

SISHUWA SISHUWA
CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016 DPhil in Modern History, University of Oxford.
Thesis: 'I am Zambia's Redeemer: Populism and the Rise of Michael Sata, 1955-2011'.
- 2011 MSc in African Studies, University of Oxford.
Dissertation on how opposition parties in Africa mobilise support in the context of weak party machinery, scarce resources, lack of institutionalisation and continued obstruction from the ruling elites. Awarded with Distinction.
- 2009 BA in History, University of Zambia. Awarded with Distinction.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Current appointment: Senior Lecturer, Department of History, Stellenbosch University.

Teaching and coordinating undergraduate courses in History; supervising and assessing dissertations; and conducting interviews and archival fieldwork as part of a big research project on the political role of the military in southern African history since the transition to multiparty democracy in the early 1990s.

March 2016 –January 2023: Lecturer, Department of History, University of Zambia

Convened, coordinated, and taught undergraduate and graduate courses including *A Survey of African History since 1800*, *History of Southern Africa*, and *Themes in West African History*; supervised and examined MA dissertations; and served as an Examinations board member for BA and MA in History programmes.

January 2019 –December 2022: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Cape Town

Conducted fieldwork research on the political history of southern Africa and published papers in major African Studies journals; supervised and mentored graduate students; participated in the larger research team, helping to shape the direction of the big project on elections and political parties in east and southern Africa; convened important monthly seminar and webinar series on contemporary history and democracy in Africa that attracted global interest and participation; and assisted with the organisation of workshops and management of administrative activities.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals

'Defamation of the President, Racial Nationalism, and the Roy Clarke Affair in Zambia' [co-authored with D. Money] *African Affairs* (2023)

‘Roots of Contemporary Political Strategies: Ethno-Populism in Zambia during the Late Colonial Era and Early 2000s’, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 47 (6), 2021:1061-1081.

‘African Studies Keyword: Democracy’ [co-authored with N. Cheeseman], *African Studies Review*, 64 (3), 2021: 704-732.

‘Patronage Politics and Parliamentary Elections in Zambia’s One-party State c. 1983-1988’, *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 14 (4), 2020: 591-612.

‘Surviving on Borrowed Power: Rethinking the Role of Civil Society in Zambia’s Third-term Debate’, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 46 (3), 2020: 471-490.

“‘A White Man Will Never Be a Zambian’: Racialised Nationalism, the Rule of Law, and Competing Visions of Independent Zambia in the Case of Justice James Skinner, 1964–1969”, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 45 (3), 2019: 503-523.

Chapters in books

‘Charismatic Leadership in African Politics’ in Jose Pedro Zuquete (ed.), *Routledge International Handbook of Charisma* (London: Routledge, 2020), 101-114.

“‘Join Me to Get Rid of this President’: The Opposition, Civil Society and Zambia’s 2011 Election” in Tinenenji Banda, O’Brien Kaaba, Marja Hinfelaar and Muna Ndulo (eds.), *Democracy and Electoral Politics in Zambia* (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 11-33

Book reviews

‘Review of Chin Kwang Lee, *The Specter of Global China: Politics, Labour and Foreign Investment in Africa* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017) *Zambia Social Science Journal*, 7 (1), 2018: 77-79

‘Review of Miles Larmer, *Rethinking African Politics: A History of Opposition in Zambia* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2011)”, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 50 (3), 2012: 363-365.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

“‘The outcome of a historical process set in motion in 1991’: Explaining the failure of incumbency advantage in Zambia’s 2021 election”, paper presented to the Africa Talks Series of the University of Birmingham, 8 December 2021.

“‘We just want to leave Zambia before they kill us all: African immigrants in Lusaka’s informal economy and the 2016 xenophobic violence”, paper presented at a conference on *From Xenophobia to Pan-African Citizenship: Confronting Internalised Colonialism*, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 13 March 2020.

