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**Educational Background**

- 2018 PhD, Doctoral Program in Anthropology and History, University of Michigan  
2009 M.A., Anthropology, University of Chicago  
2003 B.A., International Studies, with honors, Vassar College

**Professional and Academic Positions**

- 2018- present Assistant Professor, University of Iowa  
Departments of Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies and Anthropology  
2018 Lecturer, University of Iowa  
Departments of International Studies  
2017 Part-Time Instructor, Coe College  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Publications**

*Peer reviewed articles*

- 2020 Multiple Maternities: Performative Motherhood and Support Seeking in South Africa. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. vol.46, no.1:  
2016 The "Maintenance" of Family: Mediating Relationships in the South African Maintenance Court. *Africa Today* vol.62, no.3:3-27.

*Peer reviewed edited volumes*

- In Press "What is wrong with these mens?": Marriage rejection and foreign love in South Africa. In *Opting Out: Women Evading Marriage Around the World*. (Eds.) D. Hannaford and J. Davidson. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

*Works in Progress*

- Producing Citizenship: Child Support, Race, and Political Belonging in South Africa (book manuscript in preparation)  
---- Deceit and Dependence: Managing Prestige and Precarity in Urban South Africa. (article in preparation for Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute).

**Honors and Awards**

- 2019 Arts & Humanities Initiative, Standard Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Iowa. Award to fund research, \$7,500
- 2019 Old Gold Research Fellowship, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Iowa. Award to fund research and writing, \$6,000
- 2019 Book Ends Award, Obermann Center and the Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Iowa. Award to fund book manuscript workshop with senior scholars external to the University, \$5000.
- 2019 Stanley Summer Research Fellowship, International Programs, University of Iowa. Award to fund research, \$3,000.
- 2018 International Programs Travel Award, International Programs, University of Iowa. Award to fund conference travel, \$900.
- 2017 Sylvia Forman Paper Prize for a graduate student paper that demonstrates originality, effective use of feminist anthropological theory, and makes a significant contribution to feminist anthropology awarded for, "Multiple Maternities: Maternal Repertoires and Support Seeking in South Africa," Association for Feminist Anthropology.
- 2016-17 Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellow, University of Michigan. Support for the writing of dissertations representing particularly creative, ambitious and risk-taking work, \$32,000+tuition.
- 2016 Institute for Research on Women and Gender Community of Scholars Fellow, University of Michigan. Participant in interdisciplinary gender studies summer workshop, \$10,000+tuition
- 2013 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant & Osmundsen Initiative, Wenner-Gren Foundation Anthropological Fieldwork. Award to fund field research, \$24,393.
- 2013 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation. Award to fund dissertation fieldwork research, \$17,999.
- 2013 Rackham International Research Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. Award to fund fieldwork research, \$8,000.
- 2012 Roy Rappaport Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. Award for graduate student instruction.
- 2011-13 African Studies Initiative Grant, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan. Award for summer research, \$5,000.
- 2011 Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation. Multi-year award to support graduate scholarship, \$109,000 +tuition.

- 2011 Eisenberg Institute of Historical Studies Fellow, University of Michigan. Award to support summer research and year-long engagement with the institute, \$5,000.
- 2011 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan. Scholarships honor the academic performance and potential of women, \$5000.
- 2011 Boyd/Williams Dissertation Grant Award for Research on Women and Work, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan. Award to support dissertation research focused on women and their relation to paid and unpaid work, \$1,500.
- 2011 Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan. Award to support scholarship focusing on women and gender, \$1,000.
- 2011 Graduate Seminar on Global Transformations, Center for International and Comparative Studies, University of Michigan. Award to fund summer research and participate in interdisciplinary seminar on global issues, \$4,000.
- 2011 African Studies Center Research Grant, University of Michigan. Award to fund summer research, \$4,000.
- 2010-11 Anthropology and History Fellowship, University of Michigan. Award to fund graduate scholarship in the department.

