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Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Educational Qualifications

2011-2014 Ph.D African History, School of Social Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Thesis: Daily struggles: Private Print Media, the state and democratic governance in Zimbabwe in the case of *The African Daily News* (1956-1964) and *The Daily News* (1999-2003).

2007-2008 **M. A. in African History**
University of Zimbabwe

Thesis: The Response of the Colonial Government to Independent Christian Movements, The case of Matthew Zvimba's White Bird Mission or Shiri Chena, c. 1890-1952.

2005-2006 **B.A (Special Honours) History, University of Zimbabwe**

2002-2005 **B. A. (History and Economic History), University of Zimbabwe**

Academic Appointments

2014- Present Lecturer, History and Development Studies, Great Zimbabwe University

2011-2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of KwaZulu-Natal

2009-2010 Lecturer in African History (temporary), History Department, University of Zimbabwe

2007-2008

Graduate Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Zimbabwe

Experience

- Conducting lectures with postgraduate and undergraduate students
- Supervising masters and honours student research
- Designing modules
- Conducting tutorials
- Marking assignments
- Setting and grading examinations

Research Interests

Media, Nationalism, Democracy, Violence, Land Reform, Entertainment History, Education history, Religion and Politics

Publications

Dombo, S. 2017. Private print media, the state and politics in colonial and post-colonial Zimbabwe: The case of the *African Daily News* and the *Daily News*, Palgrave MacMillan.

Publications (Articles)

Dombo, S. 2016. *Press Politics, Class and Contested Notions of the Public: The African Daily News' coverage of the Railway Strike and the Bus Boycott of 1956*, Global Media Review Africa Edition, Vol. 10, No. 1.

Dombo, S. and Gwande V. 2016. *Gateway to National Economic and Social Development? An Analysis of the uses and abuses of the Zimbabwe National Youth Service in Relation to the African Youth Charter*. Commonwealth Youth and Development, Vol. 14, No. 1.

Dombo, S. 2016. *African Newspapers Limited and the growth of Newspapers for Africans in Southern Rhodesia*, Media History.

Dombo, S. and Musindo T. 2015. *University of Zimbabwe and the Emergence of State Universities in Zimbabwe*. in Seke Katsamudanga and Joseph Mujere eds., *The University of Zimbabwe at 60: Historical Reflections*, University of Zimbabwe Publications, Harare.

Dombo, S. 2014. *Refusing to be co-opted? The role of church organizations in conflict resolution and reconciliation in Zimbabwe with special reference to the Christian Alliance of Zimbabwe since 2005*. Journal for the Study of Religion 27, 2.

Dombo, S. 2012. *Politics of Exclusion: Public Party Funding and Electoral Corruption in Zimbabwe since 2000*, in Jonathan Mendilow (ed.), *Money, Corruption and Political Competition in Established and Emerging Democracies*, Lexington Books.

Accepted Works

Dombo, S. and Joseph Mujere. (forthcoming 2017), *"Making ends meet: Cotton production and smuggling by farmers along the Mukumbura border post between Zimbabwe and Mozambique c. 2000-2012"*, in U. Kufakurinani (ed.), *Zimboes Never Die? Negotiating Survival in a challenged economy, c 1990s to 2015*, University of Zimbabwe Publications

Conference/working papers

Dombo, S. 2016. Running out of time? An evaluation of 'Capturing a Fading National Memory Project' in Zimbabwe, Paper presented an International Conference on the Politics of Armed Struggle in southern Africa, Johannesburg, Witwatersrand University 22-26 November

Dombo, Sylvester (and Joseph Mujere). 2015. *A cheap propaganda tool? Politics, crisis and the teaching of History in Zimbabwe since 2000*. International Conference on History Education in Africa University of KwaZulu-Natal Durban, South Africa 8-9 December

Gwande, V. and **Dombo, S.** 2014. 'Gateway to National Economic and Social Development?' An analysis of the uses and abuses of the Zimbabwe National Youth Service in relation to the African Youth Charter'. Historical Association of South Africa (HASA) Biennial Conference, 26, 27, 28 June 2014, hosted by the History Education Programme, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

Dombo, S. 2013. *Alternative or subversive? The Daily News, the state, and reporting the "crisis" in Zimbabwe, 1999-2003*. Paper presented at the young scholars meeting at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, July 2013

Dombo, S. 2013. *For Africans, by Africans: African Newspapers Limited and South African influence in the growth of the newspapers for Africans in Central Africa*. The Southern African Historical Society biennial conference, June 27-29, 2013, hosted by the History Department, University of Botswana, Gaborone, BOTSWANA

Dombo, S. 2011. *Borderlands Entrepreneurs: The dynamics of cotton smuggling by farmers along the Mukumbura border post between Zimbabwe and Mozambique*. Paper

Presented at the Fifth Annual Conference of the African Borders Research Network (ABORNE), Lisbon, Portugal, 21-24 September.

Dombo, S. 2011. *Whose past, whose memory? Competing perspectives on 'Capturing a fading national memory' Oral History project in Zimbabwe*, Paper Presented at the Conference on the Past & its Possibilities: Perspectives of Southern Africa: The 23rd SAHS Biennial Conference, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 27-29 June.

Dombo, S. 2011. *Swimming against the tide: The role of faith based organisations in the National Healing and Reconciliation Process in Zimbabwe*, Paper Presented at the Conference on Post Conflict Reconstruction, Hope University, Liverpool, 17-18 June.

Mujere, J. & **Dombo, S.** 2011. *Large-scale investment projects and land grabs in Zimbabwe: The case of the Nuanetsi Ranch Bio-Diesel project*, Paper Presented at the International Conference on Global Land Grabbing, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex: 6 – 8 April.

Dombo, S. 2010. *Alternative or subversive? 'Pirate' radio stations and the opening up of spaces of freedom and alternative politics in Zimbabwe, 2000-2010*, Paper presented to the New Media/Alternative Politics: Communication technologies and political change in the Middle East and Africa, University of Cambridge, 14-16 October.

Workshops Attended

2016 How to prepare a research proposal and present findings, Great Zimbabwe University, 27 – 28 March (organizer).

2011 Workshop on the Qualitative and Quantitative Research Paradigms, UKZN, 5 August

2011 H. F. Guggenheim Young African Scholars Research Methodologies Workshop, 15-17 March.

2011 ASAUJ Journal Writing Workshop, University of Witwatersrand 17th February

Honours, Awards, and Research support

2018 Fellow Institute for Advanced Study: Princeton

2013 Runner-up Student Writing Competition at Southern Africa Historical Association Conference, University of Botswana, June 27-29

2011 CODESRIA Thesis Writing Grant

2011 Guggenheim African Young Scholar Grant

2011 Runner-up Student Writing Competition at Southern Africa Historical Association Conference, University of KwaZulu-Natal, June 27-29.

Referees

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