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### EMPLOYMENT

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, Michigan. Department of History.

Professor, fall 2012 to present  
Associate Professor, fall 2008 to 2012  
Assistant Professor, fall 2005 to spring 2008

**University of KwaZulu-Natal**, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Department of History.

Visiting Fulbright Professor, 2010  
Honorary Research Associate, 2011-2016

**Eastern Kentucky University**, Richmond, Kentucky. Department of History.

Assistant Professor, fall 2001 to spring 2005  
Joint Director, African/African American Studies Program, fall 2003 to spring 2004

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Department of History.

Lecturer on History, fall 2000 to spring 2001

**Tufts University**, Medford, Massachusetts. Experimental College.

Lecturer, fall 1996 and spring 1999

**Boston University**, Boston, Massachusetts. Department of History.

Lecturer, summer 1997

### EDUCATION

**Boston University**, Boston, Massachusetts, 1995-2000

Ph.D., African History

**Yale University**, New Haven, Connecticut, 1993-1995

M.A., African Studies

**Trinity College**, Hartford, Connecticut, 1988-1992

B.A., Major: Religion. Minor: African Studies

### LANGUAGES

Italian (fluent), isiZulu (proficient), Spanish (basic speaking, reading), French and Portuguese (reading)

## BOOKS

*Africa's World Cup: Critical Reflections on Patriotism, Play, Spectatorship, and Space.* Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2013. Co-edited with Chris Bolsmann.

*African Soccerescapes: How a Continent Changed the World's Game.* Athens: Ohio University Press; London: Christopher Hurst, 2010.

*South Africa and the Global Game: Football, Apartheid, and Beyond.* London: Routledge, 2010. Co-edited with Chris Bolsmann.

*Laduma! Soccer, Politics and Society in South Africa.* Pietermaritzburg: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2004. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2010.

## JOURNAL ISSUE EDITOR

“Historicizing the Politics and Pleasure of Sport,” *Radical History Review* 125 (2016). With Brenda Elsey.

“South Africa and the Global Game: Football, Apartheid and Beyond,” *Soccer & Society* 11, 1-2 (2010). With Chris Bolsmann.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Historicizing the Politics and Pleasure of Sport: Editors’ Introduction,” *Radical History Review* 125 (2016): 1-12. With Brenda Elsey.

“Teaching Forum on Sport and Politics,” *Radical History Review* 125 (2016): 187-198. With Amy Bass, Adrian Burgos Jr., Brenda Elsey, and Martha Saavedra.

“Podcasting the Past: Africa Past and Present and (South) African History in the Digital Age,” *South African Historical Journal* 64, 2 (2012): 206-220.

“From Apartheid to Unity: White Capital and Black Power in the Racial Integration of South African Football, 1976–1992,” *African Historical Review* 42, 1 (2010): 1-18. With Chris Bolsmann.

“A Biography of Darius Dhlomo: Transnational Footballer in the era of Apartheid,” *Soccer and Society* 11, 1-2 (2010): 46-62.

“South Africa and the Global Game: Introduction,” *Soccer and Society* 11, 1-2 (2010): 1-11. With Chris Bolsmann.

“Roundtable: The FIFA World Cup 2010 in the News,” *Ecquid Novi: African Journalism Studies* 31, 2 (2010): 225-237. With Chris Bolsmann, Simon Kuper, Rodney Reiners, and John Turnbull.

