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Education
Harvard University, Ph.D. in Sociology granted June 1997.
Harvard University, M.A. in Sociology granted March 1994.
Princeton University, B.A. in Politics granted June 1991.

Professional Experience

2019-present

Professor of Sociology, *Boston College*
Courtesy Appointment: Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

Chair, Global and Transnational Section, American Sociological Association (2020-2021)

2005-2019
Associate Professor of Sociology, *Boston College*
Courtesy Appointment: Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

2008-2011
Chairperson, Department of Sociology, *Boston College*

2003-2005
Associate Professor of Sociology and African Studies,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Faculty member of Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois
(August 2000-2005)
Faculty member, Department of African-7(en)-10(t)5(of)3(A)-4(f)3(r)e1(00000912 0 612 792 reW*nBT/F1 10.56

Publications

Books

Another Sociology is Possible: Slavery, Colonialism and the (Re)making of the Classical Canon. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (forthcoming)

Bringing the Empire Home: Race, Class and Gender in Britain and Colonial South Africa. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004.

Edited Books

Race, Gender and the Status of Black South African Women in the Academy Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2004. [with Reitu Mabokela]

Postmodernity, Postcoloniality, and African Studies. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2003.

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Articles

2023

"Whiteness and Racial Capitalism: to whom do the "wages of whiteness" accrue? *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 46(4): https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2143718

"The Class Politics of Race." *Catalyst* 7(2): 110-130.

2022

"Poverty, Race, and the Land: The Carnegie Study on Poverty in 1930s South Africa." *Oppositional Conversations* (March 29): http://www.oppositionalconversations.org/issue-vii-land/2022/3/7/poverty-race-and-land-the-carnegie-study-on-the-poor-white-question-in-1930s-south-africa

"Contemporary Race Theory and the Problem of History." *NonSite* 39 (May 11): https://nonsite.org/issues/issue-39-art-race-theory-practice/

2016

"American Sociology's Racial Ontology: Remembering Slavery, Deconstructing Modernity, and Charting the Future of Global Historical Sociology." *Cultural Sociology* 10(3): 369-384.

2014

"Science, Reform, and the 'science of reform': Booker T. Washington, Robert Park, and the making of a 'science of society'." *Current Sociology* 62(4): 568-583.

"Spectacles and Scholarships: Caster Semenya, Intersex Studies, and the Problem of Race in Feminist Theory" *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 39 (3): 761-786

2013

"Common Skies: Divided Horizons: Sociology, Race, and Postcolonial Studies." *Political Power and Social Theory*. Volume 24 (1): 81-116.

2012

"Sports, Race, Sex, and Shame: Rethinking Caster Semenya." *Oppositional Conversations* Issue 1 (Winter 2012).

2010

"The Impact of Obama's Election on Democracy and Governance Discourse in Africa." *Africa Institute of South Africa Policy Brief*. No. 14 (February): 1-6.

2009

"Can we as Mothers Not Take Our Fight to the Enemy?": The Politics of Motherhood in South African Autobiography." *Cross Cultural Poetics*: 48-75.

"American Philanthropy and African Education: African Students in the Metropolis in the 1960s." *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal*. Vol. 2 No. 1 (January): 43-53.

2008

"The American Construction of the Poor White Problem in South Africa: The Carnegie Commission Report on 'Poor Whiteism' in South Africa." *South Atlantic Quarterly*. 107: 4 (Fall): 694-715.

"The Mammy and the Panopticon: African American Women in the Self-Help Movement." *Race, Gender & Class*. Vol. 15, No. 1-2: 220-236.

"The (Prod

1997

"The Body of the Savage: Humanitarian Narratives, 1800-1827." *Social Dynamics* Vol 23. No 1 (Winter): 1-27.

1994

"Rational Actors or Moral Economists: Gender Relations and the Peasant Family in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Ufahamu: Journal of the UCLA African Activists Association.* (Fall): 36-49.

Book Chapters

2023

"W.E.B. DuBois and Pan-Africanism." In *The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. DuBois*, edited by Aldon Morris (Oxford: Oxford University Press): https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190062767.001.0001

2020

"Decolonizing the Pre-History of African and African American Studies: Confronting Racism in the American Episteme." In *From Ivory Towers to Ebony Towers: Transforming Humanities Curricula in South Africa, African, and African American Studies*, edited by OluwasenTella. (Johannesburg: University of Witwatersrand Press): 329-341.

"The Inter-onnected Histories of South African and America

"Overlapping Territories and Intertwined Histories: Historical Sociology's Global Imagination" in *Remaking Modernity: Politics, History, Sociology*, edited by Julia Adams, Elisabeth S. Clemens, and Ann S. Orloff (Durham: Duke University Press): 92-108.

"Mazrui as Debater: Passion, Power, and Polemic in Africanist Scholarship" in *The Mazruiana Collection Revisited: Ali A. Mazrui Debating the African Condition*," edited by Abdul Samed Bemath. (London: New Dawn Press, Inc.): 338-353.

