

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Address

History Department, Gent University
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Academic employment

From October 2016 *History Department, Gent University*, Professor for African History.
October 2010 – September 2016 *Peterhouse, University of Cambridge*, Fellow and Teaching Officer in History (since then, Senior Research Associate).

October 2010 – September 2016 *History Faculty, University of Cambridge*, University Lecturer in African History and fellow and college lecturer in history, Peterhouse. (Resigned to take up post nearer husband's place of work.)

January 2006 – August 2010 *History Department, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver*, Assistant Professor of African History.

October – December 2005 *History Department, School of Oriental and African Studies, London*, Research Associate.

October 2002-September 2005 *History Department, School of Oriental and African Studies, London*, British Academy postdoctoral fellow. Project title: 'Growth and uses of Muslim networks in Southeast Tanzania, ca. 1850-2000.'

Education

1998-2002 *History Faculty, University of Cambridge, St John's College*, PhD in African History. Thesis 'A social history of Southeast Tanzania, ca.1890-1950'. Supervisor: John Iliffe. Awarded the Ellen MacArthur prize in economic history.

1996-1997 *School of Oriental and African Studies, London*, MA in Area Studies/Africa. Pass with distinction. Dissertation title: "'Sophisticated Sowetans and "backward tribal justice": the *makgotla* courts in Soweto in the 1970/80s.'

1993-1996 *Humboldt-Universitaet, Berlin*, BA/MA History and African Studies. Concluded with interim exam, first.

Awards and Honours

2018 *European Research Council (ERC)*: consolidator grant, 1,921,000 EUR.

2017 *Bezondere Onderzoeksfond (BOF), Gent University*: startup grant, 200,000 EUR.

2012 *Gerda Henkel Foundation, Special Programme on Islam and Transnational Movements*: two-year fellowship (teaching buy-out), 133,000 EUR.

2012 *Marie Curie Career Integration Grant* 100,000 EUR.

2012 *Humanities Research Council of the UK*: research networking grant, 50,000 GBP. (with Joel Cabrita)

2011 *Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, Cambridge*, early career fellowship, ca. 3000 GBP.

2010 *Standard Research Grant*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 51,000 CAD.

2008 *Coninx Foundation fellowship*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, ca 8,000 EUR.

2006 *President's Research Grant*, Simon Fraser University, 10,000 CAD.

2005 *Leverhulme Early Careers Fellowship* (declined).

2005 *British Academy monograph competition* publication award, ca. 4000 GBP.

2004 *British Academy research grant* for the processing of interviews, 5000 GBP.

2002 *Ellen MacArthur Prize in Economic History*, Cambridge University, 250 GBP.

1998-2001 *British Academy Humanities Research Board*, PhD studentship. *St John's College*, Cambridge, maintenance grant, 13,500 GBP.

1999-2000 *Smuts Memorial Fund*, Cambridge, research grant, 2100 GBP.

Holland Rose Fund, Cambridge, research grant, 400 GBP.

Members' History Fund, Cambridge, research grant, 500 GBP.

Royal Historical Society, London, travel grant, 500 GBP.

Publications:

Monographs:

The Politics of Poverty: Development and local politics in Africa. Cambridge University Press, 2019 (in press).

Becoming Muslim in Mainland Tanzania, 1890-2000. Oxford and London: Oxford University Press and the British Academy, 2008. ISBN-13 9780197264270.

Bara na pwani. Historia ya Kusini Mashariki ya Tanzania, 1880 hadi 1985. Ndanda, Tanzania: Ndanda Mission Press, 2004. ISBN 9976 63 672 5. [A Swahili version of my PhD thesis. The title translates as 'Mainland and coast: the history of southeast Tanzania, 1880-1985.']

Edited collections:

Religion, Media and Marginality in twentieth-century Africa. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2018. (with Joel Cabrita)

'Special issue: Africa and the Indian Ocean'. *Journal of African History* 55, 2, 2014 (with Joel Cabrita).

AIDS and religious practice in Africa. Leiden: Brill, 2009 (with Wenzel Geissler).

'Special issue: Religious practice and AIDS in East Africa'. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 37, 1, 2007 (with Wenzel Geissler).

Der Maji Maji-Krieg gegen die deutsche Kolonialherrschaft in Tanzania, 1905-08. Berlin: Christoph Links Verlag, 2005. ISBN 3 86153 358 8 (with Jigal Beez).
[The Maji Maji War against German colonial rule in Tanzania, 1905-08]

Journal articles:

'Patriarchal masculinity in recent Swahili-language Muslim sermons'. *Journal of Religion in Africa*, special issue on masculinities, 46 (2016), 158-186.

'Female seclusion in the aftermath of slavery on the Southern Swahili coast: transformations of slavery in unexpected places'. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, special issue on the aftermath of slavery, 48 (2015), 209-30.

'Obscuring and revealing: Tanzanian Muslim engagement with volunteering and the aid sector'. *African Studies Review*, special section on volunteering, 58 (2015), 111-33.

'Radical rhetoric and real-life pragmatism in East African Islam'. *Africa Research Initiative Newsletter*, National Intelligence University, Washington, D.C. 2 (March 2015), 2-7.

