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‘possibly South Africa’s most prolific public intellectual’
The Sunday Times

Academic Qualifications

1992-1997	Ph.D., City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
1987-1988	Master of Science, Development Planning, University of the Witwatersrand
1983-1986	Bachelor of Arts, Legal Theory and Industrial Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand

Professional Appointments and Fellowships

2012-2015	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town Oppenheimer Fellow, Hutchins Center for African and African American Studies, Harvard University
2015	Guest Lecturer, Brown University Institute for Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI)
2010-2011	Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
2007	Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution
2008-2011	Convenor, Platform for Public Deliberation, University of Johannesburg
2006- 2008	Research Fellow, Public Intellectual Life Project, Wits University
2005-2006	Non-Resident W.E.B Du Bois Fellow, Harvard University
2004- 2005	Distinguished Fellow and Executive Director, Social Cohesion and Identity, Human Sciences Research Council
2000-2004	Founding Executive Director, Steve Biko Foundation
1999-2000	Senior Analyst, Center for Policy Studies
1998-1999	Visiting Scholar, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

1997-1998	Warren Weaver Fellow, Rockefeller Foundation
1995-1996	Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park
1991-1992	SPURS Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
1989-1991	Urban Specialist, Development Bank of Southern Africa

III. Research Publications

Research Area- Democracy, Leadership, Biography Race and Social Theory

Refereed Books

- 2012 *Biko: A Biography (Tafelberg Press),*
 Recipient of the 2015 UCT Meritorious Book Award; Finalist, Alan Paton Non-Fiction Awards, Finalist, Recht Malan Non-Fiction Prize; Finalist, The South African Literary Awards
- Also published as *Biko: A Life* (London and New York: IB Tauris)- held in 1372 libraries worldwide
- 2008 *To The Brink: The State of Democracy in South Africa,* University of KwaZulu Natal Press
- 2009 *The Democratic Moment: South Africa's Prospects Under Jacob Zuma,* Jacana Media, Johannesburg

Edited Collections

- 2015 *The Colour of Our Future: Does Race Still Matter In Post-Apartheid South Africa (Wits University Press)- Edited Collection*
- 2014 *The Arrogance of Power : South Africa's Leadership Meltdown (Tafelberg Press)- Edited Collection*
- 2011 *Becoming Worthy Ancestors: Archive, Identity and Public Deliberation in South Africa,* (Wits University Press) - first batch of scholarly books from Africa to be included in the Thomson-Reuters Index in 2015
- 2003 *Emerging Johannesburg (with Robert Bureauard, Richard Tomlinson, Lindsay Bremner),* Routledge Press, New York- Edited Collection

Underway

Harold Washington and the Political Transformation of Chicago
(Cornell University Press)
Nelson Mandela: Against The Grain (Tafelberg Press)

The Dictionary of South African National Biography (Oxford
University Press)- with Henry Louis Gates Jr and Steven Niven

Non-Refereed Books

- 2007 *Visions of Black Economic Empowerment* (with Gill Marcus and
Khehla Shubane and Adrian Hadland), Jacana Press, Johannesburg
- 2006 *The Meaning of Mandela (with essays by Henry Louis Gates Jr., Wole
Soyinka, Cornel West)*, HSRC Press, 2006

Conference Proceedings - Unpublished

- 1997 Community Building in the Global Age, October 1997, Rockefeller
Foundation on Community Building: Bellagio Italy

Reviews of Biko Biography:

Derek Hook, Department of PsychoSocial Studies Birckbeck College, University of
London, Re-Imagining Biko, Psychol. Soc. n.45 Durban Jan. 2013

Journal of Black Studies 45.3 (2014): 266–68.

