

Education

PhD, African Literature | University of the Witwatersrand, 2014
International Master's Programme in Gender Studies, Utrecht University, 2007
Master of Social Science, Gender Studies | University of Cape Town, 2007
Bachelor of Social Science, Gender and Transformation | University of Cape Town, 2005
Bachelor of Arts, Africana Studies, Women's Studies | Luther College, 2004

Experience

International Reader | Swedish School of Social Science, Helsinki University 2017- present
Visiting Research Fellow | Rutgers University
Visiting Research Fellow | Martin Luther University Halle 2015-2016
Senior Lecturer | African Literature, University of the Witwatersrand 2015 – present
Visiting Research Fellow | Helsinki University 2014
Researcher | Wits History Workshop 2014
Member of Editorial Collective, *Agenda*
Member of Editorial Board, Brill Research Perspectives in Global Youth (RPGY)
Member of the Executive Committee of the International Girlhood Studies Association
Independent Consultant on Gender Issues | 2011 – present

Selected Publications

feeling and ugly. Johannesburg: Impepho Press.
White Weddings (manuscript in progress)
Exhaustive Lacking (with Liu Xin, manuscript in progress)
Conjugality, forthcoming in *GLQ*
Feeling Backwards: Temporal Ambivalence in An African City, forthcoming *Feminist Theory*
Knowing from Loss, forthcoming, *Sociological Review*
Fairy Tale, Fantasy in progress for special issue of *Journal of African Cinemas*
Being/Becoming and Undutiful Daughter: Teaching as a Practice of Freedom. In Ruksana Osman and David Hornsby, ed. *Transforming Higher Education*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, in press.
A Question of Power: Sex/Gender and the Performative. In Elina Oinas, Henri Onodera, Leena Surpaa, ed. *What Politics? Youth and Political Engagement in Africa*. Leiden: Brill, in press.
2016, Special issue of *Agenda* with Dorothee Kreutzfeldt
2016. "Xenophobia, Nationalism and Techniques of Difference," *Agenda* 30:2, 13-20, with Dorothee Kreutzfeldt
2016. "Postmillennial Love," 243-254 in Jennifer C. Nash ed. *Gender: Love*. New York: MacMillan.
2015. Special issue of *Girlhood Studies* with Elina Oinas
2015. "Visual Interruptions," *Girlhood Studies* 8:3, 3-5 with Elina Oinas
2015. "Becoming Girl-Woman-Bride," *Girlhood Studies* 8:3, 73-87.
2015. "Sophie's Special Secret: Public Feeling, Consumption and Celebrity Activism in Post-Apartheid South Africa," 88-105 in Lisa Ann Richey, ed. *Celebrity Humanitarianism and North-South Relations: Politics, Place, Power*. London: Routledge.

2015. "The Promise of Happiness: Desire, Attachment and Freedom in Post/Apartheid South Africa," *Critical Arts* 29, 183-198.
2011. "From Family to Nation: Researching Gender and Sexuality," 95-110 in Christopher Cramer et al. ed. *Navigating the Terrains of Methods and Ethics in Conflict Research*. Leiden: Brill.
2008. "This Little Rage of Poetry/ Researching Gender and Sexuality," *Feminist Africa* 11, 97-108 with Lennon Mhishi.
2008. "(Product) Red: (re) Branding Africa?," *Journal of Pan African Studies* 2(6), 1-14, with Natasha Himmelman.
2007. "An African Feminist Standpoint?," *postamble* 3(1).

Invited Talks

- Reading Audre Lorde and/in South Africa | What us Decoloniality? A Speaker Series, Rutgers Advanced Institute for Critical Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University , 25 October 2018.
- On Friendship, Desire and Solidarity: Public Feminism and Black Women's Visibility in South Africa. | Keynote Address, Rutgers University, 24 October 2018.
- 'Troubling Seasons of Hate': Mediations, Circulations and Representations of Hate| Community Dialogue with Nicola Jones, Nelson Mandela University, 7 March 2018.
- Feminism is Sensational | Keynote Address, Six Mountains on Her Back: Rethinking African Feminisms Colloquium, Rhodes University, 21-21 July 2017.
- Keynote Address |African Women's Development Bank, Sports, Arts and Culture Convening Accra, October 2016.
- #WeBelieveYou Programme |Rhodes University September 2016
- Against Love |UHURU Seminar, Rhodes University, August 2016
- How to Write About Africa |Frei University Berlin, July 2016
- Queer African Studies Plenary | University of Minnesota April 2016
- Women and Cattle |INDEXING THE HUMAN Seminar, Stellenbosch University August 2015
- Where is the Global Responsibility in Research Cooperation? |Plenary Speaker , Reconsidering the Finnish Framework for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries Workshop, November 2014
- Eyes That Touch: On Love, and the Odd Promise of Happiness |CORNER LOVING Goethe on Main, October 2014

Research Networks

- Equality as Democracy in Transformation (EDIT) (lead, University of the Witwatersrand), in collaboration with Helsinki University, Addis Ababa University, Goldsmith's College, University of London, the Nordic Africa Institute
- Southern Centre of Inequality Studies, Intersectionality Cluster (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Youth and Politics in Contemporary Africa, (Helsinki University)
- Urban Connections in African Popular Imaginaries, (Rhodes University, University of the Witwatersrand, Stellenbosch University)