'Performing citizenship and enacting exclusion on Africa's Indian Ocean littoral'. Introduction for special issue, *Journal of African History* 55 (2014), 1-11 (with Joel Cabrita).

'The bureaucratic performance of development in colonial and post-colonial Tanzania'. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* 35 (2014), 61-76.

'Remembering Nyerere: political rhetoric and dissent in contemporary Tanzania'. *African Affairs* 112 (2013), 1-24.

'Religious anxieties in two marginal regions: reformist debates on funerary ritual among Tanzanian and Acehnese Muslims in the twentieth century'. *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 33 (2013), 102-116.

'The Qadiriyya', *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* (July 2012), regional spotlight: East Africa. <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t343/e0053>.

'Islamic reform and historical change in the care of the dead: conflicts over funerary practice among Tanzanian Muslims.' *Africa: the Journal of the International African Institute* 79 (2009), 416-34.

'The rise of Islamic radicalism in Tanzania.' *British Academy Review* 12 (2009), 35-37.

'Commoners in the process of gradual Islamization: reexamining their role in the light of evidence from Southeast Tanzania.' *Journal of Global History* 3 (2008), 227-49.

'The virus and the scriptures: Muslims and AIDS in Tanzania.' *Journal of Religion in Africa* 37 (2007), 16-40.

'Introduction: searching pathways in a landscape of death: AIDS and religious practice in East Africa'. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 37 (2007), 1-15. (With Wenzel Geissler)

'Rural Islamism during the "war on terror": a Tanzanian case study'. *African Affairs* 105 (2006), 583-603.

'Deutscher Kolonialismus: allerhand Mythen. Der Maji-Maji-Krieg zeigt die Brutalitaet, aber auch die Grenzen deutscher Machtausuebung'. *Blaetter des Informationszentrums Dritte Welt* (2005), no. 288, 13-16.

'Traders, big men and prophets: political continuity and crisis in the Maji Maji rebellion in Southeast Tanzania.' *Journal of African History* 45 (2004), 1-22.

'Netzwerke und Gesamtgesellschaft: Ein Gegensatz? Anregungen fuer Verflechtungsgeschichte' *Geschichte und Gesellschaft. Zeitschrift fuer historische Sozialwissenschaft*, 35 (2004), 314-324. [Networks and society – a dichotomy? Suggestions for the writing of intertwined histories.]

Book chapters:

'Poverty in Africa'. In Bengt Greve (ed), *The Routledge handbook of poverty*. London: Routledge, 2019 (with Ewout Frankema, in press).

'Legal pluralism and the pursuit of a just life: Muslim views on law and justice in East Africa'. In Jessica Johnson and George Karekwaivanane, *Pursuing Justice in Africa*. Athens (OH): Ohio University Press, 2018, 63-92.

'Introduction.' In Felicitas Becker and Joel Cabrita, *Religion, Media and Marginality in Africa*. Athens (OH): Ohio University Press, 2018, 1-37 (with Joel Cabrita).

'Fading slave regimes and the reconstruction of patriarchal authority according to oral sources: Mingoyo, Southern Tanzania'. In Alice Bellagamba, Sandra Greene and Martin Klein (eds), *African slaves, African masters: politics memories, social life*. Toronto: Africa World Press, 2017, 127-152.

'The bureaucratic performance of development in colonial and post-colonial Tanzania'. In Morten Jerven (ed.), *Measuring African development: past and present*. London: Routledge, 2015, 61-76. [reprint of eponymous journal article]

'Islam and imperialism in East Africa: a study in unintended consequences'. In David Motadel (ed), *Islam and Imperialism*. Oxford University Press, 2014, 112-30.

'Fashioning selves and fashioning styles: negotiating the personal and the rhetorical in the experiences of African recipients of ARV treatment.'. In Hansjoerg Dilger, Rijk van Dijk and Marian Burchardt, *Religion and AIDS-treatment in Africa*. London: Ashgate, 2014, 27-48.

'Common themes, individual voices: memories of slavery around a former slave plantation in Mingoyo, Tanzania'. In Alice Bellagamba, Carolyn Brown and Martin Klein, *African voices on slavery and the slave trade*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013, 71-87.

'Freeborn villagers: Islam and the local uses of cosmopolitan connections among Tanzanian villagers'. In Derryl Mclean (ed), *Cosmopolitanism in Muslim Contexts*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2012, 10-30.

'Ethnic stereotypes in twentieth-century Tanzania: their persistence and change'. In Alexander Keese (ed.): *Ethnic solidarity and the longue duree: the African experience*. Berne: Peter Lang Verlag, 2011, 93-126.

'Sudden disaster and slow change: the Maji Maji War and the long-term history of Southeast Tanzania'. In James Giblin and Jamie Monson, *Maji Maji: lifting the fog of war*. Leiden: Brill, 2010, 295-323.

'Competing explanations and treatment choices: Muslims, AIDS and ARV in Tanzania'. In Felicitas Becker and Wenzel Geissler (eds), *AIDS and religious practice in Africa*. Leiden: Brill, 2009, 155-88.

'Introduction', in Felicitas Becker and Wenzel Geissler, *AIDS and religious practice in Africa*. Leiden: Brill, 2009, 1-28.