“Zambia case study”, paper presented (with Marja Hinfelaar) at a conference on *Cities and dominance: Urban strategies for political settlement, maintenance, and change*, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, 19 January 2019.

“Livingstone and nation building”, paper presented (with Marja Hinfelaar) at a conference on *Researching the Politics of State Capacity in Africa: The role of pockets of bureaucratic effectiveness*, Livingstone, Zambia, 8-10 July 2019.

“A White Man Will Never Be a Zambian: Racialised Nationalism, the Rule of Law, and Competing Visions of Independent Zambia in the Case of Justice James Skinner, 1964–1969”, paper presented at the *Emerging Scholars and New Research in Southern Africa Writing Workshop* held in Zomba, Malawi, 17 to 19 July 2018.

“State of Play: the strengths and weaknesses of opposition parties in Zambia”, paper presented at a *Workshop on opposition parties in Southern Africa* held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, 20 April 2018.

“Constructing houses, constructing memories: Michael Sata and the politics of memory in Zambia under the era of multiparty democracy”, paper presented to the conference on *Memory, Commemoration and the Politics of Historical Memory in Africa*, Basel, Switzerland, 12-13 January 2018.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Terence Ranger Prize, for the best article in the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 2021.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of Cape Town, 2019.

Research Fellow, Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, 2018.

Best Political Analyst in Zambia, Media Institute of Southern Africa, 2014.

Beit Fund Fellowship, University of Oxford, 2012.

African Studies Prize, for the most outstanding dissertation, University of Oxford, 2011.

Rhodes Scholarship, awarded by the Rhodes Trust to study at the University of Oxford, 2009.

Bursary Grant awarded by the Government of Zambia to study at the University of Zambia, 2005.

ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of African History*, since January 2022.

Member of the Editorial Board, *South African Historical Journal*, since January 2023.

Member of the Editorial Board, *Zambia Social Science Journal*, 2020- present.

Deputy National Secretary, *Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee in Zambia*, 2019.

Peer reviewer for *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of African History*, and *Journal of Eastern African Studies*.

Regular media commentator on southern African affairs including for the *BBC*, *CNN*, *eNCA*, *The Guardian*, and *Mail & Guardian*.

RECENT MEDIA COMMENTARIES

- ‘[Zambia has killed the death penalty, but other rights remain on death row](#)’, *The Guardian*, 9 January 2023
- ‘Zambian president hailed for scrapping colonial law’, [eNCA interview](#), 27 December 2022.
- ‘Concern as key activists are co-opted into public office in Zambia’, [eNCA interview](#), 22 December 2022.
- ‘Reflecting on Queen Elizabeth II’s relationship with Africa’, [BBC News interview](#), 19 September 2022.
- ‘[Queen Elizabeth II will be laid to rest, but not so the past](#)’, *Mail & Guardian* 13 September 2022.
- ‘[An assessment of President Hichilema’s first year in Zambia](#)’, *African Arguments*, 24 August 2022.
- ‘Reflecting on the legacy of former Zambian president Rupiah Banda’ [eNCA interview](#), 12 March 2022,
- ‘Zambia’s challenges and role in international affairs’, [CNN interview](#), 24 September 2021.
- ‘[Three lessons for Africa from Zambia’s landslide opposition victory](#)’, *African Arguments*, 22 August 2021.
- ‘Zambia’s 2021 election and political transition’, [BBC News](#) interview, 17 August 2021.
- ‘Insight on Zambia’s new president Hakainde Hichilema’ [Newzroom Afrika interview](#), 17 August 2021
- ‘[Africans want consensus democracy: why is that reality hard to accept?](#)’, *The Conversation*, 11 July 2021.
- ‘The death and legacy of Kenneth Kaunda, [eNCA interview](#), 17 June 2021
- ‘[Zambia’s Kenneth Kaunda was the last of Africa’s philosopher kings](#)’, *Mail & Guardian*, 17 June 2021.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: English (spoken and written)

CONTACT DETAILS

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