

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Education**

2016 Ph.D. in History, University of Michigan  
2014 Graduate Certificate in African Studies, University of Michigan  
2000 M.A. in History, University of Buea (Cameroon)  
1998 B.A. in History & Archaeological Sciences, University of Buea (Cameroon)

## **Academic employment**

2022- Present Assistant Professor of African History at Baylor BIC, Baylor University  
2022-2022 Senior Lecturer in History, University of the Witwatersrand  
2018 -2022 Lecturer in History, University of the Witwatersrand  
2017-18 Post-doctoral Teaching Fellow, Washington State University  
2012-15 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan  
2000-06 History Teacher, CCAST Buea, Cameroon  
2000-02 History Teacher, Saker Baptist College, Limbe-Cameroon

## **Courses Taught**

2018 - Hist 2003/3011 – Sub-Saharan Africa, University of the Witwatersrand  
2018 - Hist 3003 – Towns and Cities in Africa, University of the Witwatersrand  
2019 - Hist 1011 – History of Global Encounters, University of the Witwatersrand  
2018 -19 Hist 1010 – The Social History of Technology, University of the Witwatersrand  
2017-18 Hist 101 – Roots of Contemporary Issues, Washington State University  
2017-18 Hist 103 – Roots of Contemporary Issues, Washington State University

## **Awards and Fellowships**

2020 Wits Faculty of Humanities Research Grant  
2020 Postdoctoral Research Grant, University of Edinburgh, UK  
2019 Wits Early Career Academic Development Award, Wits, SA  
2011-16 Rackham Merit Fellow, University of Michigan (Graduate studies funding)  
2014 Orla B Taylor Scholarship, University of Michigan  
2013 African Studies Research Award, University of Michigan

## **Publications**

‘Playing Politics: A History of the Biafran Child-refugee in Gabon and Ivory Coast during the Nigerian Civil War, 1967-1970’

- Africa Today* 69:1 & 2 (Fall 2022). Special Issue on ‘Rethinking Refuge: Processes of Refugee Seeking’, edited by George Njung and Marcia Schenck.
- ‘Using Legislation as a Primary Source to Study Political and Electoral Aspects of South Africa’s History in the 1960s’  
In *Gale Researcher Guide* (Accepted, Adam Mathew Digital, 2022).
- ‘Rethinking Refuge: Processes of Refugee Seeking’  
Special Issue Introduction  
*Africa Today* 69: 1 & 2 (Fall 2022). With Marcia Schenck.
- ‘Refugee Exchanges between Cameroon and Equatorial, and their Socio-economic Relevance, from the First World War to Immediate Post-independence’  
*Canadian Journal of African Studies* 55:3 (Fall 2021):453-474. Special Issue on ‘Africa Refuge’, edited by Meredith Terretta and Philip Janzen.
- ‘The African Refugee Equilibrium’  
*Africa is a Country* (24 Feb. 2021): <https://africasacountry.com/2021/02/the-african-refugee-equilibrium>
- ‘Using Posters for Researching Women’s Struggles Against Apartheid in South Africa’  
In *Research Methods Primary Sources* (Marlborough: Adam Mathew Digital, 2021).
- ‘Amputated Men, Colonial Bureaucracy, and Masculinity in Post-World War I Colonial Nigeria’  
*Journal of Social History* 53:3 (Spring 2020): 620-643. Special Issue on ‘Gender and Disability’, edited by Martina Salvante.
- O’Neil, Robert. *Born under the Gun: A History of Kamerun, WWI, Christian Missions, and the Internment Camps of Fernando Po*. New York: Crossroad Publishing, 2018).  
*Anthropos* 115 (2020): 255-256.
- ‘The British Cameroons Mandate Regime: The Roots of the Twenty-First-Century Political Crisis in Cameroon’  
*American Historical Review* 124:5 (December 2019):1715-1722. Special Issue on ‘AHR Reflections: One Hundred Years of Mandate’, edited by Alex Lichtenstein and Michelle Moyd.
- ‘Victims of Empire: WWI Ex-Servicemen and the Colonial Economy of Wartime Sacrifices in Postwar British Nigeria’  
*First World War Studies* 10:1 (2019): 49-67. Special Issue on ‘Colonial Veterans of WWI’, edited by Dónal Hassett & Michelle Moyd.
- ‘Anti-Semitism and Zionism’  
In *Gale Researcher Guide for Anti-Semitism and Zionism*. Kindle Edition, 2018.
- ‘West Africa’  
In *1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, and Bill Nasson, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, 2014. doi: 10.15463/ie1418.10462.
- ‘Great War in Africa: Honour Motivated some Cameroonian Soldiers who Fought for Germany during the First World War’  
*Africa at LSE* (2014): <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/>