'Bad governance' and the persistence of alternative political arenas: a study of a Tanzanian region.' In Giorgio Blundo and Pierre-Yves Le Meur (eds.): *The governance of daily life in Africa*. Leiden: Brill, 2009, 73-100.

'Cosmopolitanism beyond the towns: Islam and rural-urban relations on the southern Swahili coast in the twentieth century.' In Kai Kresse and Ed Simpson (eds.): *Cosmopolitanism contested: anthropology and history in the Western Indian Ocean*. London and New York: Hurst and co. and Columbia University Press, 2007, 261-90.

'Suedost-Tansania nach dem Maji-Maji-Krieg. Unterentwicklung als Kriegsfolge?' In Felicitas Becker and Jigal Beez (eds.): *Der Maji-Maji-Krieg gegen die deutsche Kolonialherrschaft in Tanzania, 1905-07*. Berlin: Christoph Links Verlag, 2005, 181-193.

[Southeast-Tanzania after Maji Maji: underdevelopment as an effect of the war?]

‘Von der Feldschlacht zum Guerillakrieg: der Verlauf des Krieges und seine Schauplaetze.’ In Becker and Jigal Beez, *Der Maji-Maji-Krieg*, 2005, 74-86.

[From pitched battle to guerilla war: sites and course of the Maji Maji rebellion]

‘Fuer einige Zeit wiederbelebt. Das Gedenken an Maji Maji in Tanzania.’ In Becker and Beez, *Der Maji-Maji-Krieg*, 2005, 166-174.

[Revived for a while. The memory of Maji Maji in Tanzania.]

‘Ben R. Mtobwa’s *Dar es Salaam by night*.’ In Stephanie Newell (ed.): *Readings in African Popular Fiction*. London and Bloomington: James Currey and Indiana University Press, 2002, 129-33.

‘Taubchen, Loewe und Schwertfisch: Schoenheit und ihre soziale Bedeutung in Swahili-Quellentexten.’ In Flora Veit-Wildt (ed.): *Der Koerper. Medium, Symbol, Erfahrung*. Berlin: Humboldt-Universitaet, 1996, 11-25. (with Iris Krumrei). [Dove, lion and swordfish: beauty and its social meaning in Swahili sources.]

Encyclopaedia Entries

Entry ‘The history of Islam in East Africa’, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia in African History*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Entry ‘Tanzania’ for *Encyclopaedia of Global Religious Movements*, Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications, 2012.

Entry ‘Swahili thought’ in F Abiola Irele and Biodun Eyifo (eds), *Encyclopaedia of African Thought*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Book reviews:

Review of Dorothy Hodgson, Gender, Justice and the Problem of Culture. *Gender and History*, 2019 (in press).

Review of Pat Caplan, Mikidadi: Individual Biography and National History in Tanzania. *Africa* 2019 (In press).

Review of Stuart Laing, Tippu Tip. *The Review of the Anglo-Omani Society*, 2018

Review of Helen Dancer, Women, land and justice in Tanzania. Woodbridge: James Currey, 2015. *Tanzanian Affairs* 113 (2016).

<https://www.tzaffairs.org/2016/01/reviews-74/>

Review of Emmanuel Akyeampong et al., Africa’s economic development in historical perspective, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Comparativ: Zeitschrift fuer Globalgeschichte und vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung* 26 (2016),126-29.

Review of Elizabeth McMahon, Slavery and emancipation in Islamic East Africa: from honor to respectability. *H-net Humanities and Social Sciences Online Reviews*, October (2014). <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42647>.

Review of Ulrike Lindner: Koloniale Begegnungen: Deutschland und Grossbritannien als Kolonialmaechte in Afrika, 1880-1914. *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, London, 35 (2014), 99-103.

Review of Roman Loimeier, Between Social Skills and Marketable Skills. *Tanzanian Affairs* 102, (2012).

Review of Stephen Ellis, Season of Rain: Africa in the World. *African Affairs* 111 (2012), 162-63.

Review of Hansjoerg Dilger and Ute Luig, Morality, Hope and Grief: Anthropologies of AIDS in Africa. *Africa: the Journal of the International African Institute* 82 (2012), 326-27.

Review of Stephen Rockel, Carriers of Culture: Labour on the Road in nineteenth-century Tanzania. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 43 (2009), 290-91.

Review of Alamin Mazrui, Swahili beyond the Boundaries. *Africa: the Journal of the International African Institute* 78 (2008), 621-23.

Review of Gregory H Maddox with Ernest M Kongola, Practicing History in Central Tanzania. *Africa: the Journal of the International African Institute* 78 (2008), 308-09.

Review of Udo Mischek, Leben und Werk Guenther Wagners (1908-1952). *Journal of African History* 46 (2005), 359-60.

Review of Pal Ahluwalia, Politics and post-colonial theory: African inflections. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 36 (2002), 135-36.

Work in progress:

The Pursuit of Righteousness: Islam, Gender and History in East Africa. Manuscript in preparation; to be submitted to University of California Press.

‘Locating the ‘customary’ in post-colonial Tanzanian politics: the shifting modus operandi of the rural state’. Submitted to *Journal of East African Studies*, for special issue on ‘custom’ and politics.

