

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2013-Present Ph. D. Program, English, Northwestern University
Certificate in African Studies
2014 M.A. English, Northwestern University
2013 B.A. Sociology and English (*honors*), Haverford College
Thesis Advisors: Lisa McCormick, Asali Solomon

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Franke Graduate Fellowship, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern U.
2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Award, Northwestern U.
2016 Dissertation Research Award, the Buffett Institute, Northwestern U.
2016 Summer Language Grant, Northwestern U.
2016 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern U.
2016 Panofsky Pre-Dissertation Award, Northwestern U.
2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Award, Northwestern U.
2015 Morris A. Goodman Award, Northwestern U.
2013 Mellon Interdisciplinary Fellow, African Studies, Northwestern U.

PRESENTATIONS

- Nov. 2017 "Poetry in Active: Evan Mawarire's "This Flag," Networked Protest, and the Hashtag as Collective Protest." African Studies Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
June 2017 "Digital Voices: Negotiation Global Formats and Local Forms in Cape Town Performance Poetry." African Literature Association Annual Conference. Yale University, New Haven, CT.
June 2017 "The Migrant and the Refugee: Contrasting Images of Movement in Zimbabwean Poetry from South Africa." African Literature Association Annual Conference. Yale University, New Haven, CT.
Apr 2017 "WhatsApp Poetics: the Structure & Style of Chichewa Poetry Groups on WhatsApp." Minority Languages and New Media Conference. British Association for Applied Linguistics Seminar Series. Aston University, Birmingham, UK.
Apr 2017 "Slam Africa: Language and Politics in the International Poetry Slam." *Re... Africa*. African Studies Graduate Student Conference. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
Feb 2017 "Page and Stage in the Digital Age." African Studies Graduate Student Seminar, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
Mar 2016 "The Regional Circulation of Poetic Form." African Studies Graduate Student Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA.
Feb 2016 "Performing the Nation." English Department Colloquium, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

- Aug 2015 “The Performance of Nationhood.” English Department Seminar, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Jul 2015 “Contemporary Malawian Poetry.” Kistrech Poetry Festival, Kisii University
- Nov 2014 “The Politics of Print and Performance.” African Studies Graduate Student Seminar, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

TEACHING

- Winter 2017 Expository Writing: “Global English(es)”, Primary Instructor, Northwestern U.
- Winter 2015 “Introduction to Fiction”, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern U.
- Fall 2014 “American Literary Traditions P”, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern U.
- 2010-2013 Writing Seminars, Tutor, Haverford College

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2017-2018 Digital Humanities Pedagogy Workshop for Graduate Student, Northwestern U.
Co-organized a year-long workshop series on integrating methods and tools from the digital humanities into the university classroom.
- 2016 “Knowing Africa” Graduate Student Conference
Organized a 3-day, 30-person student conference.
- 2015-2016 Student Facilitator, Africa Seminar, Northwestern U.
Organized weekly seminar and annual conference.
- 2015-2016 Graduate Assistant, Triquarterly Journal, Northwestern U.
Literary journal: archival and reading duties.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2016 Performance ethnography, Centre for Multilingualism Diversities Research, University of the Western Cape
- 2015, 2016 Poetry and the Performance of Nationhood, Centre for Language Study, University of Malawi, supervised by Prof. Pascal Kischindo
- 2012 Archival research, University of Cape Town, supervised by Profs. Tessa Dowling and Harry Garuba
- 2010-2013 Research Assistant, English, Haverford College, with Prof. Kimberly Benston
- 2011-2012 Departmental Assistant, Sociology, Haverford College

OTHER TRAINING

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| 2017 | Teaching Certificate Program, Searle Center
Northwestern University | Year-long pedagogy training |
| 2016 | Intermediate Chichewa, University of Malawi | Intensive 3-month language training |
| 2015 | Python Bootcamp, Northwestern University | Week-long training |
| 2015 | Intro to Chichewa, University of Malawi | Intensive 3-month language training |
| 2011 | Advanced French, Middlebury College
Summer Language Program | 10-week immersive study |

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (advanced), Chichewa (proficient), Italian (reading)