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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-Present** Spelman College
Assistant Professor, International Studies
- 2017-2021** Southern Oregon University
Assistant Professor, Anthropology and International Studies
- 2016-2017** Drexel University
Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology
- 2014-2016** University of Pennsylvania
Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology and Africana Studies

EDUCATION

- 2014** PhD, University of California-Los Angeles, Anthropology
- 2010** MA, University of California-Los Angeles, Anthropology
- 2005** BA, Magna cum Laude, Barnard College, Anthropology

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2020** SOU Professional Development Grant for “Suburbia, Consumption, and the Post-Racial”
- 2019** Carpenter I Grant for Summer Fieldwork in South Africa
- 2018** Carpenter II Grant for African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2016** African Studies Association Dakar Travel Award
- 2015** Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
- 2014** UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (Declined)
- 2013** UCLA Anthropology Conference Travel Grant
- 2012** UCLA International Institute Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship
- 2012** UCLA Anthropology Research Travel Grant
- 2010/11** UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Program
- 2009/10** UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program
- 2009** UCLA Anthropology Research Travel Grant
- 2009** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2008-2012** UCLA Graduate Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- 2020** Reed, Amber. *Nostalgia After Apartheid: Disillusionment, Youth, and Democracy in South Africa*. Kellogg Institute Book Series on Democracy and Development. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press.

Refereed Articles

- 2021** Reed, Amber. “Ambiguous Interventions: The Social Consequences of Assistance in the Field.” *Ethnography*. Under Review.
- 2021** Reed, Amber. “Nostalgia as Pedagogical Practice: Democratic Education in Rural South Africa.” *Journal of Applied Youth Studies*. 4(1):1-14.
- 2019** Reed, Amber. “Racialized Space: Children Map the Post-Apartheid Landscape.” *Visual Anthropology Review*. 35(2).
- 2016** Reed, Amber. “Nostalgia in the Post-Apartheid State.” *Anthropology Southern Africa*. 39(2):97-109.
- 2016** Reed, Amber. “Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. Ed. John Jackson. New York: Oxford University Press.

- 2011 Reed, Amber. "Creating New Leaders: Youth Activism in South Africa." *Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies*. 36(2).
- 2010 Reed, Amber & Hill, Amy. "'Don't Keep it to Yourself.'" *Digital Storytelling with South African Youth*. Seminar.net. 6(2).

Non-Refereed Articles

- 2017 Reed, Amber. "Make Democracy Great Again?" *Anthropology News*, January.
- 2008 Reed, Amber. "'Don't Keep it to Yourself.' Young People in Mhlontlo (Eastern Cape) Tell Their Stories through the Digital Stories Project." Sonke Gender Justice Network website: www.genderjustice.org.za.

Invited Book Reviews

- 2019 Reed, Amber. *Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Nicholas Rush Smith. *American Ethnologist*.
- 2017 Reed, Amber. *Democracy's Infrastructure: Techno-Politics and Protest after Apartheid*. Anita Von Schnitzler. *American Ethnologist*.

Photographs/Installations

- 2017 Reed, Amber. "Photos from the Field." *Neos* 9(1).
- 2016 Reed, Amber. "Mapping Post-Apartheid: Rural South African Children and the Politics of Space." Installation. Screening Scholarship Media Festival, University of Pennsylvania, April.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "Nostalgia, Human Rights, and Democracy in South Africa." International Studies Department, Spelman College. February.
- 2021 "Shifting Landscapes of Learning in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Friends of Hannon Library, Southern Oregon University. February.
- 2017 "Nostalgia, Democracy, and Race in South Africa." Anthropology Department, Southern Oregon University.
- 2016 "Identity Politics and NGOs: A Case Study in South Africa." Health and Societies: Global Perspectives course, University of Pennsylvania, March.
- 2016 "Nostalgia and Pedagogy in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Indaba Series, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies. February.
- 2015 "Girls' Rights and Cultural Relativism in South Africa." Seneca International, U.N. International Day of the Girl. October.
- 2015 "Nostalgia and Neoliberalism in the Post-Apartheid State." African Studies Workshop, Harvard University. October.
- 2015 "Nostalgia in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Anthropology Department Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, February.
- 2015 "Human Rights and Cultural Relativism in South Africa." Penn International Affairs Association's Model United Nations Conference. Philadelphia, January.
- 2015 "Teaching 'Democracy' through Digital Storytelling." Programs in Education, Culture and Society, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, January.
- 2014 "Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Mental Health and Behavior." Psychology Course, Hunter College, CUNY, November.
- 2014 "Nostalgia and Neoliberalism in Post-Apartheid South Africa." The Africa Center, University of Pennsylvania, November.
- 2013 "Teaching Democracy: Socialization of Political Ideology in Rural South Africa." Linguistic Anthropology Course, UCLA, May.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 "COVID-19, Trauma, and the State in Africa." African Studies Association Annual Meetings, November.
- 2019 "Decolonizing Education after Apartheid." African Studies Association Annual Meetings, November.