‘Environmental constraint and forced optimism in the early history of development: famine and taxation in inter-war Masasi, Tanzania’. To be submitted to *Journal of African History*.

‘Christian-Muslim relations in Tanzania: do you have to be a ‘lax’ believer to be a tolerant one?’ To be submitted to *Journal of Religion in Africa*.

‘Religion, race, civilization, *Volkskultur*: German missionaries’ and officials’ troubles with categorizing Islam in German East Africa’. Under revision for submission to *Die Welt des Islams*.

A list of non-academic publications can be provided on request.

Talks and presentations (invited talks marked with *)

- 27/10/18** ‘Unyonge/wanyonge [‘the downtrodden’] as a political category in East African public discourse’, Baraza Swahili Studies Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, London.
- *25/10/18** ‘Wilhelm Kuhnert und das Bild von Afrika’. Roundtable discussion, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt.
- 13/10/2018** ‘What is wrong with the concept of peasant egalitarianism’, annual workshop, African Economic History Network, University of Bologna.
- *25/5/2018** ‘The myth of ‘peasant communalism’ and evidence to the contrary’, Postumus Conference, Utrecht University.
- *19/4/2018** ‘East African Islamism on film’, Festival of African Film, Gent.
- 12/4/18** ‘Slavery in Tanzanian narratives of statehood’, conference ‘Between Slavery and Post-slavery in Indian Ocean Societies’, University of Mauritius.
- *21/3/18** ‘Islam and the aftermath of slavery in East Africa’, workshop ‘Slavery, post-slavery and gender violence in Africa’, University of Birmingham.
- 24/1/2018** ‘Muslim congregations and ‘faith-based’ provision of health services in Tanzania’, conference ‘Islam and Governance in East Africa’, Aga Khan University, Nairobi.
- *16/11/17** ‘The uses of the past among East African Islamists’, workshop ‘(Dis)claiming pasts’, Gent University.
- 27/10/17** ‘Muslims, missionaries and education in Lindi, Tanzania’, African Studies Association of the US Annual Conference, Washington.
- *2/10/17** ‘The contrasting modus operandi of the rural state in Tanzania’, workshop on ‘Transformations of Customary Authority in East Africa’, Department of Conflict and Development Studies, Gent University.
- *15/1/17** ‘Political claims-making around *kadhis*’ courts in Tanzania’, workshop ‘Sharia in Motion’, Cambridge University, UK.
- 22/6/17** ‘Traces of slavery in the structure of a Swahili town: Lindi, Tanzania’, ECAS European Conference on African Studies, Basel, Switzerland.
- *22/5/17** ‘Negotiating doctrinal difference among East African Muslims’, Research Seminar of the African Studies Centre, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- *27/4/17** ‘Tropes and circumlocutions: speaking about slavery on the southern Swahili coast’, workshop ‘Literary Representations of Slavery’, Department of African Studies, Gent University, Belgium.

- *9/12/16** ‘Universal history and the accommodation of difference in Swahili Muslim sermons’. Workshop ‘Global Muslim Encounters’, Cambridge, UK.
- 3/12/16** ‘Institutional amnesia and eternal recurrence in rural development’. ASA annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA.
- 8/9/16** ‘The uses and abuses of the notion of ‘Islamic slavery’ in East African history’. Panel on the aftermath of slavery in Indian Ocean Africa, ASA UK biennial conference, Cambridge, UK.
- *12/7/16** ‘Health concerns in the growth of Muslim and Christian communities in twentieth-century Africa: convergences and divergences’. Summer school ‘Islam and Christianity in Africa: towards a framework for comparison’, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.
- *8/6/16** ‘Islam policies in German and Italian colonies in comparison’. Workshop ‘Italian and German colonialism in comparison’, Villa Vigoni, Italy.
- *9/5/16** ‘Religious reform and the pursuit of truth among East African Muslims in the twentieth century’. Oxford Modern Religious History Seminar, Oxford, UK.
- 10/11/15** ‘Divergent sacred geographies in Swahili-language Muslim sermons’. Panel on Autochthony and cosmopolitanism in the Western Indian Ocean, ASA of the US annual conference, San Diego, USA.
- *28/6/15** ‘Conflict and convergence in Muslims’ and Christians’ narratives of Tanzanian statehood’. Workshop ‘African Spiritual States’, Queen Mary University of London.
- *4/4/15** ‘Is there ‘neo-Sufism in Tanzania?’. Symposium on Sufism in Africa, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- 27/3/15** ‘Questions of rights, fairness, equality and justice among East African Muslim preachers and their listeners’. Conference on ‘Pursuing justice in Africa’, University of Cambridge.
- 25/10/2014** ‘The politics of market access in post-colonial Tanzania’, African Economic History Workshop, London School of Economics.
- *26/9/2014** ‘Nostalgia for patriarchy: the patriarchal ideal in East African Islamic sermons’. Workshop on Religion and Masculinities in Africa, School of Oriental and African Studies, London.
- *27/5/2014** ‘The networks and authentication strategies of Swahili Muslim preachers’. Workshop on ‘pirates, preachers and politics in the Western Indian Ocean’, Roskilde University, Denmark.
- *6/5/2014** ‘Temporary female seclusion and the pursuit of respectability on the Southern Swahili Coast in the post-slavery period’. Workshop ‘Shadows of Slavery in West Africa and Beyond’, University of Bicocca, Milan, Italy.
- *13/11/2013** ‘Swahili Muslim preachers and the East African past’. Workshop on ‘Pirates, preachers and politics in the Indian Ocean’ Roskilde University, Denmark.
- *13/4/2013** ‘The bureaucratic performance of planning in colonial and post-colonial Tanzania’ Conference on ‘Planning and measurement in African Development’, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.
- *4/4/2013** ‘Literacy, religious renaissance and morality: Muslim reformism in Tanzania’: presentation to CRASSH reading group ‘speaking ethically across borders’, Cambridge.