2004

"Globalization and Africa's Intellectual Engagements" in *The Ideological Dimensions of Globalization* edited by Manfred B. Steger (New York: Rowman & Littlefield): 165-178.

2003

"Celts, Simians, Savages, Sculls, and Sex" in *Race, Nature, and the Politics of Difference* ed. Donald Moore, Jake Kosek and Anand Pandian. Durham: Duke University Press): 99-121.

2002

"The Impact of African American Cultural Practices on South Africa." In *Leisure in Urban Africa* edited by Paul T. Zeleza. Trenton: Africa World Press: 297-319.

Book Reviews/Review Essays

2023

"Exposing the Conjuror's Tricks: Barbara Fields's Sociological Imagination." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 9(1): 128-132.

2022

"The Sociology of W.E.B. DuBois." *Sociological Forum* 37(2): 655-662.

2018

"The Scholar Celebrated: The Work of W.E.B. Dubois—Black Folk Then and Now." *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 4(1): 163-164.

2017

"Towards an Ungovernable Social Theory: Postcolonial Thought, Social Theory, and the Coloniality of the Present." *Trajectories: Newsletter of the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section* 28(3): 49-53.

2016

Review of Revathi Krishnaswamy, and John C. Hawley 'The Postcolonial and the Global.' *The Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry* 30(1): 162-163.

2015

"Beyond the Nation State and the Comparative Method?" Decolonizing the Sociological Imagination." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews.* 44(1): 14-17.

"Remembering Bernard Magubane: Postcolonial Activist and Scholar."*Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies* 16 (2): 205-209

2013

"The White Man's World" by Bill Schwarz. *History: Review of New Books* 41(2): 64-65.

"Brand Aid: Shopping Well to Save the World." *African Studies Review* 56(2): 214-216.

2010

"Between Good and Ghetto: African American Girls and Inner City Violence," by Nikki Brown. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 39: 583-585.

2009

"Worries of the Heart: Family and Community in Kenya." By Kenda Mutongi. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 114, No. 4 (January): 1229-31.

2008

"Race and Multiraciality in Brazil and the United States: Converging Paths?" by Reginald Daniel. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 113, No. 4 (January): 1219-21.

2007

"Not White Enough Not Black Enough: Racial Identity in The South African Coloured Community" by Mohamed Adhikari and "Walking a Tightrope: Towards a Social History of the Coloured Community of Zimbabwe" by James Muzondidya. *African Studies Review* Vol.50, No. 1 (April): 177-179.

2006

"Stitches on Time: Colonial Textures and Postcolonial Tangles," by Saurabh Dube. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 111, No 5 (March): 1601-2.

2002

"Science and Society in Southern Africa" by Saul DuBow. *Current Anthropology* Vol. 43 No. 5 (December): 823-825.

1999

"Beyond Inequalities: Women in South Africa, Tanzania, and Malawi," *Counterpoise* (October): 64-65

"Rugby and the South African Nation," by David Black, *Africa Today*. Vol 46: No.3/4 (Summer/ Autumn): 225-226

"Brand the Beloved Country: Africa in Celebrity Culture Post 9/11." *CODESRIA Bulletin* No. 1 & 2 (2007): 4-8.

"A Brief Look at U.S. Soccer and the Road to 2010." *Boston Globe* (November 27, 2007): (online edition)

"Why 'nappy' is offensive." *Boston Globe* (April 12, 2007): A9

October: “The Politics of Time in International Relations: Historical Sociology and the Coloniality of Time,” London School of Economics.

August: “Diaspora is Good to Think With: The Sociology of Race as a Challenge to Methodological Nationalism,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada.

June: “Stuart Hall: Pan Africanism, Diaspora, and the Making of a Postcolonial Sociologist,” Institutie for Pan African Thought and Conversation, Johannesburg South Africa.

2016

Feb: “Is the ‘New Racism’ Really New?: A Postcolonial Perspective,” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA.

“The Imperial History of Public Sociology.” Presidential Panel: Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA.

“MOOCs as Public Sociology,” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston MA

June: “Decolonizing Sociology,” Keynote South African Sociological Society, Grahamstown, South Africa.

Oct: “Color Blind Racism and the Problem of History,” Brown University Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America,” Providence RI.

“The American Construction of the Poor White Problem in South Africa,’ Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch South Africa.

“Darkness Made Visible: Uncovering Sociology’s Racial Ontology,” Wellesley College, Department of Sociology, Wellesley MA.

Nov: “Africa and the Social Sciences: Haiti, Africa, and the Making of a Science of Society,” Dartmouth College Department of African and African American Studies, Hannover NH.

“Postcolonial Thought and Social Theory,” Author Meets Critic, Social Science History Association, Chicago IL.

2015

May: “Sociology as Colonial Knowledge,” Keynote Rhodes University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

April: “Decolonizing Sociology,” Keynote Address, University of Cape Town, Van Zyl Slabbert Chair, Cape Town.