### **Forthcoming**

- Violent Encounters: A Gendered History of the First World War in Cameroon*  
(Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2023).
- Africa and the Global North: Entangled Histories, Relations, and Issues of Development* (With Ruth Murambadoro & Roland Ngam). 2023.
- ‘War and Peace.’ In *The New Cambridge History of Britain*, Vol. IV, edited by Lara Kriegel. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025.

## **Work in Progress**

*Amputated Men: A Transnational Study of the Struggles of Disabled WWI Soldiers in British and French West Africa*

(Second monograph in progress).

“From [the]frying pan [in]to the fire”: Dissension and Resistance to the Anglo-French Partition of Cameroon during the First World War’

Journal article in progress.

‘On the Fringes of the British Empire: The First World War Disabled Men of the Gold Coast and their Postwar Masculinity Conundrum’

Journal article in progress (targetted: *African Studies Review*).

‘The Head and the Load are the Troubles of the Neck’: Carriers and Porters, Camping, Colonialism and the Black Man’s Burden in West Africa (Cameroon) during WW1’

Journal article in progress (Targetted: *Journal of West African History*).

‘Africa’s World War One Widow and Orphans: Madam Mimkumu, her Children, and Colonial Neglect in the Gold Coast (Ghana).’

## **Editorial, Advisory Activities and Professional Membership**

Consultant Editor & Advisory Board Member, Adam Matthew Digital Project, Learning and Research with Primary Sources: Interrogating Colonial Archives Collection.

Independent Advisory Panel Member, Commonwealth War Graves Commission –  
[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

Editorial Board Member, Spears Studies in African and African Diaspora History, Spears Books, Colorado, USA.

Junior Fellow, Pan-African Scientific Research Council - [pasrc@africanschoolofeconomics.com](mailto:pasrc@africanschoolofeconomics.com)

## **Professional Activities** (Selected)

2017 - Reviewer for Routledge, Francis and Taylor, *African Studies Review*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies/Revue Canadienne des Études Africaines* (reviewed in French), *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, *Journal of First World War Studies*, *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, *Nordic Journal of African Studies*, *Africa Today*, *The RUSI Journal*, *International Journal for Masculinity Studies*.

## **Administrative Duties**

2019-2022 Postgraduate Admissions Coordinator for History at Wits

2018 -2022 History Representative, SOSS Plagiarism Committee at Wits

## **Guest Speaking / Lectures**

2021 ‘Theorization in History: Must Historians Theorize?’ Postgraduate Webinar  
Lecture at the University of Ghana History Graduate School, Legon-Accra, Ghana, 21 July.

2019 ‘Amputated Men: The British Nigerian Disabled Men of the First World War and the Crisis of Masculinity’, History Disability Month Speakers’ Series, University of Nottingham, UK, 10 December.

2019 ‘Amputated Men: The First World War and the Crisis of Masculinity Among the British Nigerian War Disable Men’, University of Manchester, UK, 9 December.

2019 ‘Colonialism Never left US: Tracing the Historical Roots of the Unfolding

Cameroon Anglophone Minority Crisis' African Studies Speakers' Series,  
Pennsylvania State University, USA, 6 November.

