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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-Present** Southern Oregon University
Assistant Professor, Anthropology
- 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
Dissertation: “*Inkululeko*: Youth, NGOs, and Discourses of Democracy in Post-Apartheid South Africa”
- 2010** MA, University of California-Los Angeles, Anthropology
Thesis: “Creating New Leaders: Youth Involvement in Community Activism in South Africa”
- 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 of the Oppressed: Youth, Democracy, and Culture in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. (Under contract with Notre Dame Press)

Refereed Articles

- 2019** “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*

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 *Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Nicholas Rush Smith. American Ethnologist.
- 2017 *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 "Mapping Post-Apartheid: Rural South African Children and the Politics of Space." Installation. Screening Scholarship Media Festival, University of Pennsylvania, April.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- 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

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- 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

- 2016 Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November.
 “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

2017-Present Southern Oregon University

Anthropology Department

- Cultural Anthropology: Perspectives on Humanity
- Cultures in Comparison: Africa
- Re-Imagining Africa
- NGOs and Humanitarianism
- Democracy in Africa
- Ethnographic Methods
- Ethnographic Film
- Video Ethnography

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

- 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

- 2018-2019** **Member**, Financial Aid Committee, Southern Oregon University
- 2018-2019** **Member**, Professional Learning Community/Upper Division Education, Southern Oregon University
- 2017-Present** **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
- Afrikaans:** Novice Listener, Novice Speaker, Novice Reading and Writing
- Spanish:** Intermediate Listener, Intermediate Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Writing