal Articles in Preparation

“Introduction” (with co-author Andrew Bank). *Kronos: Southern African Histories* 41, “*The Micropolitics of Knowledge*.” Forthcoming 2015.

## Non-Refereed Journal Articles

“Collaborative Research, Participatory Solutions: Research on Asbestos in Kuruman, South Africa” (with co-authors Sophia Kisting and Lundy Braun). *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* 10 (2004): 226–232.

## Chapters in Books

“The Anthropocene from Below” (with co-authors Danielle Johnstone and Christopher Kelly), in *World Histories from Below: Dissent and Disruption, 1750–present*, edited by Tony Ballantyne and Antoinette Burton. London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2016.

“Africa, Europe and the Birds between Them,” in *Networks of Nature in the British Empire*, edited by James Beattie, Edward Melillo and Emily O’Gorman. London: Bloomsbury, 2014, 92–120.

“Environment, Power, and Injustice: A South African History” (reprint of final chapter of *Environment, Power and Injustice: A South African History*), in *The New Imperial Histories Reader*, edited by Stephen Howe. London: Routledge, 2009, 219–228.

“The Colonial Ecological Revolution in South Africa: The Case of Kuruman,” in *South Africa’s Environmental History*, edited by Ruth Edgecombe, Bill Guest and Steven Dovers. Cape Town: David Philip, 2002.

## Book Reviews

“Horses and Human History in South Africa,” review of *Riding High: Horses, Humans and History in South Africa*, by Sandra Swart. H-Net review project, September 2011, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=32129>.

*Washed with the Sun: Landscape and the Making of White South Africa*, by Jeremy Foster. *Journal of African History* 51 (2010): 267–269.

*Natures of Colonial Change: Environmental Relations in the Making of the Transkei*, by Jacob A. Tropp. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 11, 2 (2010). DOI: 10.1353/cch.0.0095.

*Butterflies and Barbarians: Swiss Missionaries and Systems of Knowledge in South-East Africa*, by Patrick Harries. *Environment and History* 16 (2010): 128–130.

“Nation States as Building Blocks,” Review of *Africa since Independence*, by Paul Nugent. H-Net review project, April 2009, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=24407>, republished in *Monthly Review* blog: <http://mrzine.monthlyreview.org/2009/jacobs010609.html>.

- Canis Africanus: A Dog History of Southern Africa*, edited by Lance van Sittert and Sandra Swart. *South African Historical Journal* 60 (2008): 521–523.
- African Sacred Groves: Ecological Dynamics and Social Change*, edited by Michael J. Sheridan and Celia Nyamweru. *Journal of African History* 49 (2008): 478–479.
- Tourism in the New South Africa: Social Responsibility and the Tourist Experience*, by Garth Allen and Frank Brenna. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 39 (2006): 358–359.
- The Rise of Conservation in South Africa*, by William Beinart. *Environmental History* 10 (2005): 799–801.
- “Lived Environmental Knowledge,” review of *The Seed in Mine*, by Charles van Onselen, in anniversary forum “What Books Should Be Read More Widely in Environmental History?” *Environmental History* 10 (2005): 710–711.
- Re-Creating Eden: Land Use, Environment, and Society in Southern Angola and Northern Namibia*, by Emmanuel Kriek. *African Studies Review* 48 (2005): 159–161.
- The Politics of Evil: Magic, State Power, and the Political Imagination in South Africa*, by Clifton Crais. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35 (2004): 176–177.
- African Environments and Social History*, edited by William Beinart and Joann McGregor. *South African Historical Journal*, 50 (2004): 269–271.
- Eroding the Commons: The Politics of Ecology in Baringo, Kenya 1890–1963*, by David Anderson. *Journal of Agrarian Change* 4 (2004): 403–405.
- Cutting the Vines of the Past: Environmental Histories of the Central African Rain Forest*, by Tamara Giles-Vernick. *Public Historian* 26 (2004): 111–112.
- Environmental Justice in South Africa*, edited by David A. McDonald. *Journal of Southern African Studies* 30 (2004): 203–204.
- Wildlife and Warfare: The Life of James Stevenson-Hamilton*, by Jane Carruthers. *Journal of Southern African Studies* 30 (2004): 185–187.
- Between the Sea and the Lagoon: An Eco-Social History of the Anlo of Southeastern Ghana c. 1850 to Recent Times*, by Emmanuel Akyeampong. *Environmental History* 7 (2002): 692–693.
- Science and Society and Southern Africa*, edited by Saul Dubow. *African Studies Review* 45 (2002): 59.
- Reviewing the Southern African Environment: A Media Handbook*, edited by M. Chenje. *Journal of Southern African Studies* 27 (2001): 867–868.
- State of the Environment in the Zambezi Basin 2000*, edited by M. Chenje. H-Net review project, December 2001, <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-safrica&month=0112&week=c&msg=07XgXuFojPLlqG6CW7Sj2g&user=&pw=>.
- Green Land, Brown Land, Black Land: An Environmental History of Africa, 1800–1990*, by James McCann. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 33 (2000): 16–18.

