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Education

PhD English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University, 2013
MD Medicine, Harvard Medical School, 2004
MA African Literature, University of London (SOAS), 1999
MPhil Economic and Social History (of Medicine), University of Oxford, 1998
AB Human Biology and Honors in Humanities, Stanford University, 1996

Academic Appointments

Senior Fellow, Center for Innovation in Global Health
Stanford University School of Medicine, 2015–
Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature and of Medicine
Stanford University, 2014–
Andrew W Mellon Fellow of Scholars in the Humanities
Stanford University, 2013-2014
Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health, Program in Bioethics and Medical Humanities
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 2011-2013

Affiliations at Stanford

Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages – Department of Comparative Literature
Division of General Medical Disciplines – Department of Medicine
Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity
Stanford Center for African Studies
Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics

Awards

Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching, Columbia University, 2010
Columbia University GSAS Merit Award (for dissertation research), 2009 and 2010
Reid Hall Pre-dissertation Research Award (for archival work in France), 2006
Derek Bok Award for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University, 2001

Fellowships

Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Fellowship, 2010-2011
Mellon Interdisciplinary Fellows Program, Columbia University, 2009-2011
Teaching Fellowship, Columbia Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, 2009-2010
Marjorie Hope Nicolson Fellowship (for doctoral studies at Columbia), 2004-2009
Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (for clinical work in Gabon), 2003
Rhodes Scholarship, 1996-1999

Publications

Books

Forms of Global Health (manuscript in preparation)

Articles and Essays in Journals of Literary and Cultural Criticism

“Reading Malaria Literature,” *Literature and Medicine*, accepted [issue tbd].

“Forêts del Sur and the Pretexts of Glissant’s Tout-monde,” *Small Axe*, 19(2 47), July 2015: 1-28.

Articles and Essays in Journals of Medicine and Ethics

“Refusal in ‘Bartleby, the Scrivener’: Narrative Ethics and Conscientious Objection,” *Virtual Mentor*, ethics journal of the American Medical Association, 15(3), March 2013: 249-256.

“Conscience, Values and Justice in Savulescu,” *Virtual Mentor*, 15(3), March 2013: 208-212.

“Telling,” *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics*, 2(2), Fall 2012: E1-E4.

Reports, Reviews, and Interviews

“Comparative Literature and Medical Humanities,” State of the Discipline Report, American Comparative Literature Association, in preparation.

with Snow RW, J Omumbo and J Ouma. “The Epidemiology, Politics and Control of Malaria Epidemics in Kenya: 1900-1998,” *Report for the World Health Organization*, July 1999.

Invited Talks

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| Apr 2016 | <p>“On Ethical Attention”
Plenary, Workshop in Narrative Ethics
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons</p> |
| Nov 2015 | <p>“Global Health and Comparative Literature: Perspectives from HIV in South Africa”
Global Health Humanities: The View from Africa
Duke University Franklin Humanities Institute and School of Medicine</p> |
| Apr 2013 | <p>“Literary Practice and Criticism in Medicine”
Session on Methods of Narrative Medicine
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons</p> |
| Mar 2013 | <p>“Forms of Global Health”
Department of English, Committee on Health and Humanities, Emory University</p> |
| Oct 2012 | <p>“Ethics and Literature: New Clinical Approaches”
Plenary, Workshop in Narrative Medicine
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons</p> |
| May 2012 | <p>“Narrative in Withdrawal of Care”
Liz Claiborne Center for Humanism in Medicine
Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology, Weill Cornell Medical College</p> |
| Nov 2011 | <p>“Narrative Ethics for End of Life”
Liz Claiborne Center for Humanism in Medicine
Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology, Weill Cornell Medical College</p> |
| Aug 2011 | <p>“Global Health Ethics in Richard Selzer’s ‘Imelda’”
Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania</p> |
| Sept 2009 | <p>“The Duties of Science in Mary Shelley’s <i>Frankenstein</i>”
Program in Narrative Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons</p> |
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Institutional Talks

- Feb 2016 “On Medicine and Literature”
Grand Rounds, Department of Medicine
Stanford University School of Medicine
- Apr 2015 “Narrative, Global Health, and the Ethical Deliverance of Others”
Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Oct 2014 “Malaria and the Onset of Kenyan Literature”
Cultures, Minds, and Medicines, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University
- May 2014 “The Medical Literature of 1930s Kenya”
Africa Table, Center for African Studies, Stanford University
- Feb 2014 “Literature at Life’s End – A Conversation with Sunita Puri and Alvan A Ikoku”
Recombinations seminar on Writing and Palliative Care
Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University

