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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa (2023)
- MA in Development Studies, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa (2016)
- Tutor Development Certificate, University of Witwatersrand (2015)
- BSSc Honours in Development Studies, University of Pretoria (2014)
- BSSc in Sociology, Social Anthropology and Rural Development, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe (2009)

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (ISEK) University of Zurich, Switzerland (1 December 2024-Present)
- Junior Fellow (Postdoc) Walter Benjamin Kolleg, University of Bern, Switzerland (1 July 2024-December 2024)
- Lecturer (Part-time) Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Luzern, Switzerland (Hauptseminar: *Anthropology of Human Reproduction*)
- Early Career Fellow (Postdoc), Collegium Helveticum, ETH Zurich, Switzerland (1 September 2023- 30 June 2024)
- Adjunct Researcher URPP Human Reproduction Reloaded| H2R @University of Zurich (1 September 2023-Present)
- ZUKOnnect Fellow, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany (1 July 2022-30 June 2023)
- Erasmus+ Global Mobility Exchange Program, Department of Global Development and Planning, University of Agder, Norway (January-July 2020)
- Lecturer, Social Work Department, Eswatini Medical Christian University, Eswatini (2016-2021)

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Duties: Lecturing following modules-Gender and development, Development theory, Project planning and management, Introduction to Research methods, Quantitative and qualitative data analysis and Undergraduate research project supervision, Community work, Fieldwork supervision

- External Consultant, Department of Community Development, Institute of Development Management, Eswatini (April 2019-December 2021)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Witwatersrand (2015)

Modules: States, Markets and Economic Policy, Africa in the Era of Globalisation

- **Other institutional tasks:** Member of the Eswatini Medical Christian University Research Ethics Committee responsible for assessing undergraduate student research proposals for ethical clearance for research involving both human and non-human subjects (September 2016-December 2021)

UNIVERSITY HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Erasmus+ Global Mobility Exchange Scholarship, University of Agder, Norway for one Semester (January - June 2020) Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Global Development and Planning.
- PhD Postgraduate Merit Award for PhD studies at the University of Witwatersrand (2017-2019)
- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Laureate MA Thesis writing Grant \$3000 (2015)
- Post-graduate Merit Award – Master of Arts in Development Studies at the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa) from February 2015 to February 2016 – Accepted.
- Postgraduate Merit Award - Master of Arts in Development Studies at the University of Cape Town (South Africa) 2015 /2016 – Declined.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

- **Rethinking money and value in a digital era**, Collegium Helveticum, Zurich, Switzerland (26 March 2024)

<https://collegium.ethz.ch/projects/fellow-year-2023-2024/the-role-of-social-norms-in-digital-financial-inclusion-of-women-in-eswatini>

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CONFERENCES, TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Speaker: *Re-worlding reproduction -Emerging knowledges, politics and practices of justice*, University of Pretoria, South Africa (16-19 September 2024)
Paper Presented: Reproductive Assemblages: The social life of Assisted Reproductive technologies (ARTs) among Black women in South Africa. (*Current project*)
- **Invited Speaker:** *Finance and its Environment: New approaches to Capital*, University of Zurich, Switzerland (23-24 March 2024)
Paper Presented: The role of social norms on digital financial inclusion of women in informal markets in Eswatini.
- **Panel discussion:** Can We Be Smarter than the Phytoplankton? A Perspective on the Global Climate and Sustainability, Zurich, Switzerland (March 25, 2024)
<https://collegium.ethz.ch/events/fellow-year-2023-2024/can-we-be-smarter-than-the-phytoplankton>
- Council for the Development of Social Sciences in Africa (CODESRIA) 16th General Assembly: *The social Sciences and 'Pandemics' in Africa*, Dakar, Senegal (4-8 December 2023)
Paper Presented: In-between hope and despair: Examining Covid-19 tales of agency and resistance among Nyajena Rural Women in Masvingo, Zimbabwe.
- *Reckoning with the past and imagining the futures of development research and practice*, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) 19th Development Dialogue, The Hague, Netherlands (13-14 November 2023)
Paper Presented: Global goals versus local practices: Examining the role of women's traditional customs and beliefs in the fight against COVID-19 in Masvingo, Zimbabwe
- Participant at the Raisina Dialogue: 14-16 January 2020 (New Delhi, India)
Theme: 21@20 Navigating the Alpha Century
- Theme: Sustainability and the State in Africa: How political rules shape conflicts and their resolution (Bamako Mali)
Date: 23-27 November 2019
Paper presented: The 'social life' of the Zimbabwean socio-economic and political crisis -A phenomenological Study.