- A Most Promising Weed: A History of Tobacco Farming and Labor in Colonial Zimbabwe, 1890–1945*, by Steven Rupert. *African Studies Review* 42 (1999): 170–171.
- The Lie of the Land: Challenging Received Wisdom on the African Environment*, edited by Melissa Leach and Robin Mearns. H-Net Review project, January 1999, <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/logs/showlog.cgi?list=h-africa&file=h-africa.log9901a/16&ent=0>.
- The Practice of Smallholder Irrigation: Case Studies from Zimbabwe*, edited by Emmanuel Manzungu and Pieter van der Zaag. *African Studies Review* 41 (1998): 151–152.
- Freedom in Our Lifetime: The Collected Writings of Anton Muziwakhe Lembede*, edited by Robert Edgar and Luyanda ka Msumza. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 31 (1998): 226–228.
- “An Unequal Triangle,” review of *Cotton, Colonialism and Social History in Sub-Saharan Africa*, edited by Allen Isaacman and Richard Roberts. H-Net Review project, June 1997, <http://hnet2.msu.edu/reviews/revlist.cgi?list=H-Africa>.
- State Power and Black Politics in South Africa, 1912–51*, by Paul Rich. *Journal of African and Asian Studies* 32 (1997): 311–313.
- Making Race*, by Ian Goldin *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 22 (1989): 334–335.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Lectures and Seminars**

- “The Anthropocene from Below,” *World History from Below: Dissent and Disruption, 1750–Present*, Workshop, University of Illinois, February 11–14, 2015. (Remote participation.)
- “Herding Birds, Interspecific Communication, and Translation,” Colloquium, History Department, Carleton College, May 26, 2014.
- "Vernacular Birding across Time and Space, in Africa," *Global Environmental History: A Symposium*, Center for Historical Interpretation, University of Illinois, March 6–7, 2014.
- "Birders in the Cape Colony: Names, Imperialism, and Networks," *Globalizing Histories of Science, Technology, and Medicine*, Workshop, New York University, Abu Dhabi, May 20, 2013.
- “Writing a History of Birders (and Birds) of Africa,” *Building the Extended Society*, Symposium, Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Animal Magnetism, Brown University, April 26, 2013.
- “Naming the Birds of the Cape Colony: Vernacular Knowledge, Scientific facts, and Imperialism,” *Conversations in History*, Seminar, Department of History, Boston University, March 27, 2013.