- “Il calcio in Sudafrica: Introduzione,” *Afriche e Orientali* 12, 1 (2010): 5-14. With Chris Bolsmann.
- “Dall’apartheid all’unificazione: capitale bianco e potere nero nell’integrazione razziale del calcio sudafricano, 1976-1992,” *Afriche e Orientali* 12, 1 (2010): 15-30. With Chris Bolsmann.
- “Interview with Bob Edgar,” *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies* 10, 3 (2009): 335-341. With Peter Limb.
- “Rewriting Patriarchal Scripts: Women, Labor, and Popular Culture in South African Clothing Industry Beauty Contests, 1970s-2005,” *Journal of Social History* 42, 1 (2008): 31-56.
- “‘A Nation To Be Reckoned With’: The Politics of World Cup Stadium Construction in Cape Town and Durban, South Africa,” *African Studies* 67, 3 (2008): 397-422.
- “The Political Economy of Mega-Stadiums and the Underdevelopment of Grassroots Football in South Africa,” *Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies* 34, 3 (2007): 315-331.
- “The Football Heritage Complex: History, Tourism and Development in South Africa,” *Africa Spectrum* 41, 3 (2006): 415-426.
- “‘Like Cows Driven to a Dip’: The 2001 Ellis Park Stadium Disaster, Johannesburg, South Africa,” *Soccer and Society* 5, 2 (2004): 233-247. Reprinted in *Soccer and Disaster: International Perspectives*, eds. Paul Darby, Martin Johnes, and Gavin Mellor (London: Routledge, 2005), 109-123.
- “Il Calcio in Sud Africa: Dalla Sfida Politica alla Coppa del Mondo,” *Nuova Storia Contemporanea* 8, 6 (2004): 121-130.
- “Playing to the Gallery: Sport, Cultural Performance, and Social Identity in South Africa, 1920s-1945,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 35, 1 (2002): 17-38.
- “‘Feel the Pull in Your Soul’: Local Agency and Global Trends in South Africa’s 2006 World Cup Bid,” *Soccer and Society* 2, 3 (2001): 1-21.
- “*Amathe Nolimi* (It is Saliva and the Tongue): Contracts of Joy in South African football, c. 1940-1976,” *International Journal of the History of Sport* 17, 4 (2000): 1-20.
- “Katanga vs Johannesburg: A History of the First sub-Saharan African Football Championship, 1949-50,” *African Historical Review* 31 (1999): 55-74.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- “African Soccer’s Global Story,” in *Global Africa*, eds., Dorothy L. Hodgson and Judith A. Byfield (University of California Press, August 2017).
- “Between Leopoldville and Belgium: A Conversation with Paul Bonga Bonga,” in *Identity and Nation in African Football: Fans, Community and Clubs*, eds., Chuka Onwumechili and Gerard Akindes (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 254-268. With Gerard Akindes.
- “Introduction,” in *Africa’s World Cup: Critical Reflections on Patriotism, Play, Spectatorship, and Space* (University of Michigan Press, 2013), 1-17. With Chris Bolsmann.
- “Forum on the 2010 World Cup: Perspectives from South African Practitioners,” in *Africa’s World Cup: Critical Reflections on Patriotism, Play, Spectatorship, and Space* (University of Michigan Press, 2013), 219-234. With Thabo Dladla, Mohlomi Kekeletso Maubane, and Rodney Reiners.
- “The Sport of Zuluness: Masculinity, Class and Cultural Identity in Twentieth-Century Black Soccer,” in *Zulu Identities: Being Zulu, Past and Present*, eds., Benedict Carton, John Laband, and Jabulani Sithole (University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2008), 273-280.
- “Sport, Race, and Liberation: A Preliminary Study of Albert Luthuli’s Sporting Life,” in *Sport and Liberation in South Africa: Reflections and Suggestions*, ed. Cornelius Thomas (Alice: University of Fort Hare Press, 2006), 66-82.
- “‘Like Cows Driven to a Dip’: The 2001 Ellis Park Stadium Disaster, Johannesburg, South Africa,” in *Soccer and Disaster: International Perspectives*, eds. Paul Darby, Martin Johnes, and Gavin Mellor (London: Routledge, 2005), 109-123.
- “Football and Apartheid Society: The South African Soccer League, 1960-66,” in *Football in Africa: Conflict, Conciliation and Community*, eds. Gary Armstrong and Richard Giulianotti (London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), 114-134.
- “Leisure and Youth Culture in South Africa: Football Clubs in Early Soweto, 1930s-1950s,” *Africa’s Young Majority*, eds. Barbara Trudell, Kenneth King, Simon McGrath and Paul Nugent (Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press, 2002), 275-297.

## RECENT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- “Black Sport Matters: A History of Sporting Subalterns’ Quest for Social Justice in African History,” Keynote Address, Sports Africa Conference, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, April 2017
- “South Africa Explained: The Racial State, National Liberation, and the Ongoing Struggle for Democracy,” lecture at the Global Information Engagement Program, School of Information, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (March 2017)
- “Doing Digital History: Processes, Platforms & Partnerships,” invited lecture, Mayibuye Centre, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa (October 2016)

“Community, Competition, and Citizenship in African Soccer,” invited lecture,  
 “Technology, Globalization, and Culture” speaker series, Department of Mechanical  
 Engineering and Department of World Literature and Culture, Iowa State University,  
 Ames, Iowa (September 2016)

“South Africa: Past is Prologue—From Apartheid to Liberation and Democracy,”  
 presentation at the Global Information Engagement Program, School of  
 Information, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (March 2016)

“African Soccer’s Global Story: History, Technology, Culture, & Power,” invited lecture,  
 “Technology, Globalization, and Culture” speaker series, Department of Mechanical  
 Engineering and Department of World Literature and Culture, Iowa State University,  
 Ames, Iowa (September 2015)