**Conferences, Seminars and Workshops** (Selected)

- 2021 'Colonial Gendered Violence: Women Enslavement and Power Relations in German Cameroon, 1884-1916.'  
Paper presented at the African Studies Association, Chicago, USA, November.
- 2021 Playing Politics: The Sage the Biafran Child-Refugees in Gabon and Côte d'Ivoire during the Nigerian Civil war, 1967-1970.'  
Paper at the Lagos Historical Association, Abuja, Nigeria, June.
- 2019 'They are our brothers and sisters': Historicizing the Cameroon-Nigeria Migrant and Refugee Experiences from Colonial Times through the 21st Century.'  
Workshop paper on 'Rethinking Refuge' at Forum Transregionale Studien, Max Weber Stiftung, Berlin, Germany, June.
- 2018 'From War to Economic Refugee-Seekers: Narrating the Cameroon-Equatorial Guinea Intra-Refugee Experience, 1914-c. 2000.'  
Paper presented at the Canadian Association of African Studies, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, May.
- 2017 'The Impact of Willard Johnson's book, *The Cameroon Federation: Political Integration in a Fragmentary State*, on younger generation of Cameroonian Scholars'  
Paper presented at the African Studies Association, Chicago, USA, November.
- 2017 'Gendering and 'Transnationalizing' the Atrocities of the First World War in Cameroon.'  
Paper presented at the WW1 Symposium, University of South Carolina Upstate, Upstate, South Carolina, Spring.
- 2016 "'From frying pan to the fire": Dissenting Voices and the Anglo-French Bifurcation of Post WW1 Cameroon, 1916-1919"  
Paper presented at the Anthropology, African History Workshop, University of Michigan, Fall.
- 2016 'Death by the Bayonet: The Brutal Impact of WWI on Women & Children in Cameroon.'  
Paper Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Great War in Africa Association & 3<sup>rd</sup> International Network for the Study of the Great War in Africa, London-UK, Summer.
- 2014 'Anglo-Duala Relations, 1850s-1918: A History of Betrayal.'  
Paper Presented at the European Conference in Arts and Humanities (ECAH), Brighton, United Kingdom, Summer.
- 2014 'Relocating History, Repositioning the Past.'  
Invited Discussant at the International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, Central Michigan University, Spring.
- 2014 'Silencing the Men through their Women: Gendered Violence in Colonial Cameroon, 1884-1916.'  
Paper presented at the Department of History seminar workshop, University of Michigan, Spring.
- 2013 'Soldiers of their Own: The Duala and the Bali in WWI in Cameroon.'

- Paper presented at the Africa and the Great War Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, Summer.
- 2011 ‘Challenges to Some Kom Socio-Cultural Institutions in the Bamenda Grasslands in Cameroon, c.1785-2011,’
- Paper presented at the UCLA History Conference, Fall.
- 2009 ‘Post Monolithic Politics Elections in sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Democratic Transition & for Human Rights.’
- Paper presented at the University of Connecticut Democracy and Democratization Conference, Connecticut, Spring.

### **Supervision of Graduate Degrees**

- Njiruwo, Eric. ‘The Bali Nyonga of Cameroon, 1889-2013: A History of Cultural Imperialism, Heritage Politics and Heritage Economy’ (Ph.D. diss. completed March 2022).
- (with Prof. P.S Lekgoathi) Ekefre, Edidiong “The Catholic Church in the Nigerian Civil War, 1967-1970.” (Ph.D. diss completed March 2021).
- Gould, Alexandra. “Sexual Violence and the Exploitation of Women’s Bodies in Nazi Concentration Camps.” (MA diss. in progress 2022).
- Opare-Addo, Felix Yobo. “The History of the Sekondi in Ghana.” (Ph.D. diss. in progress 2023).
- Mwandumba, Judith. "Exiting the political stage? An investigation into the Political Fortunes and Misfortunes of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Alliance for Democracy (AFORD) as democratic pioneers in Post-colonial Malawi since 1992." (Ph.D. diss. in progress 2024)

### **Memberships**

- African Studies Association, USA
- Canadian Association of African Studies
- North American Association of Scholars on Cameroon (NAASC)
- The Great War in Africa Association, UK
- International Network for the Study of the Great War in Africa, Global
- Lagos Studies Association, Nigeria