- 2019 “Life Orientation as Democratic Project.” Southern Oregon Arts and Research, SOU, May.
- 2019 “Thinking Outside the Box? NGO Practices to Shape Youth Identity in the Rural Eastern Cape. University of Texas at Austin Africa Conference, March.
- 2018 “Ambivalent Interventions: The Social Consequences of Medical Intervention in ‘The Field.’” African Studies Association Annual Meetings, November.
- 2017 “Gender Transformation as Liberal Democratic Project: The Case of South Africa.” African Studies Association Annual Meetings, November.
- 2017 “The Tyranny of Democracy: Producing Un-freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Diverse Unfreedoms and Their Ghosts, Rutgers University, March.
- 2016 “Internal Colonization and the Creation of Nostalgia in South Africa’s Former Transkei.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
- 2016 “Transforming Citizenship: Democracy, Education and Nostalgia in the Post-Apartheid State.” Innovation, Transformation and Sustainable Futures in Africa, American Anthropology Association/African Studies Association Conference, Dakar, Senegal, June.
- 2015 “Nostalgia for Apartheid and Democratic Discontent.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
- 2013 “Democracy Across Generations: Negotiations of and Resistance to New Values among Rural South African Youth and their Elders.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
- 2011 “Conceptions of Childhood in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives Conference, Rutgers University, May.
- 2010 “‘Don’t Keep It To Yourself!’: Digital Storytelling Among South African Youth.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
- 2010 “Gender Roles Among Youth Activists in South Africa.” Men, Masculinities and Family Planning in Africa, UCLA, October.
- 2010 “Creating New Leaders: Youth Involvement in Community Activism in South Africa.” African Activist Association Annual Conference, UCLA, May.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2016 “Democracy in Africa.” The Divided Line. WQHS Radio, University of Pennsylvania, March.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-Present Spelman College

International Studies

- Introduction to International Studies

2017-2020 Southern Oregon University

Anthropology Department

- Cultural Anthropology: Perspectives on Humanity
- Re-Imagining Africa
- NGOs and Humanitarianism
- Democracy in Africa
- Ethnographic Methods
- Ethnographic Film
- Video Ethnography
- Anthropology of Childhood
- Introduction to Social Science Research

2016-2017 Drexel University

Anthropology Department

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- Ethnographic Methods
- NGOs and Humanitarianism

2014-2016 University of Pennsylvania

Anthropology and Africana Studies

- Youth and Democracy in Africa
- NGOs and Humanitarianism
- The Anthropology of Nostalgia and Memory

2013-2014 **City University of New York (CUNY)**

Anthropology & Sociology Departments, John Jay and Baruch Colleges

2009-2013 **University of California, Los Angeles**

Anthropology Department

- Culture and Society
- Study of Culture
- Culture and Communication
- Language in Culture
- Methods in Cultural Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2014-Present **The American Museum of Natural History**, New York, NY

Course Scientist, Seminars on Science Online Courses

2014 **The American Museum of Natural History**, New York, NY
Human Bulletins Content Advisor, Science Bulletins

2005-2008 **The American Museum of Natural History**, New York, NY

High School After-School Program Coordinator, Education Department

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

2021 **Equity and Open Education**

Open Oregon Educational Resources, February/March

2020 **Introduction to Screencasting Tools**

Online Learning Consortium, August

2015 **Johannesburg Workshop in Theory and Criticism**

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, June/July

2013 **Making Better Writers of Your Students**

Schwartz Institute, Baruch College, CUNY, October

2013 **Atlas.ti Training Workshop for Qualitative Research Analysis**

AIDS Institute, UCLA, May

2012 **MenEngage Africa Workshop with Sonke Gender Justice**

Gender-based violence prevention and gender equality workshop, Rwanda, March

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2016-Present African Studies Association

2014-2016 Africana Department's Postdoctoral Scholars Workshop, University of Pennsylvania

2014-2016 CAMRA, University of Pennsylvania

2013-2014 City University of New York (CUNY) Childhood Scholars Group

2008-Present Interest Group on NGOs and Nonprofits, AAA

2008-Present Anthropology of Children and Childhood Interest Group, AAA

2008-2014 African Activists Association

2007-Present American Anthropological Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-2021 **Member**, Culturally Responsive Teaching Group

2020-2021 **Member**, Committee for Equity and Inclusion, Southern Oregon University

2019-2021 **Member**, Academic Advising Committee, Southern Oregon University

- 2018-2019** **Member**, Financial Aid Committee, Southern Oregon University
- 2018-2019** **Member**, Professional Learning Community/Upper Division Education, Southern Oregon University
- 2017-2021** **Member**, International Studies Committee, Southern Oregon University
- 2016** **Panel Co-Organizer**, “Media as Evidence and Object: Politics at the Intersection of Method and Analysis.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
- 2015** **Panel Co-Organizer and Discussant**, “Strange Presents/Familiar Pasts: The Anthropology of Nostalgia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
- 2013-Present** **Peer Reviewer (Selected)**
 Cultural Anthropology, American Anthropologist, Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Social Problems, African Studies
- 2013** **Panel Co-Organizer**, “Nascent Democracies: Discontent, Negotiation, Resistance.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Xhosa: Intermediate Listener, Intermediate Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Writing

Spanish: Intermediate Listener, Intermediate Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Writing