- “The Traditions and Networks of Birding in Africa,” *Environmental and Agricultural History*, Seminar, MIT, March 15, 2013.
- “Servant to Science: The Aspiration, Frustration, and Defiance of Saul Sithole of the Transvaal Museum,” Invited lecture, *Science, Technology & Society Program*, University of Michigan, January 23, 2012.
- “Birders of a Feather: Stories of People, Birds, and Other People in Africa,” *African History and Anthropology*, Workshop, African Studies Center, University of Michigan, January 24, 2012.
- “Jali Makawa of the Livingstone Museum,” Invited lecture, Livingstone Museum, Livingstone, Zambia. October 19, 2011.
- “Respectability, Defiance, and Science in a Segregated Life: Saul Sithole of the Transvaal Museum,” *South African and Contemporary History*, Seminar programme, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa, October 11, 2011.
- “Rudyard Boulton and the Atlantica Research Station in Harare: An American Dream of Science and Conservation in Africa,” Invited lecture, Birdlife Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, October 7, 2011.
- “Africa, Europe, and the Birds between Them,” EnviroThursday Lecture Series, Macalester College, February 25, 2010.
- “Africa, Europe, and the Birds between Them,” Zugunruhe Lecture Series, Bell Gallery, Brown University, February 9, 2010.
- “Cosmopolitan Science, Respectability, and Defiance in a Segregated Life: Saul Sithole of the Transvaal Museum,” *History of Knowledge and Transnational History: Theoretical Approaches and Empirical Perspectives*. International conference, University of Basel, September 11, 2009.
- “A Comparative Commentary,” in final session, *Terrestrial Environments and Their Histories in Modern India*, Workshop, South Asian Studies Council, Macmillan Center, Yale University, May 2, 2009.
- “Liberal Ornithology: The Collaboration of Con Benson and Jali Makawa in British Central Africa,” *Northern Rhodesia in the 1950s*, Workshop, African Studies Centre, Leiden University, September 26, 2008.
- “Winged Networks: Bird Migration and Science between Europe and Africa,” *Indigenous Environments: African and North American Environmental Knowledge and Practices*, Workshop funded by the Mellon Foundation, Bowdoin College, New Brunswick, Maine, April 4, 2008.
- “Winged Networks: Bird Migration and Science between Europe and Africa,” *Empires and Science*, Workshop, The Hill Center for World Studies, Windsor, Connecticut, March 30, 2008.
- “Winged Networks: Bird Migration and Science between Europe and Africa,” *Projections*, Journal lecture series, Department of Urban Planning, MIT, March 11, 2008.

- “Avian Flyways: Long-Distance Communication and Flights of Fancy,” Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, Cologne University, January 16, 2008.
- “Avian Flyways: Routes to and from Central Africa within the Twentieth-Century World,” *Central African Routes & Transport: A Workshop on the Socio-Cultural Interplay between People, Migration, and Technology c. 1000–2007*, African Studies Centre, Leiden University, October 13, 2007.
- “A Web-Based Course on Twentieth-Century Africa,” Invited lecture, Department of History, University of Pretoria, May 25, 2006.
- “Servants to Science: African Assistants in Twentieth-Century Field Science,” Invited lecture, African Studies Centre, University of Cape Town, April 19, 2006.
- “An Ornithologist and His Subaltern: The Research Collaboration between Leslie Brown and Njeri Kicho,” Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Pretoria, February 21, 2006.
- “Violence, Structure, and Agency in South Africa in 1961: A Commentary on the Choices Program Unit *Freedom in Our Lifetime: South Africa’s Struggle*,” Workshop for teachers, Choices Education Program, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, July 21, 2004.
- “Flocking Together: Ornithologists and Research Assistants in Early Twentieth-Century Africa,” Seminar, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, April 16, 2004.
- “A Bird’s Eye View of Colonial South Africa: Indigenous Knowledge, Natural History, and Scientific Ornithology,” Rodney seminar, African Studies Center, Boston University, September 29, 2003.
- “Eyeing the Kalahari: Environmental Considerations in Separate Development,” *Landscapes and Timescapes: Rethinking Environmental History*, Workshop, University of California, Irvine, March 15, 2003.
- “Integrative Learning in a Service-Learning Project on Asbestos in South Africa,” *Twenty-first Century Liberal Arts Education*, Regional Forum, Greater Expectations Initiative, Association of American Colleges and Universities, , Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, October 11, 2002.
- “Asbestos and Environment in South Africa: The Limits of Litigation” (with Lundy Braun), *International Environmental Health*, Colloquium, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, April 10, 2002.
- “The Great Bophuthatswana Donkey Massacre: Discourse on the Ass: Politics of Class and Grass,” Invited lecture, Hendrix College, March 27, 2000.
- “The Great Bophuthatswana Donkey Massacre: The Politics of Class and Grass,” Council on African Studies Lecture Series, Yale University, April 21, 1999.
- “Racial Categories in South Africa: Past and Present,” in panel of *Race around the World*, General Education Forum, Connecticut College, February 5, 1999.