The Southern African Digital History Journal . Discussio with Jonathan Judaken, Podcast,
2013, New Books in African Studies, Discussions With Scholars of Africa About their new
books. <http://newbooksinafricanstudies.com/2014/01/25/xolela-mangcu-biko-a-life-tauris-2013/>

Samples of Reviews of To The Brink:
BR Mazibuko, South African Historical Journal
Peter Byrne, Swans Commentary

Peer Reviewed Chapters in Books and Journal Articles

- 2015 “The Independent Electoral Commission and the Institutionalization of
Democracy in South Africa”, chapter in Mcebisi Ndletyana’s volume
on the history of the Independent Electoral Commission
- 2015 “Race and Rationalist Conceit” in Xolela Mangcu (ed) The Colour of
Our Future (Johannesburg: Wits University Press)

- 2015 Liberation History in de Jager, N. (ed). Introduction to Politics, (Cape Town: Oxford University Press)
- 2015 “The Promise of Black Consciousness for a Romantic Renaissance”, in Harry Boyte (ed.) in Democracy’s Education: A Symposium on Power, Public Work and the Meaning of Citizenship, Vanderbilt University Press
- 2014 “Nelson Mandela in the History of African Modernity: A Re-Appraisal of Existing Approaches”, The Bulletin of the South African Library, December, 2014
- 2014 “The Contemporary Relevance of Black Consciousness in South Africa: From Black Consciousness to Consciousness of Blackness”, in Devan Pillay, Gilbert M Khadiagala, Prishani Naidoo and Roger Southall (eds.), New South African Review 4 , Wits University Press
- 2014 “Promoting Self-Help in Human Settlements Policy: Towards a Progressive Development Approach in Informal Settlements” in Human Settlements Review 2
- 2012 “African Modernity and the Struggle for People’s Power: From Protest and Mobilization to Community Organizing”, The Good Society, Volume 21, No 2, 2012
- 2011 “Elections and Political Culture: Issues and Trends”, Journal of Public Administration, Volume 46 no. 3.1
- 2010 “The Ironies of A South Africa-Led African Renaissance in African Diaspora,” in Tejumola Olaniyan and James H. Sweet (eds), The African Diaspora and the Disciplines, Indiana University Press
- 2009 “Race and Elections in South Africa” in Archie Mafeje (ed), The Disenfranchised, Unisa Press
- 2005 “The People Shall Governor, Or Shall They?”, in Democracy in the Era of Mbeki, (Cape Town, Idasa)
- 2003 “ State of Race Relations in South Africa” in State of the Nation, an HSRC publication edited by John Daniel, Adam Habib and Roger Southall, (Cape Town: HSRC Publishers)
- “Johannesburg in Flight from Itself” in Emerging Johannesburg, in (New York: Routledge Press)
- 2003 “Revisiting the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions About Racial Healing”, chapter in Provocations of Amnesty, Charles Villa-Vicencio and Eric Doxtader (eds), (Cape Town: David Philip)

- 2001 “Notes on the African Renaissance”, Journal of South African International Affairs,” South African Institute of International Affairs, Wits University, 2001
- “Towards a Productivist Approach to Welfare in South Africa,” chapter in Democratic Governance and Social Inequality, edited by Joseph Tulchin and Amelia Brown, Lynne Reiner Press (Washington D.C)
- “Liberating Race From Apartheid” in Transformation, No 47, 2001
- 1993 “Black Intellectual Empowerment in South Africa, South African Journal of Higher Education”
- “Social Movements and City Planning - The Case of South Africa”, Working Paper, Dept of City Planning, Cornell University, 1993

Forthcoming (Accepted for Publication):

Decolonizing South African Sociology, Du Bois Review, Harvard University

“Race and Affirmative Action in Higher Education in South Africa”, Critical Philosophy of Race, Special Issue

“The Victorian Roots of Our Leadership’s Discontent”: Paternalism, Elitism and Corruption in the ANC”, Interventions, International Journal of PostColonial Studies

“Black Consciousness and the National Question, chapter in Edward Webster’s volume on the National Question in South Africa”, Chris Hani Institute

Non-Peer Reviewed International Publications 2012- 2014

- 2014: “Nelson Mandela: A Retrospective” in Transition Special Issue on Nelson Mandela, no 116
- 2014: “Steve Biko On My Mind”, Transition Magazine- online, September, 2014
- 2013 “Retracing Nelson Mandela in the Genealogy of African Political Thought”, Transition, Issue 112
- 2012 Rethinking Africa’s Political Economy: An Institutional Perspective”, Development 55(4) (477- 483), Society for International Development, 1011-6370/12