- *26/11/2012 'Beyond the ulama: Islamic knowledge brokers in modern East Africa'. Symposium on knowledge transmission in Islamic Africa, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- *20/11/2012 'Famine and post-slavery society in Tunduru, Tanzania, 1929-63'. Talk at the Centre of West African Studies, Birmingham University.
- *09/10/2012 'The Middle East on the East African coast: the pitfalls of diffusionism'. Cambridge Middle East History Group.
- 07/09/2012 'Muslim-Christian relations in Tanzania: do you have to be a 'lax' believer to be a tolerant one?' ASA UK biennial conference, Leeds.
- 06/07/2012 'The bureaucratic performance of planning in post-independence Tanzania'. Panel on planning and measurement in African development, conference 'Fifty years Centre of African Studies', University of Edinburgh.
- *02/05/2012 'Swahili Muslim sermons in contemporary East Africa', Work in Progress Seminar, CRASSH fellowship programme, University of Cambridge.
- *29/03/2012 'Religion, civilisation, *Volkskultur*: German missionaries' and officials' troubles with categorising Islam'. Conference 'Germany and World Religions in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries', University of Cambridge.
- *07/03/2012 'Popular and political culture in contemporary Tanzania', British High Commission, Dar es Salaam: Staff training programme.
- *16/09/2011 'What difference did German colonialism make? Comparing colonial legacies in Kenya and Tanzania'. Conference on the legacies of German colonialism, Freie Universitaet, Berlin.
- *30/6/2011 'What do we know about relations between (ex-)slave women and (ex-)mistresses on the southern Swahili coast in the twentieth century?' Conference 'The Ottoman Woman: a Comparative Perspective', Skilliter Centre for Ottoman Studies, Newnham College, Cambridge.
- *25/5/2011 'The long aftermath of slavery and Muslim politics in Tanzania'. World History Seminar, University of Cambridge.
- *19/10/2010 'Death, science, gender and politics in recorded sermons by Swahili Muslim preachers'. Africa Research Forum, African Studies Centre, University of Cambridge.
- *18/10/2010 'Inequality reconstructed: oral sources on the aftermath of slavery in Tanzania'. Peterhouse History Society, Cambridge.
- 06/05/2010 'The predicament of Islam according to Swahili preachers' tapes'. Canadian Association of African Studies annual conference, Carleton University, Ottawa.
- *26/04/2010 'Sex and Death: Tanzanian Muslims' concerns as represented in recorded sermons'. Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, Northwestern University, Chicago.
- *11/06/2009 'Slavery, Islam and gender in Tanzania, 1880-1960'. History Colloquium, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver.
- 21/05/2009 'Transformations of inequality: Islam and memories of Slavery in Mingoyo, Tanzania' Conference 'Tales of slavery', University of Toronto.
- *21/04/2009 'Youth and the origins of religious dissent among Muslims in Tanzania in the twentieth century'. Workshop on Muslim Youth in Africa, Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, University of Chicago.

- *16/04/2009 'Islam and cosmopolitanism in the Western Indian Ocean' History Colloquium, History Department, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- 14/11/2008 'Ex-slaves, Sufi orders and TANU on the southern Tanzanian coast, ca. 1920-70'. African Studies Association annual meeting 2008, Chicago, IL.
- *4/10/2008 'Teachers, elders and *shehe*: how Tanzanian villagers became Muslim, ca. 1920-50'. Conference 'Religion and Culture in the Indian Ocean, ca. 1800-present', Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 12/6/2008 "Floating populations' and ideological innovations in African cities'. 8th Berlin Roundtable 'Urban Planet: Collective identities, governance and empowerment in megacities'.
- 2/5/2008 'Mavazi na historia katika Tanzania, karne ya ishirini' [Clothing and history in twentieth-century Tanzania] 21. Swahili-Colloquium, Universitaet Bayreuth, Germany.
- *5/12/2007 'Can the dead hear the living? Islamic radicalism and the history of funerary ritual in East Africa'. Tolley humanities coffee hour presentation, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- 3/5/2007 'Ritual and politics: debates on funerary ritual among Tanzanian Muslims'. Conference 'Death in African History', Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Cambridge University, UK.
- *23/2/2007 'Change and survival of ethnic stereotypes in twentieth-century Tanzania'. Conference 'The emergence of ethnic identities and conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa, from pre-colonial societies to decolonization.' Centre of African Studies, University of Porto, Portugal.
- *16/11/2006 'Muslims, Christians and AIDS in Tanzania' SFU History Department, departmental seminar, Vancouver, Canada.
- *20/10/2006 'Muslims and AIDS in Tanzania'. Workshop 'Sex at SFU', Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada.
- *13/5/2006 'Educational pluralism and the relative failure of mission schools in Southeast Tanzania'. Symposium 'Honour and Poverty in African history' in honour of John Iliffe, Trinity College, Cambridge, UK.
- *15/11/2005 'Warum sich erinnern? Hundert Jahre nach dem Maji-Maji-Krieg.' Seminar series 'Hamburg Postkolonial', Neue Gesellschaft/Eine-Welt-Netzwerk, Hamburg, Germany.
- *25/10/2005 'Islam and AIDS in Tanzania.' Medical Anthropology Research Seminar, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK.
- 13/10/2005 'Victims of Westernisation, or of their turn from God? Muslims and AIDS in Tanzania. Workshop on Faith and AIDS in East Africa, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK.
- *17/5/2005 'The making and unmaking of Muslim nationalists in Tanzania.' African History Research Seminar, SOAS, London, UK.
- *27/4/2005 'Why now? Points towards an understanding of the spread of Islam in twentieth-century Tanzania.' British Academy Postdoctoral Symposium, London, UK.