“Digital Pedagogy: Online Teaching and Hybrid Courses,” presentation at Digital African  
 Studies Workshop, 57th annual meeting of the African Studies Association,  
 Indianapolis, IN (November 2014)

### **ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT (RECENT)**

“Preserving, Promoting, and Empathizing with African Voices and Words: A Round Table  
 in Honor of Peter Limb,” 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the African Studies Association,  
 Washington, D.C. (December 2016)

“Merging Personal and Scholarly Digital Identities: Africanists at Work,” 57<sup>th</sup> annual meeting  
 of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN (November 2014)

“Digital Southern African Studies, at the North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa,  
 Burlington, Vermont (October 2014) [<http://digitalSAstudies.matrix.msu.edu>]

Football Scholars Forum, “Soccer as the Beautiful Game” conference, Hofstra University  
 (April 2014) [<http://bit.ly/1sRmfEx>]

“Provocative Parallels: The Liberation Struggle in South Africa and the U.S. Civil Rights  
 Movement,” Special 60/50 Conversation, Michigan State University (March 2014)

### **DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Director, Digital History Projects, Matrix (January 2012 to present)

*Africa Past and Present* ([afripod.aodl.org](http://afripod.aodl.org)), creator and host, with Peter Limb, of the podcast about  
 history, culture, and politics in Africa and the diaspora. 112 episodes completed (January  
 2008 to June 2017), approximately 10,000 monthly downloads from 131 countries.  
 Produced by Matrix and Department of History.

*Football Scholars Forum*, co-founder of international online community for football scholarship  
 ([footballscholars.org](http://footballscholars.org)).

*Overcoming Apartheid, Building Democracy* ([overcomingapartheid.msu.edu](http://overcomingapartheid.msu.edu)), Historical narrative.

*Football is Coming Home* (footballiscominghome.info), blog. 2009 to present.

*South African History Online*, contributor

### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBER**

North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, October 2008, October 2011, April 2013,  
April 2016, October 2017

International Conference on Sport History in Southern Africa, Stellenbosch University, July  
2008

### **RECENT GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

ISS Teaching Excellence Award, Center for Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences,  
Michigan State University, 2015

Richard E. Sullivan Teaching Excellence Award, Department of History, Michigan State  
University, 2012, 2015

Fulbright Scholar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, 2010

Fintz Teaching Excellence Award, Center for Integrative Studies in Arts & Humanities,  
Michigan State University, 2010

### **BOOK SERIES EDITOR**

Editor-in-Chief, *African History and Culture*, Michigan State University Press (2015-)

### **JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER**

*African Studies*, 2011 to present

*African Studies Review*, 2017 to present

*International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 2008 to present

*Soccer and Society*, 2017 to present

*Impumelelo: The Interdisciplinary E-Journal of African Sport*, 2005-2012

### **JOURNAL BOOK REVIEWS EDITOR**

*Soccer and Society*, 2001 to 2017

## WORK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS

### Michigan State University, advisees who received degrees

Dr. Hikabwa Decius Chipande. Started at MSU fall 2011. Received Ph.D. in 2015. Awarded FIFA Havelange Scholarship (2013-14); Teaching Fellowship (2011-12, 2012-13, spring 2015). Recipient of the Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellowship (2012-2013), and Muelder Fellowship (2013-14). Dissertation: "Chipolopolo: A Social and Political history of Soccer in Zambia, 1940s-1994." Currently, Lecturer in History, University of Zambia.

Dr. Jill Kelly. Started at MSU fall 2006. Received Ph.D. in 2012. Winner of Fulbright Hays and Fulbright IIE fellowships for dissertation research. Dissertation: "Only the Fourth Chief: Conflict, Land, and Chiefly Authority in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa." Winner of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (2006-09). Currently, assistant professor at Southern Methodist University.

Dr. Leslie Hadfield. Started at MSU fall 2005. Received Ph.D. in 2010. Winner of Fulbright Hays and Fulbright IIE fellowships for dissertation research. Dissertation: "Restoring Human Dignity and Building Self-Reliance: Youth, Women, and Churches and Black Consciousness Community Development, South Africa, 1969-1977." Currently, associate professor at Brigham Young University.