Reviews of Journal Articles

- 2015: “Embodied Black Rage”, Du Bois Review, Harvard University- Embodied Black Rage
- 2015: “From Prophecy to Practice: Succession, Legitimation, and the Mechanics of Charismatic Routinization”, American Sociological Review
- 2015 “Ideology and Crisis in the Life of Can Temba”, South African Sociological Review
- 2015 Precarious Politics: Citizenship-Based Class Struggles in the United States and South Africa, American Journal of Sociology
- 2013: Growth of the Middle Class: Two Perspectives That Matter for Policy
Manuscript CDSA- 2013-0113 Development Southern Africa

Book Review

- 2014 The Historical Figures of the New African Movement by Ntongela Masilela
NJ: New Brunswick: Africa World Press, in African Affairs Review, 00/1-2
Oxford University Press, (ADU- 074)

IV. Engaged Scholarship

Organized and Hosted Public Lectures and Workshops by

Nelson Mandela (2004)

Julius Nyerere (1997)

Wole Soyinka (2005)

Chinua Achebe (2002)

Henry Louis Gates Jr (2005)

Ngugi wa Thiong’o (2003)

Benedict Anderson (2006)

Sonja Sanchez (2003)

Ayi Kwei Armah (2005)

Cornel West (2005)

Mahmood Mamdani (2005)

Kwame Anthony Appiah (2006)

Helen Zille (2007)

Patricia de Lille (2007)

Tokyo Sexwale (2007)

Benedict Anderson (2006)

Martin Bernal (2006)

Keynote Addresses and Guest Lectures: 2012-2014

2015- Brown University, U.S.A.

Guest Lecturer, Brown International Advanced Research Institute, 16 June 2015

Wits University

Keynote Address: Rethinking Pan Africanism and Xenophobia Conference, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), 2 June 2015

Mapungubwe Institute

Keynote Panel: The Role of Intellectuals, 4 March 2015

University of South Africa

Africa Speaks Lecture: Transforming the South African University: What Will It Take, 18 February 2015

2014 Harvard University, U.S.A

W.E.B Du Bois, Colloquium, Harvard University

2014 Panellist, Anniversary of Nelson Mandela's Death, Harvard Bookstore

2014 New York University

Panellist, Twenty Years of Democracy, New York University, 06 November, 2014

2014 Oxford University

Keynote Panel Discussion with former SA President Kgalema Motlanthe
Keynote Panle Discussion with former leader of the opposition in SA, Tony Leon and Wits University Vice Chancellor, Adam Habib

Haus Kulturen Institut, Berlin, West Germany

2014 Keynote Panel, Twenty Years of Democracy, Haus Kulturen Welt, Berlin, 30 August 2014

South African Sociological Association

- 2014 Keynote Speaker: South African Sociological Association, July 2014
- 2013 Keynote Speaker: South African Sociological Association, July 2013
- UCT Summer School**
- 2014 Panel Discussion with Colin Bundy and Debbie Posel
- 2013 Panel Discussion with Colin Bundy, Ronnie Kasrils and Judith September
- 2013 Public Lecture, Auburn University, “Black Consciousness and Western Modernity”
- 2013 Public Lecture: Harold Washington and the Emergence of Barack Obama
- 2013 Panellist, The Flying Arch Public Dialogue Series, Cape Town
- 2013 Franschoek Literary Festival
- 2012 Wordfest, Grahamstown Arts Festival
- 2012 Public Debate with Frank Chikane, Dispatch Dialogues
- 2012 Public Debate with Pallo Jordan, Daily Dispatch Dialogues

Referees

Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr- Alphonse Fletcher University Professor, Harvard University and Director, Hutchins Center for African and African American Studies, Harvard University, e-mail - hlg@fas.harvard.edu

Ms Angela Blackwell, former Senior Vice President, Rockefeller Foundation

Professor Ngugi wa Thiong’o- Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and English, University of California, Davis- ngugi@uci.edu

Professor Achille Mbembe, Research Professor, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Wits University- Achille.Mbembe@wits.ac.za

Professor Steven Friedman, Director, Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Johannesburg and Rhodes University. Email- sf@uj.ac.za