- 14/11/2004** ‘Politicking and politics: persistent practices and structural transitions in rural politics in Southeast Tanzania’. African Studies Association of the USA annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- *26/1/2004** “‘Institutionen“ in der europaeischen Geschichtsschreibung: Rueckschlusse aus einer ostafrikanischen Fallstudie’. Zentrum fuer vergleichende Geschichte Europas, Berlin, Germany.
- *19/4/2003** ‘The political uses of religion and the religious foundations of politics: The dynamics of the spread of Islam in a rural region of Tanzania.’ Workshop on Islam and Globalisation, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- *20/2/2003** ‘Islamisierung in Tanzania im 20. Jahrhundert – Quellen und Methoden’. Kolloquium des Forschungszentrums Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany.
- *5/2/2003** ‘Islam and matrilinearity in Southeast Tanzania.’ African History Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK.
- *21/10/2002** “‘Indirect Rule” and its transformations: “Decentralised despotism” or shadow theatre?’ African history and politics seminar, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, Oxford, UK.
- 18/6/2002** ‘Meddling and mediating: The role of the bureaucracy in conducting research in rural Tanzania’. Conference ‘Researching Africa’, St Anthony’s College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK.
- 22/5/2002** ‘Corruption and the decline of local politics’. Conference ‘The governance of everyday life in Africa’, African Studies Centre, Leyden, Netherlands.
- *5/2/2002** ‘Why studying a Tanzanian backwater can help understanding globalisation’. Nuffield College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK.
- 18/11/2001** ‘Slavery and Big Men Politics in Southeast Tanzania: A Network of Domination and its Aftermath, ca 1870-1930’. Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of the United States, Houston, TX.
- *11/11/2001** ‘Trade networks, “big men” and prophecy: Political continuity and crisis in the Maji Maji rebellion’. Workshop on new approaches to researching the Maji Maji rebellion, Carleton College, Carleton, MN.
- *17/5/2001** ‘Economic marginalisation and Cultural Change: Southeast Tanzania 1890-1940.’ Commonwealth and Overseas History Seminar, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK.

Conferences and panels organised

- September 2016** Two panels on the aftermath of slavery in East Africa, ASA UK biannual conference, Cambridge, UK.
- July 2015** Panel ‘Long-term history of African development: economic failure, political success?’ ECAS African Studies Conference, Paris.
- December 2014**, Two-day workshop ‘East African societies in the twentieth century as post-slavery societies’, Newnham College, Cambridge. Funded by an EU Marie Curie grant.
- January 2014** Two-day workshop ‘Women, Power and Religion in Africa since 1800’, at Newnham College, Cambridge. With Joel Cabrita, funded by AHRC.
- June 2013** Panel ‘Religion and media in twentieth-century Africa’, European Conference of African Studies, Lisbon, with Joel Cabrita.

March 2013 Two-day workshop 'Religion, Media and Marginality in Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries', held at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. With Joel Cabrita, funded by SOAS London and AHRC.

November 2012 Public outreach event 'Religion and the African diaspora in the UK', at SOAS, London. With Joel Cabrita, funded by AHRC.

March 2012 Two-day workshop 'Languages of Citizenship across the Indian Ocean'. At Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge. With Joel Cabrita, funded by CRASSH and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC).

October 2005 workshop on 'Faith and AIDS in East Africa', London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Teaching

Undergraduate Teaching:

Gent University:

First-year course, lecture and seminar:

'African history in the modern period'.

Second-year course, lecture and seminar:

'Historical sources, methods and historiography for African History'.

Second-year course, lecturing:

'Global processes in historical perspective'.

History Faculty, University of Cambridge:

Special subject course for third year students (part II papers):

'The history of Africa since 1800'.

Lectures, classroom-based seminars and supervisions (i.e. hour-long one-on-one discussions based on students' essays) across the topics covered in the course, which include social, political, cultural, environmental and economic history.