Papers at Conferences and Workshops

- Jan 2016 “On Global Health and Reading Publics”
Presidential Theme Roundtable: The Publics of Global Health Literature
Annual Meeting, Modern Languages Association
- Jan 2016 “Ethics and Literatures of Public Health – The Case of Kenya”
Panel on Narrative Medicine, the Body, and Justice
Special Session by the International Society for the Study of Narrative
Annual Meeting, Modern Languages Association
- Nov 2015 “African Literature and Histories of Indigenous Medicine”
Panel on Medical Pluralism and Indigenous Healing
Annual Meeting, African Studies Association
- Oct 2015 “Paul Farmer and Fiction: Two Approaches to Ethics and the Delivery Gap”
Annual Meeting, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Apr 2015 “Ebola, Outbreak Narratives, and the Deliverance of Others”
Mellon Biennial Zuckerman Conference
Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University
- Nov 2014 “Jomo Kenyatta and the Literature of Public Health”
What Do Science, Technology, and Innovation Mean from Africa? – a Workshop
Program in Science, Technology, and Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Oct 2014 “Global Health Ethics: a Literary Contribution”
Annual Meeting, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Aug 2014 “Situating the Literary and Medical in *Facing Mount Kenya*”
Medical Humanities in Africa Conference
University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Mar 2014 “Kenya and Literatures of Tropical Medicine”
Seminar: A Turn to Method – African Literary Studies Now
Annual Meeting, American Comparative Literature Association
- Oct 2013 “Fiction and Refusal: Melville and Conscientious Objection”
Annual Meeting, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Apr 2013 “Literary Form in Tropical Medicine”
Mellon Biennial Zuckerman Conference
Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University
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- Apr 2013 Moderator, "Reports from the Field"
Conference on Medicine, the Humanities and the Human Sciences
Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University
- Oct 2012 "On Narrative Deliberation in Selzer's Mercy Stories"
Annual Meeting, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Mar 2009 "Paterson's Pamphlet and the Writing of Malaria"
Annual Meeting, Northeast Modern Languages Association

Teaching and Advising

Instructor of Record

- Africa in Atlantic Writing*, Stanford University, 2015
Literature and Human Experimentation, Stanford University, 2015
Literature and Global Health, Stanford University, 2014 and 2015
Narrative Ethics and Bioethics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 2012
Bioethics and Medical Humanities I and II, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 2008-2013
Nigeria and its Narratives, Columbia University, 2010
Ideas of Africa in Atlantic Writing, Columbia University, 2009
Literary Texts, Critical Methods, Columbia University, 2008
University Writing, Columbia University, 2005-2007

Teaching Assistantship

- History of Racialization in the US*, Columbia University, 2010
Introduction to Asian American Studies, Columbia University, 2010
Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies, Columbia University, 2009
Literature of Social Reflection, Harvard University, 2000

Advising

- Lakmali Jayasinghe*, Stanford University, Comparative Literature, committee for dissertation on animal ethics, animal representation, and the twentieth-century novel; co-advised by Hans Gumbrecht and Amir Eshel.
- Zandile Kabayadondo*, Stanford University, 2015, University Chair for defense of dissertation on musicians, physicians, and technology dysfunction in Zimbabwe; primary advisor: Shelley Goldman (Education).
- Gillian Collins*, Stanford University, 2015, English, co-advisor with Alex Woloch for thesis on Habila, Adichie, and the African novel; awarded Robert M. Golden Medal for Excellence in the Humanities and Arts.
- Mina Shah* (Co-term, AB in Comparative Literature/MA in African Studies, narrative and health in Ghana, Senegal); *Vivian Lam* (Human Biology, concentration in ethics and medical humanities); *Anthony Milki* (Human Biology, concentration in ethics and medical humanities) – Primary Advisor, Stanford University.

Professional Memberships and Service

Professional Memberships

- African Literature Association
 African Studies Association
 American Comparative Literature Association
 American Society of Bioethics and Humanities
 Consortium of Universities for Global Health
 Modern Languages Association

Professional Service

Co-convenor, “The Publics of Global Health Literature,” Presidential Roundtable, MLA Annual Mtg, 2016
 Reviewer and Recommender, Promotion File for Professorship, Medical Humanities, 2015
 Contributor, “Comparative Literature & Medical Humanities,” State of the Discipline Report, ACLA, 2015
 Associate Editor, Editorial Board of *Literature and Medicine*, 2014–

Institutional Service

Co-convenor, “Literature + Medicine,” DLCL + Roundtable, Stanford University, 2016
 Selection Committees, Comparative Literature Prizes for Best Essay and Thesis, Stanford University, 2015
 Member, Steering Committee for Stanford Program in Medical Humanities and the Arts, 2013–
 Co-convenor, *Recombinations*, Stanford faculty seminar series on medicine and the humanities, 2013-14

Journal and University Press Service (manuscript reviewer)

<i>Catalyst: a Social Justice Forum</i>	<i>Literature and Medicine</i>
<i>Journal of Bioethical Inquiry</i>	<i>Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics</i>
<i>Journal of Transnational American Studies</i>	<i>University of Massachusetts Press</i>

Other Relevant Experience

Medical Service

Clinical Fellow, Service de Médecine Interne et Tropicale, Hôpital Albert Schweitzer, Gabon, 2003
 Clinical Extern, Service des Maladies Infectieuses et Tropicales, Hôpital Necker, Paris, France, 2003
 Clinical Extern and Sub-Intern, Harvard Hospitals, Boston, Massachusetts, 2001-2003

Research Languages

English, French, Nigerian Pidgin, Portuguese, and Spanish.

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