



15th North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA)

Friday, April 26, to Sunday, April 28, 2019

Bishop Booth Conference Center

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FRIDAY: SESSION 1: 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Apartheid Infrastructures of Rule and Resistance (Green Room)

Discussant: Peter Alegi

Ashley Parcells, “Zulu History, ‘Modern’ Infrastructure, and the Creation of an Apartheid Homeland”

Bernard Moore, “‘Unemployment Is Now Being Exploited’: Agricultural Production, Labor Relations, and a Homeland for Namas in Southern Namibia, 1962-1990”

Stephanie Quinn, “Urban Politics and the Infrastructure of Scale in Walvis Bay, 1963-1990”

Matthew Keaney, “The National Library Services Act: Librarians and Nation-Building in the Bantustans, 1977-1994”

Weddings and Funerals (Chapel)

Discussant: Casey Golomski

Aldrin Tinashe Magaya, “‘You Are Not Married Until You Pay *Rooro* ‘Bridewealth’: Family, Marriage, Divorce, and Christianity in Bocha, Zimbabwe, 1932-1960”

Nicholas Smith, “Four Funerals and a Wedding: How Death Constitutes Social Life in KwaMashu”

Michael Yarbrough, “Contesting Marital Status in South Africa, Past and Present”

David Morton, “‘The Commercialization of Death’: Mozambique’s Nationalization of Funeral Services”

FRIDAY: SESSION 2: 4:15-6:45 P.M.

25 Years Later: Post-Apartheid South Africa (Green Room)

Discussant: Judith Van Allen

Premilla Nadasen, “Miriam Makeba, the Anti-Apartheid Movement, and the Struggle for Racial Justice”

Grace Davie, “Corporate Research in the United States since the 1960s: How the International Anti-Apartheid Movement Reshaped the American Left”

Nancy Jacobs (Co-Author with Hilary Lynd), “A Bit of a Miracle, After All: A Deep History of International Mediation and the South African Elections of 1994”

Alex Lichtenstein, “Twenty-Five Years Later: The State of Labor in Post-Apartheid South Africa”

Cara Moyer-Duncan, “Following the Market: The Refragmentation of the South African Film Industry”

Rethinking Land and Rural Development (Chapel)

Discussant: Jacob Tropp

Gift Kayira, “The Land Question and Its Politics in Colonial Malawi, 1930s-1964”

Christopher Conz, “‘Stick to Thy Hillock’? James Machobane, Environmental Justice, and the Problem of Sustainable Farming in Lesotho”

Cathy Skidmore-Hess, “The Elephant in the Well: Water, Fencing and Social Control in 20th Century Namibia”

Victor Gwande, “Politicising and Racialising Rural Development in Zimbabwe: The Case of Domestic Tourism and Conservancy Growth in Murehwa Rural District Council, 1990-2016”

João Afonso Baptista, “The Forests of the Future in Angola”

SATURDAY: SESSION 3: 8:30-10:30 A.M.

New Histories of Colonial Law (Green Room)

Discussant: Daniel Magaziner

Thuto Thipe, “Equality through Law and Empire: Black Challenges to the Legal Category ‘Native’ in the Transvaal Colony, 1902-1910”

Liz Thornberry, “Refusing Custom: Exemption from Native Law in Natal, 1895-1927”

T.J. Tallie, “Conjugal States: Matrimonial Irregularities and Civilizational Panic in Natal and New Zealand”

Unlikely Allies and Legacies of Liberation Movements (Chapel)

Discussant: Selina Makana

Trishula Patel, “From the Subcontinent with Love: India and Activist Diplomacy in 20th Century Central Africa”

Lydia Walker, “The Advocacy of Capital: AMAX and SWAPO”

Michael Panzer, “Borders and Bureaucracies: Mozambican Refugees and Pan-African Responses in Zambia and Tanzania, 1962-1970”

Mariah Crystal, “A Gendered Perspective on War: Namibian Women’s Oral Histories”

SATURDAY: SESSION 4: 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

New Histories of Gender and Politics (Green Room)

Discussant: Meghan Healy-Clancy

Tarquin Schwartz, “Canteen Culture, Gender, and Identity in Victorian Cape Town, 1860-1879”

Precious Bikitsha, “*Babevelaphi?* (Where Did They Come From?): The Political Action of Women in the Urban and the Rural Space”

Tshepo Masango Chery, “All Roads Lead to Liberation: Presbyterian Clergy Wives, Travel, and the Umkhonto we Sizwe”

Emily Bridger, “The Politics of the Home: Negotiating Girlhood, Family and Activism as a Female Comrade in Apartheid South Africa”

Constructing Knowledge in Southern Africa (Chapel)

