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## Academic Appointments

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**2019-present**    **North Carolina State University**  
Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar in African History

**2012-2019**    **Michigan State University**  
Interim Assistant Director, African Studies Center  
Online Course Facilitator, History Department  
Graduate Assistant, LEADR Digital Lab

## Education

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**2019**            **Michigan State University**  
Doctor of Philosophy, African History  
*Dissertation Title:* “The Regiment: Cultural Histories of Zulu Masculinities and Gender Formation in South Africa, 1816-2018”

**2009**            **George Mason University**  
Master of Arts, Comparative World History

**2006**            **Belmont University**  
Bachelor of Arts, History (minor in Political Science)

## Published Scholarship

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Co-authored with Jill Kelly and Jabulani Sithole. “Roundtable: King Zwelithini and the Historians,” *South African Historical Journal* (2021) [link]

Co-authored with Peter Alegi. “The Izichwe Youth Football Club: Youth, Sport and Masculine Respectability in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa,” *Journal of Southern African Studies* 45, 4 (2019): 963-980.

“An In(ter)vention of Tradition: The Revival of Medical Male Circumcision in KwaZulu-Natal, 2009-2016,” *Journal of Natal and Zulu History* 32, 1 (2018): 55-77.

## Works in Progress

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*The Regiments: Cultural Histories of Zulu Masculinities and Gender Formation in South Africa, 1816-2018.* Book manuscript.

“The Politics of the Penis: Post-Apartheid Zulu Nationalism and Martial Masculinity, ca. 1999 to 2018.” Under review with *African Studies* (Johannesburg).

“To cool the hot blood of a martial race...”: Balancing Zulu Martiality and British Colonial Anxieties, 1879-1906.” Chapter manuscript for inclusion in forthcoming *Martial Races in African History* edited volume. Under review with Ohio University Press.

### **Encyclopedia Entries and Other Academic Writing**

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“Warriors in Southern Africa,” *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Daily Life of Women: How They Lived from Ancient Times to the Present* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2021): 382-383.

“Bambatha”; “R.R.R. Dhlomo”; “Clement Doke”; “C.L.S. Nyembezi”; “Goodwill Zwelithini ka Bhekuzulu” entries in Oxford African American Studies Center Biographies

### **Scholarly Presentations**

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“From *ukusoka* to *ukugweda*: Narratives of Masculinity and Ethnic Identity in the History of Circumcision in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa,” Rethinking Time and Gender in African History Workshop, Ghent University, March 24-25, 2022, Virtual

“Roundtable: The Politics of the Archives: From the Print Era to the Digital Age,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 19-21, 2020, Virtual

“Roundtable: Reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of the Durban Conference,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 19-21, 2020, Virtual

“*Phaphamani Zulu!*: The Recruitment Of Zulu Service for the First And Second World Wars,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa (April 2019) and African Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 2019)

“My duty would then be to summon my regiment...”: Continuity and Change in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 29, 2018, Atlanta, GA.

“Zulu Martial Masculinities from Colonial and Local Perspectives, 1879-1913,” African Martial Races Conference, October 12-14, 2018, Boulder, CO

“*Phaphamani Zulu!*: The Use of Martial Rhetoric in the Recruitment of Zulu Service in the First and Second World Wars,” MSU Eye on Africa Series, March 15, 2018, Lansing, Michigan

“To cool the hot blood of a martial race...”: Legislating against Zulu Masculinit(ies), 1879-1913,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 16-18, 2017, Chicago, Illinois

“*Umcaba osele emasini*! The crushed mealies left in the sour milk: New Zulu Masculinities, 1879-1913,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, October 6-8, 2017, Burlington, Vermont

“#ubuZulu: Shifting Zulu Identities in Digital Spaces,” MSU Global Digital Humanities Symposium, March 16-17, 2017, East Lansing, MI

“Roundtable: Digital African Studies: State of the Field,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 20-23, 2014, Indianapolis, IN