## Conference Papers (Selected)

- “For Imperial Science and an Honorable Self: The Value of Specimen Collecting in Central Africa,” *Second World Congress of Environmental History*, Guimaraes, Portugal, July 10, 2014.
- “Naming the Birds of the Cape Colony: Vernacular Knowledge, Scientific Facts, and Imperialism,” Annual meeting, American Society for Environmental History, Toronto, April 5, 2013.
- “Racial Paternalism in Crisis: One Aging Ornithologist and the Decolonization of the Congo,” 55th annual meeting, African Studies Association, New York, Philadelphia, November 30, 2012.
- “Africa, Europe, and the Birds between Them,” Pan-African Ornithological Congress 13, Arusha, Tanzania, October 16, 2012.
- “Jali Makawa: Life of a Servant Savant,” Pan-African Ornithological Congress 13, Arusha, Tanzania, October 16, 2012.
- “Europe, Africa, and the Birds between Them,” Northeast Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont, April 9, 2010.
- “Regions and Islands in the Continental History of Africa” (paper read in absentia) Roundtable meeting, American Historical Association, San Diego, January 9, 2010.
- “Why Might a Man Hunt Birds for Whites? Central African Precedents to Scientific Collecting,” *Science, Technology, and the Environment in Africa*, 2009 Africa Conference, University of Texas, Austin. March 27, 2009.
- “Servants to Science: African Assistants in Twentieth-Century Ornithology,” Northeast Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont, October 18, 2008.
- “The Animated Atlas of African History: A Web-Based Teaching Tool,” African Studies Association, 50th annual meeting, New York, NY, October 20, 2007.
- “The Animated Atlas of African History: A Teaching and Reference Tool,” (with Giovanna Roz and Rolando Rolando Peñate), American Association for History and Computing, Annual meeting, April 21, 2007.
- “Two Subalterns and Their Ornithologists,” African Studies Association, 48th annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 18, 2005.
- “Empire, Science and Environment,” Roundtable, Northeast Conference on British Studies, Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts, November 15, 2003.
- “Environmental Perspectives on Segregation,” African Studies Association, 46th annual meeting, Boston, November 1, 2003.
- “Colonialism, Natural History, and Indigenous Knowledge in Southern Africa: A Bird’s Eye View,” Northeast Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont, September 6, 2003.



“European Ornithology and Indigenous Knowledge in Southern Africa,” American Society for Environmental History, Annual meeting, Providence, March 29, 2003.

"Race and Environment in South Africa," American Society for Environmental History, Annual meeting, Denver, March 22, 2002.

## **HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND RESEARCH GRANTS**

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| 2015      | Brown University, President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Governance   |
| 2003–2014 | Brown University Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Departmental Research Award (annually)  |
| 2011      | Harriet W. Sheridan Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching and Learning  |
| 2009      | Edith Goldthwaite Miller Faculty Fellow, Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University  |
| 2007      | National Science Foundation Grant for “Empire and Science: Contact, Authority, Collaboration.” \$23,000. (Lead PI: Lou Ratté, The Hill Center for World Studies)   |
| 2006–2009 | Henry Luce Foundation Grant for “Land Use Change: Designing and Implementing New Global Environmental Curricula.” \$550,000. (Lead PI 2006–08: Steven Hamburg, Watson Institute for International Studies) |
| 2005      | Best of WebCT Award for “Twentieth-Century Africa” course website  |
| 2004      | Brown University Humanities Center working group grant for “Historicizing Post-Colonial Africa.”   |
| 2004      | Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program at Brown University Outstanding Mentors Award   |
| 2003–2004 | Postdoctoral Fellowship, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University  |
| 2001      | Alice Hamilton Prize for Best Article Outside Environmental History, American Society for Environmental History  |
| 2001      | Wriston Grant from Brown University for course preparation.  |
| 2000      | Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award  |
| 1997–1998 | Social Science Research Council/American Council of Learned Societies International Postdoctoral Fellowship  |
| 1997      | American Historical Association Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for research in European, African and Asian history.   |
| 1994      | Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Second Semester Fellowship   |
| 1990–1991 | Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for dissertation research in Great Britain and South Africa  |