### **Presentations & Conference Activities**

#### ***Papers Presented (refereed)***

- 2019 "What is wrong with these mens?": Marriage rejection and foreign love in South Africa, Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. November 20-24
- 2019 Deceit and Dependence: Managing Prestige and Precarity in Urban South Africa, Paper presented at the North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT. April 26-28.
- 2018 Conjugal Citizenship: Marrying Migrants and Achieving Adulthood in South Africa, Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. Nov. 30-Dec. 2.
- 2018 Performing Motherhood: Managing Precarity and Moral Panic in South Africa, African Studies Association UK, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom. Sept. 11-13.

- 2017 Producing Relations, Producing Livelihoods: The vital work of kinshipping in South Africa. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 29- Dec. 4.
- 2017 Child Support in South Africa: A Feminist History of the Politics of Distribution. Paper presented at the Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, June 1-4.
- 2016 Working the City: The Materiality of Urban Family Life in South Africa. Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Wash, DC, Dec. 1-3.
- 2016 The Legitimacy of a Mother's Devotion: Interrogating the Moral Valence of Care. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 16-20.
- 2015 Multiple Maternities: Seeking Support in South Africa and the Performance of Kin Relations. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 18-22.
- 2012 The (Im)Possibility of Marriage: Child Maintenance and the Making of Post-Apartheid Families. Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 29-December 1. Nominated for Graduate Student Paper Prize.
- 2012 The 'Maintenance' of Love: The Mediation of Familial Relations in the South African Maintenance Court. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18.
- 2012 In Cash Only: The Politics of "Maintenance" and the Production of Economic Kinship, Paper presented at the Society for Cultural Anthropology Conference, Providence, RI, May 10-12.
- 2011 Ethnic Seductions: Politics, Culture, and the Law in the New South Africa. Paper presented at the South African Historical Society Conference, Durban, South Africa, July 27-29.

***Panels Organized (refereed)***

- 2019 Romancing the Lie: Deceit and love under late capitalism. Panel organized for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. November 20-24.
- 2017 Kinship Labor as Livelihood: The political economy of obligation and dependency. Panel organized for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 29- December 4.

- 2017 The Politics of Motherhood in Africa, Europe and the United States. Panel organized for the Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, June 1-4.

***Discussant***

- 2019 Romancing the Lie: Deceit and love under late capitalism. Panel for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. November 20-24.

***Invited Talks***

- 2018 Annual Meeting, Keywords After Care, Roundtable at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. Nov. 15-18.
- 2017 "They come to steal our women and our jobs": Migrants, Marriage, and National Belonging in South Africa. Paper presented at the African Studies Program, University of Iowa, March 22.
- 2016 "They come to steal our women and our jobs": Migrants, Marriage, and Masculine Expectation in South Africa. Paper presented at the Emerging Scholars Workshop in the Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina, November 12.

***Campus and Departmental Talks***

- 2020 Thinking consent: Sex as Pizza. Gamma Rho Lambda Sex Ed Summit 2020. November 10.
- 2020 What's At Stake: A Faculty and Student Panel on the 2020 Election. Battleground Iowa 2020 Campus Week of Action. October 1.
- 2020 Teaching in the Humanities Online: Panel Discussion. Obermann Center Humanities for the Public Good. March 27.
- 2020 Presentation on Human Rights Research and Teaching, Human Rights Night, Human Rights Center, University of Iowa, February 12.
- 2019 Navigating Nuptials: Migrant marriage and national belonging in South Africa. Invited presentation at Sociology Colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, November 8.
- 2019 Presentation on Early Career Faculty Academy and Course Design Institute, Early Career Faculty Academy Kickoff Luncheon, Office of Teaching, Learning & Technology, University of Iowa, August 29.
- 2019 Introduction to Producing Citizenship: Motherhood, Race, and Political Belonging in South Africa. Paper presented at the POROI Workshop, Chair: Naomi Greyser, University of Iowa, March 6.
- 2016 Problematic Paters: Race, Class and Fatherhood in South Africa. Paper presented at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender Community of Scholars Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 7.