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- Graduate Research Workshop-Institute of Humane Studies at George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia, USA (11-13 October 2019)
Paper Presented: Draft PhD Chapter on Social Innovation (Conceptual Framework)
- Bergen PhD Summer Research School- University of Bergen, Norway (17-27 June 2019)
Theme: Global Challenges
Course Completed: Migration Processes and Practices: Theories, Methods, and Ethical Conduct.
- Young African Scholars Initiative: Africa Working Group Conference
Theme: The Past and Future of African Development: Rethinking Economic Development in Africa (University of Ibadan Conference Centre, Ibadan, Nigeria, 10-12 April 2019).
Paper Presented: Exploring channels of cash circulation used by (un)banked migrants in Pretoria, CBD- South Africa.
- CODESRIA Humanities Institute: 25 February-1 March (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)
Theme: The essence(s), diversity, and economies of the (pan) African arts: Remaking and confronting memories and futures.
Paper Presented: (Pan) African arts as a memory bank: The case of Eswatini traditional arts and crafts in the era of globalization.
- Participant at the Raisina Dialogue: 8-10 January 2019 (New Delhi, India)
Theme: A world re-order: New Geometries, Fluid Partnerships, and Uncertain Outcomes
- Theme: Africa and the crisis of Globalization (Dakar, Senegal)
Date: 17-21 December 2018
Paper Presented: Innovative transnational solidarities under globalization: A phenomenological study of the lived experiences of women at Manzini handcraft market in Swaziland.
- Theme: Rethinking Development Cooperation (Bonn, Germany)
Date: 18-19 September 2018
Poster Presented: Migrant entrepreneurship and sustainable urban livelihoods- A human economy conceptualisation.
- Theme: Money, security and democratic governance in Africa

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Date: 19-20 October 2017 (Bamako, Mali)

Sponsors: CODESRIA and UNOWAS

Paper Presented: Mobile Money and the Human Economy: Towards Sustainable Financial Livelihoods for Zimbabwean Migrants in South Africa.

- Theme: Reinventing Empowerment in the 21st century

Date: 12-13 May 2017 (Green Templeton College, Oxford)

Paper: The unsung development actors of the 21st century: Grassroots approaches to financial inclusion by unbanked migrants in Pretoria.

RELEVANT WORKSHOP ATTENDED

- Innovators Camp *Social Innovation X Digitalisation – innovate for a future we want*, University of Zurich (April 2024)
- Interdisciplinary Research and Engaging Non-Academic Sectors, University of Roskilde, Denmark (5-6 December 2022)
- Constructing Research Frameworks on the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa's Policy Environment, University of Cape Coast, Ghana (2-14 April 2018)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Training for Multi-Sectorial HIV/AIDS Response in Eswatini
Dates: 24-26 January 2018, Orion Hotel, Pigg's Peak, Swaziland

Personal Skills and Qualities: Excellent English Language Proficiency; Report writing skills; Strategic planning and organising skills; Experience with Zoom and Microsoft Teams; Good verbal and written communication skills; Time management skills, Qualitative and quantitative data analysis skills, Active listener; Good people skills; Collaborator and Team player

ACTIVE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)