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**EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, September 2017-present

Fields: U.S. in the World, African History, Comparative Race and Ethnicity, Oral History Theory and Practice

Dissertation Committee: Chair, Salim Yaqub, Mhoze Chikowero, Paul Spickard, Stephan Miescher

Date of Candidacy: May 28, 2020

Dissertation in-progress: “Diplomacy at Work: The South African Worker & the Sullivan Principles on the Shop Floor, 1972-1987”

M.A. Global Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2016

B.A. History, North Carolina State University, *Summa Cum Laude*, highest honors, 2014

Language Certificate, University of Florida, African Flagship Language Institute, Zulu, Summer 2020

Research Affiliate, Stellenbosch University, Summer 2018

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS**

**External**

2020-21 Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship—South Africa.

2020-21 National Security Education Program David L. Boren Fellowship

2020-21 Emory University Rose Library African American Short Term Research Fellowship

2020 Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Grant

2019-20 Emory University Rose Library African American Short Term Research Fellowship

2015-2016 U.S. Fulbright Student Program National Semi-Finalist

**Internal**

2020 Departmental Regents Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2021

2020 UCSB Department of History Conference Travel Grant

2020 UCSB Department of History Research Travel Grant

2020-21 Andrew Mellon Engaging Humanities Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

2019 William H. Ellison Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, UCSB History Associates

2019 History Associates Graduate Fellowship Award

2019 UCSB Department of History Research Travel Grant

2018 UCSB Travel Grant—South Africa Research and Language

2018 UCSB Department of History Research Travel Grant

2018 UCSB Department of History Conference Grant

2017-18 Center for Cold War Studies and International History Fellowship

2015-2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)—Turkish

2015 UNC Global Studies MA Summer Research Grant

2014 NC State Department of History, Best Senior Thesis Award

2014 NC State Department of History, Highest Achievement in History Award

**PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**Refereed Journals**

“People before profit? Ford, General Motors & the spirit of the Sullivan Principles in Apartheid South Africa (1976-84),” *Ethnic Studies Review* (submitted, in review)

**Public Articles**

2020 “Beyond Desegregation: Waging a Battle Against Apartheid in the South African Workplace,” *Scottish Centre for Global History Blog*, December 2020.

2020 “Corporates and Investors Need to Engage with the US to Halt its Slide into Autocratization,” *Responsible Investor*, October 2020 (co-authored with Dr. Raj Thamotheram).

2019 “The Sullivan Principles at Work: The Conflicted Activism of Rev. Leon Howard Sullivan,” *Scholar Blog*, Emory University Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, August 7, 2019.

**Podcast Appearances**

2021 “The United States Anti-Apartheid Movement: Bonus Episode,” *Scottish Centre for Global History*, Episode 4, 50-minute interview with Dr. Chris Fevre and Dr. Matt Graham.

**CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

**Conferences Planned & Panels Organized**

2020 Conference Organizer and Participant, *Coming to Terms with Apartheid Conference*, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, May 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

2019 Panel Organizer, “Unity in Action? The Transnational Anti-Apartheid Movement, Grassroots Activism, and Corporate Society Responsibility,” *Pacific Coast Branch—American Historical Association (PCB-AHA) Conference*, Las Vegas, NE, 31 July-2 August 2019.

2018 Conference Organizer, Participant, Comment, Chair: *Center for Cold War Studies Graduate Student Symposium at UCSB*, Santa Barbara, CA, 13 April 2018.

**Workshops**

2021 “Beyond Desegregation: Waging a Battle Against Apartheid in the South African Workplace,” *Histories of Race Workshop*, Cambridge University, online, 24 February 24 2021.

**Papers Presented**

2021 “Beyond Desegregation: Waging a Battle Against Apartheid in the South African Workplace,” *Society for Historians of Americans Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference* (forthcoming), June 2020*.*

2021 “Working Around Apartheid: F. Van Zyl Slabbert, Corporate Divestment, and a Vision for the Post-Apartheid Workplace (1979-1987),” *Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA)*, Detroit, Michigan (forthcoming), May 2021.

2020 “The Sullivan Principles at Work: Leon Sullivan, Multinational Corporations, and the Global Fight to End Apartheid in South Africa,” *Society for Historians of Americans Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference*, June 2020*,* (cancelled due to COVID-19).

2020 “People Before Profit? Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and the ‘Spirit’ of the Sullivan Principles in Apartheid South Africa,” *Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) Annual Conference*, Edinburgh, UK, 10-12 June 2020, (cancelled due to COVID-19).

2019 “A Matter of Principle? The Carter Administration and Black Activism Confront South Africa (1977-1981),” *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference*, Arlington, VA, 20-22 June 2019.

2019 “Agents of Social Change? Ford, General Motors, and the Sullivan Principles in Apartheid South Africa (1977-1986),” *International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 2-4 May 2019.