'Islands and beaches: the Pacific and Indian Ocean in the long nineteenth century'.

Lecturing and seminar discussion on Zanzibari history.

Special subject courses for first and second year students (part I papers):

1, 'Empires in World History, 1400-1900'.

Lecturing on Muslim reform in the nineteenth century and the Portuguese in the Western Indian Ocean.

Supervisions on the Portuguese, Ottoman Dutch and Spanish Empires, the British in India and Egypt, slavery and abolition in the Caribbean, the changing character of European imperialism in the nineteenth century and Meiji Reformation in Japan.

2, 'The West and the Third World, ca. 1900-2000'.

Lecturing on Islamic reformist and political movements in the twentieth century.

Supervisions on African topics, Indian nationalism, the global Cold War, post-war Japan and the effects of both World Wars on European imperialism.

Historical Argument and Practice (methodology class taught to first and third years):

Lecture on oral history and memory.

Supervisions on oral history and memory, race, empire, class and gender.

Themes and Sources (primary source based seminar for first-year students):

'Conversion and colonialism in the non-European world'.

Convening (organization)

leading classes on theories of conversion, Islamisation in East Africa and how to write a source-based essay.

Co-teaching of classes on Christianity in Southeast Asia and Sri Lanka.

History Department, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver:

Fourth-year seminars:

1, 'The slave trade within and from Africa, ca. 1600-1900'. Four-hour weekly meetings based around presentations and class discussion of selections from the relevant historiography.

2, 'Honours seminar', Four-hour weekly seminar on historiography and method for high-achieving students, based around the discussion of seminal articles and books on different historiographical and methodological approaches.

3, 'African religion', Islam and Christianity: Religion in African history'. Four-hour weekly seminar based around presentations and class discussion of selected literature on the last two centuries.

Lecture courses:

1, 'Environmental History of East Africa'. Third-year course combining twice-weekly lectures and once-weekly small-group tutorials, with an emphasis on concepts and debates.

2, 'Africa after the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, 1830-2000'. First year course, combining twice-weekly lecturing and once-weekly small-group tutorials, covering the key topics in modern African history.

History Department, School of Oriental and African Studies, London:

1, 'Islam in East and West Africa since the late eighteenth century' Second-year course, lecturing and small-group tutorials based on primary and secondary readings.

2, 'The Islamic world and its margins' (teaching assistant), small-group tutorials.

Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, guest lecturer in African Studies.

‘A world apart? Africa and Globalisation’ Upper level seminar based on weekly discussion of selected secondary sources.

Graduate Teaching and Thesis Supervision

At Gent University:

MA seminar:

Research seminar in African history, History Department.

Research seminar on poverty, inequality and development in African history, African Studies Department.

MA theses

Louise Lamers on the role of development in Africa in the EU’s migration management strategy.

Maximilian Wyckaert, on journalism in the post-Mobutu Eastern DR Congo.

Hannes Wouters, on the murder of a missionary in 1970s Zaire.

Wout Gossens, on the history of urban agriculture in Lubumbashi, DR Congo.

Doctoral Supervision:

Shabani Mwakalinga, on the history of Islamic courts and the application of Islamic law in post-colonial Tanzania: primary supervisor.

Rafael Verbuyst, on the history of Khoisan activism in post-apartheid South Africa: member of supervisory committee.

Sven van Melkebeke, on the history of coffee growing in Eastern Congo and Rwanda: member of board of assessors.

Postdoctoral supervision:

Baz de Roo, on colonial transport and communications infrastructure in the Belgian Congo

Gillian Mathys, on mobility and conflict in the Rwanda/Eastern Congo border region, 19-20th centuries.

At University of Cambridge:

PhD students’ seminar:

‘Africa Research Forum’, featuring PhD students from across the humanities and social sciences discussing their projects.

MPhil seminar:

‘Religion and politics in twentieth-century Africa’: a comparative course encompassing Christian and Muslim perspectives (co-taught with David Maxwell).

Senior Supervisor - MPhil:

Andrew Ehrenkranz, Electronic media use among 'traditional' healers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Kevin Beckford, youth politics and pan-Africanism in Swahili Hip Hop.

Zak Hulstrom, Language strategies in Swahili popular music.

Senior Supervisor - PhD:

Eliud Lubanda, the history of the Terik community in Kenya.

Michelle Liebst, gender, labour and post-slavery social change in UMCA mission communities

Gili Gurel, the emergence of Islamic activism and religious reform in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Secondary Supervisor - PhD

Jason Pack, political history of Libya from Italian occupation to independence

Mentoring (for teaching):

Jon Earle, PhD on the intellectual history of mission communities in Kenya

Christian Strother, PhD on Malaria policies in French West Africa

Oliver Coates, PhD on the history of the Nigerian army since Independence.

At Simon Fraser University:

Graduate class:

'Thesis prospectus workshop', Graduate seminar on research methods and writing, focused on students' projects. Ca. 15 students, spring 2009.