“Roundtable: Digital Southern African Studies,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, October 17-19, 2014, Burlington, VT

“From Umfana to Indoda: A History of Zulu Circumcision,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, October 17-19, 2014, Burlington, VT

“Not Just About Kicking a Ball’: Football and Youth Development in Post-Apartheid South Africa,” Sport in Africa and the Global South Conference, April 10-12, 2014, Athens, OH

“Imbiza: A Digital Repository of 2010 World Cup Stadiums and Fan Parks,” DH Brownbag Series, February 13, 2014, East Lansing, MI

“Lethal, Incurable, and Controversial’: A Sexual Behavior Change Project in Zimbabwe 1987-1992,” North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa, April 19-21, 2013, Burlington, VT.

## Digital Public Scholarship

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*Africa is a Country* (Contributing Author, 2014-present; Contributing Editor, 2019-present)

Links to all essays available on [liztimbs.org](http://liztimbs.org)

*Cultural Heritage Informatics Initiative* (2013-2015)

Links to all essays available on [liztimbs.org](http://liztimbs.org)

*Football is Coming Home* (2013-present)

Links to all essays available on [liztimbs.org](http://liztimbs.org)

Editorial Assistant, *Enslaved: Peoples of the Historic Slave Trade* (2018-2019) [[link](#)]

Oral History Intern, *Voices of MSU* (2017) [[link](#)]

Creator, *Zulus on Display* [[link](#)]

Creator, *Imbiza* [[link](#)]

## Awards

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2018	College of Social Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016	Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
2015	Irene Steindler Endowment Prize, MSU Department of History
2014-2015	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, MSU African Studies, isiZulu (advanced)
2014-2015	Senior Cultural Heritage Informatics Fellowship, MSU Department of Anthropology
2014-2015	Humanities, Arts, Science and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory Fellowship
2014	Jeff Rooney Memorial Paper Prize, MSU History Department
2013	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, UPenn isiZulu Summer Immersion Program
2013-2014	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, MSU African Studies, isiZulu (intermediate)
2013-2014	Cultural Heritage Informatics Fellowship, MSU Department of Anthropology
2012-2013	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, MSU African Studies, isiZulu (beginner)

## Courses Taught

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### **North Carolina State University**

- Africana Studies/History 275: Introduction to the History of East and Southern Africa, Fall 2021
- Africana Studies/History 276: Introduction to the History of West Africa (5 semesters, 2019-2021)
- Africana Studies/History 475: History of the Republic of South Africa, Spring 2021
- History 491, The Past Speaks: Oral Sources in African History, Spring 2020

### **George Mason University (Online, Adjunct Instructor)**

- History 262: History of Modern Africa, Fall 2021
- History 360: History of South Africa, Spring 2021

### **Michigan State University (Teaching Assistant)**

- Integrated Social Sciences 330A: Africa - Social Science Perspectives (with Dr. Peter Alegi), Spring 2013, Fall 2017
- Integrated Social Sciences 328: Social Science of Sport (with Dr. Peter Alegi), Summer 2013-2015, Summer 2017
- Integrated Arts and Humanities 205: Africa and the World (with Dr. Nwando Achebe), Fall 2013

### **Columbia State Community College**

- History 1120: Survey of World Civilization II, Spring 2012
- History 1110: Survey of World Civilization I, Fall 2011
- History 2010: Survey of US History I, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

### **Service & Outreach**

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Digital Coordinator, North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa (2020-present)

Advanced Placement Reader, Modern World History (2020-present)

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Merit Scholarship Review Committee, North Carolina State University (2020-present)

North Carolina National History Day Judge (2020)

Steward, Graduate Employees' Union (2016-2018)

### **Memberships**

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African Studies Association

North Eastern Workshop on Southern Africa

### **Languages**

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#### ***isiZulu***

- Advanced Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking Proficiency
- 2013 UPenn Summer isiZulu Immersion Program
- 3 years of academic year graduate study (2012-2015)