- 1990 FLAS - Yale University African Studies Center to study Zulu (summer)
- 1988–89 FLAS - Indiana University African Studies Center to study Tswana
- 1989–90 FLAS - Indiana University African Studies Center to study Tswana
- 1984–85 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Title IV (FLAS) - UCLA African Studies Center to study Zulu

## **SERVICE**

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### **Brown University, Departmental**

- Member, History Department junior colleague review and tenure committees, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015
- Chair, search committees in Africana Studies and History Departments, 2004, 2012, 2014
- Member, search committees in Africana Studies and History Departments, 1996, 2001, 2008, 2015
- Member, planning and priorities committee, History Department, 2000–2002, 2007–2011
- Member, chair’s advisory executive committee, History Department, 2008–2009.
- Member, History Department ad hoc committee for the external review, 2008
- Member, History Department committee on undergraduate concentration, 2003–2004

### **Brown University, Elected Faculty Governance**

- Vice Chair, Chair, Past Chair, Committee for Faculty Diversity and Equity (CFED), 2012–2014
- Member, Nominations Committee, 2008–2011
- Member, University Faculty Executive Committee (FEC), 2004–2007

### **Brown University, Undergraduate Advising**

- Science and society concentration, 2014–
- First year and sophomore, 1999–2001, 2004–2013
- History Department concentration, 1998–2003, 2004–2007

### **Brown University, Other Service (Selected)**

- Member, Fulbright application advisory committee, 1999, 2001, 2013, 2014
- Member, Selection committee for Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Library Research, 2012

Member, Selection committee for Harriet W. Sheridan Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching and Learning, 2012

Faculty study leader, Brown University Travelers, 1998, 2011

Member, Resident Faculty, Faculty Fellow Program, 1996–2010

Consultant, “Choices for the 21st Century Education Project,” Watson Institute for International Studies, 2000, 2002–2003, 2009

Member, Third World Center advisory board, 2007–2008

Member, Office of International Programs advisory board, 1996–2000

Member, Resumed Undergraduate Education (RUE) committee, 2000–2002

Co-coordinator, Africa Group, 2000–02

Member, Watson Institute for International Studies executive committee, 2000–2001

Workshop Coordinator, History Department, 1998–1999

Member, Environmental Studies advisory board, 1996–1999

### **Editorial Boards**

Choices Program advisory group, Brown University, 2014–

*International Review of Environmental History*, 2015–

*South African Historical Journal*, 2010–

African Studies Series, Cambridge University Press, 2007–

*Kronos: Journal of Cape History* (later, *Kronos: Southern African Histories*), 2006–

*African Historical Review* (formerly *Kleio*), 2004–

### **Executive Boards and Professional Organizations**

Executive board, American Society for Environmental History, 2006–2011

Program committee, African Studies Association meeting, Baltimore, 2013

Program committee, World Environmental History Congress, Copenhagen, 2009

Workshop organizer, “Empire and Science: Contact, Authority, Collaboration,” Brown University, Providence, March 2008

World Convention liaison committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2006

Co-chair of local arrangements committee, American Society for Environmental History meeting, Providence, 2003

Program committee, American Society for Environmental History meeting, Providence, 2003