Bernard Moore, at MSU fall 2014 to spring 2016. Received MA in African-American and African Studies for research on Namibia. Thesis: *Canines, Carnivores, Capitalism, Colonialism: Some Transformations In Hunting, Agriculture, and Labor in Southern Namibia, 1915-1930s.*"

Todd Ellick, at MSU fall 2008 to 2015. Received MA for research on Namibia. Recipient of University Distinguished Fellowship. Winner of Fulbright IIE fellowship for dissertation research (2012-13).

Erin Lambert (advisee with Walter Hawthorne), at MSU fall 2008 to spring 2010. MA for research on Mozambique.

### Service on graduate committees of students who completed PhD dissertations

Alex Galarza, 2017. History. "Dreaming of a Soccer City: Politics, Consumption, and Urban Transformation in 20<sup>th</sup>-century Buenos Aires."

David M. Walton, 2017. History/African and African-American Studies. "Unapologetically Black: Transnational Diasporic Consciousness in the United States and South Africa."

Justin K. Rowe, 2015. History, MSU. "New Wine in Old Wineskins: Social Structure and the Making of 19th Century American Calvinism."

L. Ndubueze Mbah, 2013. History, MSU. "Emergent Masculinities: The Gendered Struggle for Power in Southeastern Nigeria, 1850-1920"

- Joshua Grace, 2013. History, MSU. “Modernization Bubus: Cars, Roads, and the Politics of Development in Tanzania, 1870s-1980s.”
- Micalee Sullivan, 2013. History, MSU. “‘Sixteen Tons’: Mineworkers and their Communities in Clifton-Morenci, Arizona, and Kimberley, South Africa, 1880-1910.”
- Rachel Laws, 2012. African and African-American Studies, MSU. “The Black Female Athlete: Image, Perceptions, and Narratives in South Africa and the United States.”
- Bala Saho, 2012. History, MSU. “Islam, gender, and colonialism: social and religious transformations in the Muslim Court of the Gambia, 1905—1970.”
- Eric Washington, 2010. History, MSU, “Heralding South Africa’s Redemption, 1880-1930: National Baptist Evangelicalism and Ethiopianism.”
- Nokuthula Cele, 2006, History, MSU, “Building a Community on the Zulu Frontier: the History of the Machi Chieftaincy from the early 19th century to 1948.”
- Christopher Merrett, 2006, History, University of Cape Town, “Sport, Space and Segregation: Pietermaritzburg, 1900-1980.”

### **Michigan State University, current PhD advisees**

- Elizabeth Timbs, at MSU fall 2012 to present. Recipient of Fulbright DDRA Fellowship to South Africa (2016). Received FLAS fellowship (2012-13; 2013-14), Teaching Fellowship (2012-13), Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellowship (2013-2014), Graduate Fellowship, LEADR Lab (2014-15). Research focus: history of health and illness in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.
- Akil Cornelius, at MSU fall 2013 to present. Recipient of Fulbright IIE Fellowship to South Africa (2018). Recipient of Teaching Fellowships and FLAS (2013-16). Research focus: technology and politics in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Northern Transvaal, South Africa.
- Robin Crigler, at MSU fall 2015 to present. Recipient of FLAS fellowship (2015-16), Teaching Fellowship (2015-16). Research focus: Social and cultural history of South Africa, humor and performance culture.
- Katie Carline, at MSU fall 2016 to present. Research focus: religious and intellectual history of South Africa’s Eastern Cape, gender and consumption.

### **RECENT COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **Undergraduate Surveys and Seminars**

History 487: Global Soccer

History 484: South African Sport History

History 484: Sport in African History: Colonialism, Independence, and Globalization

History 484: Leisure and Popular Culture in African History, 1880s-Present

History 364: South African History: From Shaka Zulu to Nelson Mandela

ISS 330A: Africa Social Science Perspectives

ISS 328: Social Science of Sport—Culture of Soccer (online)



**PhD Seminars**

History 850: World History of Sport

History 830: South African History in a Digital Age

History 830: Race, Biography, and Nation Building in South African History

History 830: New Perspectives on South African History

History 830: Spectatorship & Consumerism in African History, 1880s-Present

**RECENT DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE****Michigan State University**

College of Social Science, Reappointment, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2012 to present (chair, 2014-15)

African Studies Center Advisory Board (elected), 2015-

African Studies Center Director Search Committee, 2014-15

Digital History Search Committee, Chair, 2016-17

LEADR Lab Search Committee, Chair, 2013-14

Department Advisory Committee Member (elected), Department of History, 2008-2009, 2012-14

Graduate Committee Member, Department of History, 2008-2009, 2010-2012, 2015-17

Core Faculty, African Studies Center, since 2006

Core Faculty, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, since 2007

Core Faculty, African American and Africa Studies, since 2016