2018 “Morality and Policy: Economic Sanctions and the Demise of Apartheid South Africa,” *American Political History Institute 10th Annual Conference*, Boston University, Boston, MA, 7 April 2018.

2016 “Economic Sanctions, Target State Pressure, and the Demise of Apartheid South Africa,” *King’s College London Research Conference*, King’s College, London, UK, May 2, 2016.

2016 “Economic Sanctions, Target State Pressure, and the Demise of Apartheid South Africa,” *UNC-Chapel Hill Academic Research Conference*, Chapel Hill, NC, April 2016.

**Panels Chaired and Papers Commented**

2018 Chair, “Reconsidering the United States in East Asia,” *Center for Cold War Studies Graduate Student Symposium at UCSB*, 13 April 2018.

2018 Comment, “The Impact of Democratic Sanctions on Leaders, *Center for Cold War Studies Graduate Student Symposium at UCSB*, 13 April 2018.

**Guest Talks**

2021 Focal Point: Dialogues in History, “Racial Capitalism and Liberalism,” UCSB History Department Colloquium, 16 April 2021 (forthcoming).

2018 Roundtable, “Productive Summer,” UCSB HGSA Professional Workshop, February 27, 2019

2018 Guest Lecture, “Southern Africa: Shaka, Zulu State & European Settlers,” Survey of African History, c. 1800-1945, 17 January 2019

2018 Guest Lecture, “World War II and the Global Cold War,” World History, c. 1700-present, 14 November 2018

2018 Discussant, “Development Across Time and Place: New Scholarship, Critical Perspectives,” *UCSB Blum Center for Global Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development*, April 23, 2018

2015 Roundtable, “Research in Latin America,” UNC Curriculum in Global Studies, August 2015.

**TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP**

**Section Lead Teaching Assistant**

Winter 2021 HIST 17B The American People, c. 1830-1920, online, synchronous instruction

Spring 2020 HIST 2C World History, c. 1700-present, online, hybrid instruction

Winter 2020 HIST 49A Survey of African History to 1800

Fall 2019 HIST 17A The American People, c. 1492-1837

Spring 2019 HIST 17C The American People, c. 1917-present

Winter 2019 HIST 49B Survey of African History, c. 1800-1945

Fall 2018 HIST 2C World History, c. 1700-present

**Teaching Assistant**

Spring 2018 HIST 171D U.S. in the World, c. 1945-present

**Transfer Student Mentor**

Fall 2020-Winter 2021 Engaging Humanities program student mentor. Advised 10 students on their transition to a four-year institution, guided them through college applications and job applications, prepared them for interviews.

**Research Mentor**

Summer 2020 Over six weeks, organized directed readings and research instruction, aided students in presenting and seeing their work to publication in a peer-reviewed journal for high school students.

**Certificates**

2020-21 Engaging Humanities Mentorship Program, *UCSB Center for Innovative Research, Teaching, and Learning*. Completed a pedagogical seminar on ways of thinking and practicing in disciplines, supporting student career awareness, and understanding student identities and perspectives. Completed a mentoring seminar, learning about mentoring research and best practices and contributing to a shared pool of mentoring resources.

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES AND SKILLS**

isiZulu limited working proficiency

isiXhosa reading for research, beginner

Afrikaans reading for research, beginner

Spanish proficient, intermediate conversational

Turkish beginner

STATA quantitative statistical analysis and coding

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Academic Organizations:**

2020-2023 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Code of Conduct Task Force Committee, three-year term.

2020-2023 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Graduate Student Committee, three-year term.

**University and Community Service:**

2021 Co-Founder, Cold War Working Group, UCSB Center for Cold War Studies and International History. Co-created this community of scholars as a space to workshop papers, connect with alumni, and create a publishing space for undergraduates.

2021 Judge, San Bernardino County, California History Day 2021.

2020-21 Advisory Committee, *Undergraduate Journal in History*, UCSB History Department

2020 Research Assistant, Dr. Raj Thamotheram

2020 Poll Worker, 2020 Presidential General Election, SBC Board of Elections

2018-2019 Vice President, History Graduate Student Association, UCSB History Department

Summer 2018 Research Affiliate, Faculty of Political Science, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Spring 2018 Conference Organizer , UCSB Center for Cold War Studies and International History

2015-2016 Founder and Executive Board Member, European Horizons at Carolina, think-tank

2015-2016 UNC Global Studies Graduate Planning Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill

2014 Archaeology Laboratory Volunteer Assistant, NC State University

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Pacific Coast Branch—American Historical Association (PCB-AHA)

UCSB Center for Cold War Studies & International History (CCWS)

Neil Aggett Labour Studies Unit (NALSU), Rhodes University

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)

Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA)

**REFERENCES**

Prof. Salim Yaqub, Primary Research Advisor

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