Senior supervisor for MA theses:

Cory Scott, Uganda's transition to Independence

Matthew Goslin, on the environmental history of the Selous Game reserve

Dominic Pistor, on measures against the Kitawala religious movement in the Belgian Congo

Nicole Bailey, on the history of women in the Iranian immigrant community in Vancouver.

Supervisory committee member

Pheroze Unwalla, on the history of the Gallipoli War Memorial

Kelly Hammond, on the history of Muslims in Shanghai

Advisor

Dustin Harriss, on the colonial history of Dakar, Senegal

Sandra Borger, on Methodist immigrant women in Vancouver

Wyatt Skovron, on social change in rural Saskatchewan.

Honours thesis supervision (an additional challenge for high-achieving undergraduates): Grayden Part, postcolonial debates on Mau Mau in Kenya
Glynnis Hawe, the historical roots of AIDS denialism in South Africa.

Academic Service

Peer reviewing:

Articles: for Journal of African History, Social Science History, Canadian Journal of African Studies, Journal of Historical Sociology, Journal of Islamic Studies, Islam in Africa/Islamic Africa, Ethnohistory, Medical Anthropology, Journal of Global Slavery, Historical Journal and African Journal of AIDS research.

Book manuscripts: for Cambridge University Press, Routledge, London and Brill, Leiden.

Funding applications: for the Centre of African Studies African studies fellowship, CRASSH fellowships, and CRASSH graduate and faculty reading groups.

Editorial Boards: *Historical Journal* (2013-16); *Journal of Global Slavery* (since 2015); *Routledge Handbook of Islam in Africa* (since 2018).

Committee work:

Since September 2017, Member, *ZAP (professorial) steering committee*, History Department, Gent University.

Since September 2016 Member, *Departmental Research Group* on ‘Economies, Communities, Connections’, History Department, Gent University.

Since September 2016 Member, *Teaching Oversight Committee*, African Studies Department, Gent University.

Since January 2015 Board member, *Journal of Global Slavery*.

Since September 2013 Board member, *Historical Journal*.

June 2013 Member, *Search Committee*, 2-year replacement post in African history, History Faculty.

May 2013 Member, *Search Committee*, MPhil Swahili language course instructor search, Centre of African Studies.

January 2012- September 2013 Faculty representative, *Graduate Language Training Working Group*, History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

2012-13 academic year Member, *Part I Examinations Board*, History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

April 2011-September 2013 Member, *Graduate Teaching and Learning Committee*, History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

Member, *Graduate Thesis Review Board*, History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

Member, *History MPhil Committee*, History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

January-May 2011 Member, *Committee to Review Allocation of Graduate Funding*, Peterhouse.

October 2010-September 2016 Member, *Governing Body*, Peterhouse

October 2010-September 2016 Member, *Board of Directors*, Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge.

2010-11 academic year Member, *Preliminary Examinations Board*, History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

May 2009-August 2010 Member at large, *Executive Board of the Canadian Association of African Studies*.

January 2009-August 2010 Member, *Undergraduate Studies Committee*, SFU History Department.

September 2008-August 2010 *Advisor on ethics* of oral history research, History Department, SFU (with Jeremy Brown).

Spring 2007 Advisory committee member, *Search Committee* for the Jarislowski Chair at the International Studies Centre, SFU.

Summer 2006-Summer 2010 Member, *Executive Board*, Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies, SFU.

2006-07 academic year *Faculty Search Committee* member, SFU History department.

Autumn 2006 New student mentor on behalf of SFU students' union.

Service to the Wider Community

October 2018 Public panel discussion on perceptions of Africa, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt.

April 2018 Public commentary on films about Islamism in East Africa, Gent African Film Festival, Gent.

May 2012 Workshop on 'Tanzania's campaign for political independence', for Cambridge History for Schools Programme.

August 2010 Commentator for a political programme on a British Columbia-based radio station on the pros and cons of prohibiting the full-body veil in Canada.

January-September 2009 Member of the steering committee and panel member for SFU International symposium 'Africa and its Diasporas'.

January-May 2009 Member of the steering committee for SFU International study day 'Climate change in the global south: adapting to uncertain futures'.

March 2008 Panel member, video conference on 'The role of the diaspora in effecting meaningful change in Kenya', SFU International, Harbour Centre, Vancouver.

February 2008 Appearance on 'The Standard', a news programme by OMNITV, Vancouver, discussing the election riots in Kenya.

Related employment

April-August 1998 *British Institute in Eastern Africa*, Nairobi, Kenya, research assistant. Research into the demographic history of the Great Lakes region.

February-March 1998 *History Department, Queen's University*, Canada, research assistant to Susanne Klausen. Research on the antecedents of the birth control movement in South Africa.

February-March 1998 *Amnesty International, International Secretariat*, London, research intern at the East Africa desk.

June 1995-June 1996 *Hannah-Arendt Institute for Research into Totalitarianism*, Dresden, Germany, part-time research assistant. Research into the re-establishment of elites in the early years of the German Democratic Republic.

Languages	Speaking	Reading/writing
German	native	native
English	fluent	fluent
Swahili	fluent	fluent
French	advanced	advanced
Italian	intermediate	advanced
Spanish	intermediate	advanced
Portuguese	basic	intermediate
Hungarian	intermediate	intermediate
Arabic	basic	basic