Discussant: Cathy Skidmore-Hess

Rob Gordon, “The Grand Delusion: How ‘Native’ Experts created Namibia”

Mattia Fumanti, “‘Insanity’ and the Moral and Political Economies of German South West Africa”

Dag Henrichsen, “Scripts of Biography: Colonial Archives and Biographical Experience in the Lives of a Racialised Family in Namibia, 1880s-1920s”

Arianna Huhn, “‘My Boy, Jack’ and Others’ Experiences of Colonial-Era Anthropometry in South Africa”

SATURDAY: SESSION 5: 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Governing Intimacies in 19th and 20th Century Southern Africa (Green Room)

Discussant: Shireen Hassim

Nafisa Essop Sheik, “‘A Curse and Wrong to Women of any Nationality’: The Public Politics of Universal Sexual Reform in Nineteenth-Century South Africa”

Sarah Emily Duff, “‘Dear Mrs. Brown’: Social Purity, Sex Education, and the WCTU in Early 20th Century South Africa”

Natasha Erlank, “Family Planning Versus Population Control in the Global South”

Z’étoile Imma, “‘Your Loving Simon’: Reading Simon Nkoli’s Epistolarity in the Making of a Queer African Archive”

Memory and Memorialization (Chapel)

Discussant: Carla Klehm

Rachel King, “Legacy and Aspiration: Tracing Histories of Heritage and Expertise in Lesotho, 1950s-1996”

Martha Ndakalako-Bannikov, “‘I Am Still Black... And Black Shall I Die’: Rethinking Namibian Liberation Through the Namibian Novel *Born of the Sun* and Steve Biko's Black Consciousness”

Selina Makana, “Monuments and Monumental Silences: Memory and Its Discontents in Post-War Angola”

Diana Jeater, “Contestations over Traditional Reconciliation in Zimbabwe”

SUNDAY: SESSION 6: 8:30-10:30 A.M.

Rethinking Urban Life (Green Room)

Discussant: Jeanne Penvenne

Tyler Fleming, “Politics of the Pool: The Struggle for Black Access to Swimming Spaces on the Witwatersrand during the 1950s”

Mingwei Huang, “From Mines to Malls: Migrancy, Labor, and Chinese Racial Capitalism in Johannesburg”

Lilly Havstad, “Modern Love, Money, and Work: Struggles to Create the Liberated Woman in Postcolonial Maputo, Mozambique”

Brady G’sell, “Deceit and Dependence: Managing Prestige and Precarity in Urban South Africa”

KwaZulu-Natal in American and Global History (Chapel)

Discussant: Robert Vinson

Jochen Arndt, “From *Ukukhuluma Nje* to *Ukukhuluma isiZulu*: Africans, Americans and the Micro-Politics of Linguistic Knowledge Production in Mid-19th Century Natal-Zululand”

Robert Houle, “Aldin Grout, ‘Beyond Mediation’ and Properly Assessing the Missionary Role in Christianization”

Liz Timbs, “‘*Phaphamani Zulu!*’: The Recruitment of Zulu Service for the First and Second World Wars”

Scott Couper, “‘For’ Versus ‘Before’: Mangosuthu Buthelezi, American Board Congregationalism and Contestation over the Role of Education in South Africa’s Liberation Struggle”

SUNDAY: SESSION 7: 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Transitional Politics in Zimbabwe (Green Room)

Discussant: Diana Jeater

Allison Shutt, “Jasper Savanhu’s Lament”

Nathaniel Chimhete, “‘*Pasi Nemakomoredzi—ii!*’ (Down with Comrades!): ZANLA Guerrilla Fighters’ Civilian Relations in Gudyanga, Melsetter, Rhodesia, 1975-80”

Bernard Kusena, “From a Formal Manufacturing Economy to an Informal Economy: Vendors and the ‘Invasion’ of Harare Streets, 1965-2017”

Sibanengi Ncube, “Unpacking Mugabe’s Zimbabwe: Continuities and Ruptures in Government Policy, 1980-2017”

Sylvester Dombo, “‘The Gun Will Not Lead Politics’: Zimbabwean Soldiers, Politics, and the Media since 2002”

Rethinking Separateness in Southern African History (Chapel)

Discussant: Wendy Urban-Mead

Lauren Jarvis, “The Longue Durée of Separateness in Southern Africa”

Deborah Gaitskell, “Fervour and Formality in South African Methodism: Exploring Gender Separation in Worship Patterns and Preparation, 1900-1950”

Samuel Severson, “‘As We Fear Fire’: Leprosy, Stigma, and Social Life in Colonial Lesotho, 1910-35”

Myra Houser, “‘Our Own People Are Dying’: Connection and Separatism on the Frontline”