

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

PhD in History, Expected May 2010

Fields of Study: Africa General, South Africa, Black Comparative, World History

Dissertation: "Restoring Human Dignity and Building Self-Reliance: Youth, Women, and Churches and Black Consciousness Community Development, South Africa, 1969-1977."

PhD Committee: Peter Alegi (Chair), Peter Limb, Walter Hawthorne, Peter Beattie, Gordon Stewart

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

MA, African History, June 2005

Certificate in Contemporary History, Contemporary History Institute

Thesis: "'We Salute a Hero of the Nation': The Place of Steve Biko in South Africa's History." Advisor: Walter Hawthorne

Utah State University, Logan, Utah

BA, History, Political Science Minor, May 2002

Graduated with Honors, *Summa Cum Laude*, Liberal Arts and Sciences Certificate

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Xhosa (South Africa) and Swahili, intermediate level French

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Don Lammers Graduate Award, Department of History, Michigan State University, 2008
(for research and related activities promising to improve understanding of international and intercultural relationships)

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, 2007-2008 (awarded and declined)

Fulbright-IIE U.S. Student Fellow, Eastern Cape, South Africa, Jan.-Dec. 2008

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, African Studies Center, Michigan State University, for the study of Xhosa and African History, 2005-2007

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad, Intensive Advanced Swahili in Arusha, Tanzania, 2006 (awarded and declined, but participated in program with FLAS funding)

International Predissertation Travel Award, International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University, 2006

FLAS Fellowship, African Studies Center, Ohio University, for the study of Swahili and African History, 2003-2005

FLAS Fellowship, African Studies Center, Ohio University, to study Xhosa at the Summer Cooperative African Language Institute, Ohio University, 2004

RESEARCH

Dissertation Research, Eastern Cape, South Africa, May-June 2006, Jan.-Dec. 2008. Conducted archival research in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, and the Eastern Cape and recorded over seventy oral history interviews in English and Xhosa.

Research Assistant, Department of History, Michigan State University, 2006-2007. Assisted Dr. Peter Alegi with the transcription of interviews, researching newspaper collections on microfilm, scanning and editing digital images, collecting secondary literature, and monitoring South African news reports on 2010 Soccer World Cup.

Publications

“Biko, Black Consciousness and ‘the System’ eZinyoka: Oral History and Black Consciousness in Practice in a Rural Ciskei Village,” *South African Historical Journal* (forthcoming Vol. 62, No. 1, March 2010).

Essay, “Death of Stephen Biko,” and Multimedia Resource Unit, “Black Consciousness Movement,” in *Overcoming Apartheid, Building Democracy* (Oct. 2007), www.overcomingapartheid.msu.edu

Book Review: *Laduma! Soccer, Politics, and Society in South Africa* by Peter Alegi, *Impumelelo: The Interdisciplinary Electronic Journal of African Sports*, Introductory Vol. (2005), www.ohiou.edu/sportsafrica/JOURNAL/INDEX.HTM.

with Joyce Kinkead, Tom C. Peterson, Stephanie H. Ray, and Sarah S. Preston, "An Ideal Writing Center: Re-Imagining Space and Design," in *The Center Will Hold*, Michael A. Pemberton and Joyce Kinkead eds. (Logan, UT: Utah State University Press, 2003).

Scholarly Presentations and Invited Lectures

“*Black Review*: South Africa’s Black Consciousness Developmental Tool and Source for History,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Nov. 2009.

Discussant: Panel on Youth, Sport and Music, Third Annual Africanist Graduate Research Conference, Michigan State University, Oct. 2009.

“‘Kwakungekhomkhethe’ – There was no Discrimination: Oral History and Black Consciousness Community Work in the King William’s Town Area,” Oral History Association of South Africa, Fifth Annual National Oral History Conference, East London, South Africa, Oct. 2008.

“Biko, Black Consciousness and the System eZinyoka,” Workshop on Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa: New Perspectives, Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa, Sept. 2008.

Series of Seminars on the Black Consciousness Movement, National Heritage and Cultural Studies Centre (NAHECS), University of Fort Hare, South Africa, April-May, 2008.

“Pumping Life Back into the Black Man: SASO Community Projects in the 1970s, South Africa,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York City, Oct. 2007.

“From a Brazilian Man, through a White Woman, to the Black Consciousness Movement: Freire’s Theories in Practice in South Africa in the 1970s,” Michigan State University’s First Annual Africanist Graduate Student Conference, Sept. 2007.

“Politics, Political Parties and Steve Biko’s Memory,” “Rewriting Africa” Workshop, Department of History, University of Michigan, April 2006.

Lecture: “I Have Crossed Famous Rivers: My Trip from South Africa to a PhD Program,” for Brigham Young University’s David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, International Field Studies Lecture Series, March 10, 2006.

Presentation: “Images and Messages of Historical Monuments: The Steve Biko Statue,” at Visual Cultures, African Cities/Now Conference, Ohio University, April 2005.

“Going Back to Africa: Reasons for Colonization after Emancipation,” 8th Annual Student Academic Conference, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Feb. 2002.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, Spring 2010.

“Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities: African Slavery and the Atlantic Slave Trade,” with Prof. Walter Hawthorne. Will conduct weekly discussion sections and grade quizzes and assignments.

Lecturer, Michigan State University, Fall 2009.

“Historical Methods and Skills: South African Liberation Movements.” Designed own syllabus for 200-level course for history majors on evaluating historical sources and writing lengthy research papers.

Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, Summer 2009.

“American and European Health Care since 1800,” Online History Course with Prof. John Waller. Graded student papers, answered student questions, and conducted online discussions sessions.

Supervisor, Independent Study, South African History, Michigan State University, Summer 2009.

Developed reading lists and assignments and graded papers for two students on a study abroad program to South Africa.

Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, Spring 2009.

“World History since 1500,” with Prof. Gordon Stewart. Conducted four weekly discussion sections, graded exams and assignments, and gave several lectures.
“South Africa and its Neighbors,” with Dr. Peter Limb. Presented four lectures and graded exams and assignments.

Rhetoric Associate, Utah State University, 1999-2002. Acted as a writing tutor for the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, assigned to one class per semester.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Conference Organizer, Michigan State University Africanist Graduate Student Conference, 2007, 2009.

Guest Speaker/Lecturer for two history classes at iQonce High and Funiwe High School, and at Heritage Day function, near King William’s Town, South Africa, 2008.

Contributor, “Exploring Africa,” African Studies Center, Michigan State University, 2005-2007. Developed four instructional units on South Africa for web-based program for High School and Middle School teachers who want to teach about Africa (forthcoming, see exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu/).

Secretary, Sudan Awareness and Support Group, Michigan State University, 2006-2007.

Member, African Student Union, Ohio University, 2003-2005.

In-field Student Facilitator, South Africa International Field Study Program, Brigham Young University, May-Dec. 2002.

REFERENCES

Professor Peter Alegi, Department of History, Michigan State University, 301 Morrill Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 432-8222 ext. 113, alegi@msu.edu

Professor Walter Hawthorne, Department of History, Michigan State University, 301 Morrill Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 432-8222 ext. 126, walterh@msu.edu

Professor Gordon Stewart, Department of History, Michigan State University, 301 Morrill Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 432-8222 ext. 124, stewar14@msu.edu

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