April: “Social Science and Colonialism,” Keynote Address Stellenbosch University, Cape Town.

April: “Sexual Difference and the Construction of the Human: Bodies, Property, and Bodily Properties,” Keynote Address, *Doing Human Conference*, Johannesburg.

2014

November: “The South African Women’s Movement: Twenty Years On,” Keynote Address, Carleton University, Institute of African Studies. Ottawa, Canada.

May: “Sexual Freedom and Gender Equality: Reflections on 20 Years of Continuing Struggle,”

June: “Race, Class, Gender and the Transnational Circulation of Sociological Knowledge.” Keynote Address, South African Sociological Association. Johannesburg, South Africa.

June: “Opening Up Epistemes,” Department of International Affairs, Brown University, Providence, RI.

April: “Gender and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.” Wellesley College, Department of Anthropology, Wellesley, MA.

February: “Can We As Mothers Not Take Our Fight to The Enemy?: Gender and Resistance in Apartheid South Africa. Keynote Address, Spelman College, Atlanta GA.

January: “The American Construction of the Poor White Problem in South Africa: The Transnational Circulation of the Sociological Imagination.” Department of Sociology, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg South Africa.

2008

June: “Keynote Address” (Mays Memorial Lecture) for UNCF/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Mellon-Mays Fellowship Program. Emory University, Atlanta GA.

April: “’No Freedom Without the Women’: Women in the Anti-Apartheid Movement and Beyond.” Keynote Address, Ursinus College.

March: “White Girls Behaving Badly: Women as Boundary Markers of Empire Post 9/11.” Yale University, Department of Sociology

March: “Brand The Beloved Country: Africa in Celebrity Culture.” Yale University, Center for Cultural Studies.

2007

October: “White Girls Behaving Badly: Reality TV and Gender Politics Post 9/11.” University of Minnesota, American Studies.

September: “Eth®w U / having Badly ๗ ๗ ๗ ๗

June: "Globalization and South African Democratization: Towards a Research Agenda." Human Sciences Research Council. Pretoria, South Africa.

May: "Postmodernism and African Studies." 15th Annual Conference of Canadian African Studies Association." Toronto, Ontario.

April: "Is the 'post' in Postcolonial the 'post' in Postmodern?" Binghamton University, Binghamton NY.

1998

December: "Whither Postmodernism? Implications for the Study of Africa." CODESRIA 9th General Assembly. Dakar, Senegal.

July: "Globalization and Postmodernity." Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa.

June: "Identity Politics without the Politics: The Debate Over Census 2000." University of Cape Town Department of Sociology "Identities in Transition Lecture Series." Cape Town, South Africa.

Sept: "The Transnational Circulation of Racial Imagery." Bard College, Annandale-on Hudson, New York

Media Appearances

2016

July: New England Cable News (NECN) "Police Video Game May Question Racial Bias." (interview)

Aug: BBC Focus on Africa: "Volunteer Tourism in Africa: Pros and Cons." (interview)

2013

December: Gave commentary on Nelson Mandela for the following news outlets: FOX News, NECN, ABC, NBC, NPR, Boston Herald

2009

May 2009: "New Trends in Family Life." On *The Michael Smerconish Show*. 96.9 WTKK.

2008

November 2001: "The Impact of Globalization on South Africa's Domestic Social Policies." 44th annual meeting of the African Studies Association. Houston TX.

August 2001: "History, Race, Gender, and Postmodernism: Theoretical Approaches to the 'Hottentot Venus.'". 96th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim CA.

August 1999: "Racial Embodiment and Masculinity." 94th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.

March 1999: "Cultural Identities and Diasporas." 25th Annual Meeting of the African Literature Association. Fez, Morocco.

October 1998: **"**Barbarous Working Classes and the Savage Poor: The Intersection of Race and Class Imagery in the Cape Colony, 1800-1850." Society for Research on African Cultures. Montclair,

Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship for the Study of World Affairs (1994-1995)
Harvard University Prize Fellowship (1991)
Social Science Research Council/Mellon Minority Fellowship (1990)

Service to Discipline

Editorial Boards

African Review of Books
African and Black Diaspora
Journal of Sport and Social Issues
Encyclopedia of the History of Ideas
Encyclopedia of South Africa
Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History
Feminist Africa
Safundi
South African Review of Sociology

Reviewer

African Studies Review
Africa Today
Charles Scribner
Cultural Studies
DuBois Review
Duke University Press
Feminist Africa
Gender and Society
Human Sciences Research Council Press
Journal of Women's History
Journal of Sport and Social Issues
Lynne Rienner
Men and Masculinities
Political Power and Social Theory
Race, Class, and Gender
Safundi
Social Problems
South Africa Review of Sociology

Reviewer for Foundations/Grants

Academy of Science of South Africa
Social Science Research Council
Volkswagen Institute