## External Graduate Examiner

- MA, Department of History, University of the Western Cape, 2015
- Doctoral, Department of History, University of Stellenbosch, 2013
- Doctoral, Department of History, University of Leiden, 2006
- Course, Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town, 2004

## Conference Panel Organizing, Chairing, Discussion

- Panel discussant, “Animals and the Commons,” *New Perspectives in Environmental History*, Workshop, Yale University, April 18, 2015
- Panel discussant, “Reshaping 20th Century Agricultural Development, the Environment, and the Family in Africa,” American Society for Environmental History, Annual meeting, Washington, DC, March 19, 2015
- Panel discussant, “Two Kingdoms,” *New Perspectives on Flora and Fauna in Environmental History*, Northeast Environmental History Conference, Yale University, April 14, 2012
- Panel discussant, “Contested Resources: Wildlife, Water and Housing,” Northeast Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont, October 19, 2014
- Roundtable co-organizer, co-chair, and participant, “African Independence and Its Others: The 50th Anniversaries in Critical Relief,” a board-sponsored panel, African Studies Association, 54th annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 18, 2011
- Panel discussant (delivered in absentia) for “Coastal Histories of Work, Exile, and Marginalization on the Indian and Pacific Oceans,” American Historical Association, Annual meeting, San Diego, January 9, 2010
- Organizer, panel “Dreams and Disappointments: Political Imagination and ‘Modern’ Futures for Zambia,” African Studies Association, 50th annual meeting, New York, NY, October 19, 2007
- Co-organizer of two panels and chair of one panel, “Science and Society in Africa: Constructing Knowledge and Changing Lives,” African Studies Association, 48th annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 2005
- Discussant, “Environmental History in Southern Africa,” African Studies Association, 47th annual meeting, New Orleans, November 2004
- Paper discussant for Marcy Norton, “Frontiers and Cultural Exchange: Europeans, Indians, and Tobacco in the Caribbean,” Seminar, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, February 6, 2004
- Panel organizer, “A Bird’s Eye View of Global Environmental History,” American Society for Environmental History, Annual meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, 2003

Panel discussant, “The Cape in the Wider World,” New England Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont, April 2002

Panel discussant, “Knowing the Forest: Nature and Culture in African and South Asian Forest History,” American Society for Environmental History, Annual meeting, Denver, March 23, 2002

Member, workshop planning committee, New England Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA), Burlington, Vermont, October 2000

Panel discussant, “Water,” New England Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA). Burlington, Vermont, October 30, 2000.

Panel organizer, “People and Power over Animals, I: Social Control” and “People and Power over Animals, II: State Control.” African Studies Association, 43rd annual meeting, Nashville, November 2000

Panel organizer, “Social Constructions and Environmental Management in South African History,” *African Environments: Past and Present*, Conference, St. Antony’s College, Oxford, July 6, 1999

Panel discussant, “Land, Environment and South African History,” *African Environments: Past and Present*, Conference, St. Antony’s College, Oxford, July 8, 1999.

## **Community**

Instructor, BELLS (Brown's faculty-teaching-in-prison initiative at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institution), 2012–2015

Faculty advisor and organizer for a South African-American research project on asbestos in South Africa. Report submitted to the South African Parliament 2001

United Nations observer for the South African elections, 1994

## **TEACHING**

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### **Undergraduate**

African Environmental History

Africa since 1945

Animal Histories

Colonial Africa

Continental Histories

Eastern African History

The History of the Anthropocene

History Undergraduate Honors Workshops (three semester sequence)

South African Life Histories

South Africa since 1990

Southern African History  
Twentieth-Century Africa  
West African History

### **Graduate**

Dissertation committees, 2010  
Environmental History  
Qualifying examination committees, 2000, 2005, 2012, 2012  
Theory and Practice of History

### **LANGUAGES**

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German: Fluent reading with dictionary  
Afrikaans: Competent reading with dictionary  
Zulu: Rudimentary  
Tswana: Rudimentary

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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African Studies Association  
American Historical Association  
American Society for Environmental History

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