- 2016 Pedagogical Pinterest: Collecting, Selecting, and Implementing Formative Assessments. Paper presented at the Engaged Pedagogy Initiative Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, April 14.
- 2016 Multiple Maternities: Seeking Support in South Africa and the Performance of Motherhood. Paper presented at the gender | publics | panics in the Global South Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 5-6.
- 2013 Race, Gender, and the Spatial Production of Morality. Paper presented at the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Graduate Student Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, April 5.
- 2009 Ethnic Seductions: Politics, Culture, and the Law in the New South Africa. Paper presented at the African Studies Workshop, Chairs: Jennifer Cole and Rachel Jean Baptiste, University of Chicago, October 20.

***Public and Community Talks***

- 2019 Love in Africa. Film Discussion of *Rafiki*. Film Scene, Iowa City. March 11.

**Fieldwork**

- Ongoing Mother's Livelihood Strategies, Durban, South Africa (PI)
- Ongoing Inter-African Migration and Family Making, Durban, South Africa (PI)
- 2008-2009 Zuma's Ethnopolitics and the Rise of Zulu Populism, South Africa (PI)
- 2007-2008 Post-Apartheid Reparations, South Africa (team member)

**Teaching**

***University of Iowa, Departments of Anthropology and Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies***

- Research Design & Proposal Writing (Graduate Seminar in Anthropology)
- Diversity and Power (Lower Division Undergraduate, large lecture course).
- Love Rules: Law and Family Across Cultures (Lower Division Undergraduate, cross-listed with International Studies).
- Mothers and Motherhood (Upper Division Undergraduate)
- Love, Sex and Money: Sexuality and Exchange Across Cultures (Lower Division Undergraduate, cross-listed with International Studies)
- Global Migration (General Education course, Lower Division Undergraduate.)

***University of Iowa, International Studies Department***

- Introduction to International Studies (Lower Division Undergraduate)

***Coe College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology***

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Lower Division Undergraduate)

***University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology***

- Love, Money, & Kin: Law and the Family Across Cultures, (Lower Division Undergraduate)

***Guest Lectures***

Global Reproduction, Gender Women's and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Iowa

Global Migration, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa

Anthropology of Marriage and Family, Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa

Culture and Childbirth, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

***Pedagogical Training***

2021 Teach as an Abolitionist Workshop, Office of Teaching, Learning & Technology, University of Iowa

2021 Co-Conspiratorship: How White Educators Should Approach and Teach Black History Workshop, Abolitionist Teaching Network Workshop

2019 Course Design Institute, Center for Teaching, University of Iowa

2019 "How to Stop Giving Graduate Students Bad Advice" Humanities for the Public Good Mentorship Workshop, Obermann Institute, University of Iowa

2018-19 Early Career Faculty Academy, Office of Teaching, Learning & Technology, University of Iowa

2015 Engaged Pedagogy Initiative, Community-Engaged Academic Learning Program, University of Michigan

**Academic Service**

***Service to the Profession***

Manuscript reviewer for:

American Ethnologist

Men and Masculinities

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society

Social Dynamics: A Journal of African Studies

Book manuscript reviewer for:

Rutgers Press

***Departmental & University Service***

2019-21 Fundraising Committee, Chair, Gender Women's and Sexuality Studies Department

2019 One Day for Iowa Fundraising Committee Member

2018-20 Colloquium Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology

2018-21 Graduate Admissions Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology

2018-19 Social Media Communications, Co-Chair, Gender Women's and Sexuality Studies Department

***Graduate Theses Advised***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Dates and Placement</b>
Jasmin Msuya	M.A. Committee	Anthropology	U Iowa	2021-present
Ebenezer Adeyemi	Ph.D. Committee	Anthropology	U Iowa	2020-present
Kyle Bikowski	Ph.D. Committee	Anthropology	U Iowa	2020-present
Joseph Jakarasi	Ph.D. Committee	History	U Iowa	Ph.D. 2021

***Undergraduate Theses Advised***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Isabella Senno	B.A. Honors	Anthropology	U Iowa	2018-2020

**Professional Memberships**

American Anthropological Association  
 American Ethnological Society  
 African Studies Association  
 African Studies Association, UK  
 Association for Feminist Anthropology  
 Society for Cultural Anthropology  
 Society for the Anthropology of Work  
 Coordinating Council for Women in History

**Languages:**

Zulu    Advanced speaking, reading, and writing  
 Spanish    Intermediate reading and writing