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Teaching and Tutoring Experience:

Honours Social Theory Teaching Assistant (January to April 2024)

Sociology 354: Community Sociology Teaching Assistant at Stellenbosch University (2023)

Associate lecturer in Sociology at University of the Western Cape (February – June 2023)

Sociology 364: Social Research Tutor & Co-lecturer (2022)

Sociology 252: Industrial Sociology Tutor at Stellenbosch University (2022)

Sociology 222: Race in School and Society Tutor at Stellenbosch University (2022)

HST 150: World History since 1500 Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University
(Spring 2021)

ISS 330C: Latin American History Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University
(Fall 2020)

HST 329: American Sports History Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University
(Fall 2019)

ISS 210: The History and Theory of Genocide Teaching Assistant at Michigan State
(Spring 2020)

Education

PhD in Sociology

Dissertation title: *Owabani loMkhonto? (Whose Spear is this?): A Historical Sociology of the conceptions of liberation within the ANC women's movement in exile: Women's Section, Feminism, and Nationalism, 1965-1990*

University of Stellenbosch (in progress)

Master of Arts in African History (2019-2021)

Thesis title - *“REMEMBERING RADICAL WOMEN: A Comparative exploration of women's section contributions in TANU, KANU and the MK”*.

Michigan State University

Honours in Social Anthropology (2019 - 2020)

Thesis title- *NGINGUMFAZI ONJANI? An exploration into an emerging womanhood amongst young Zulu women in South Africa*”

University of Stellenbosch

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (2015-2018)

University of Stellenbosch

Awards, Achievements and Short Courses:

Short courses/ Summer Schools:

- Humboldt University Colibri Autumn School on Rethinking and Decentering Solidarity and Collaboration (Oct 2023)
- HIV basic, screening and testing short course at Stellenbosch University (2018)
- University of Rijeka Summaer School on Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory (2017)
- Facilitative Leadership Training Programme at FVZS with NQF level 6 (2016)
- Elize Botha Women in Leadership at FVZS with NQF level 6 (2015)
- Student Committee Leadership Programme at FVZS with NQF level 6 (2015)

Research fellowships:

- NRF SARChi Chair PhD fellowship at The Center for the Study of the Afterlives of Violence and of the Reparative Quest at Stellenbosch University (2024 until PhD completion)
- Lisa Maskell/ PANGEA Doctoral Fellowship at Stellenbosch University. (2022-2024)
- Michigan State University David Horner International Student Graduate Fellowship (2020)
- Mellon Foundation Honours Fellow in Indexing Transformation (2019-2020)

Publications:

- Ntombela, N. 11 March 2024. “Naledi Chirwa’s apology a disturbing reminder of patriarchy in politics. *Eyewitness News*, Available at:

<https://www.ewn.co.za/2024/03/11/nomzamo-ntombela-naledi-chirwas-apology-a-disturbing-reminder-of-patriarchy-in-politics>

- Bubenzer, F. Ntombela, N. 06 June 2023. “Researcher Wellbeing”. *Mail & Guardian* (newspaper article): <https://www.news24.com/news24/opinions/columnists/guestcolumn/opinion-research-and-wellbeing-forging-harmony-where-there-is-heartache-and-pain-20230606>
- “Before the Anti- Homosexuality Bill: The Historical Contours of LGBT Organizing in Nigeria” in *Journal of West African History*, 9(2);2022; pp.111-145. Available at: <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/26/article/903748>
- “Introducing Justicecraft: Political Change Across Space and Time” in *Political Anthropological Research on International Social Sciences*; 3(2022), pp51–108. Available at : brill.com/view/journals/pari/3/1/pari.3.issue-1.xml

Forthcoming publications

- “Owabani loMkhonto? (Whose Spear is this?): A Historical Sociology of the conceptions of liberation within the Women’s Section and African Women’s Organization in exile” in *Journal of Southern African Studies* (2024)
- Book Review: “Guerillas and Combative Mothers: Women and the Armed Struggle in South Africa” by Siphokazi Magadla in *Transformation Journal* (2024)

Leadership/ Service

- South African Sociological Association Secretary General (2023-2024)
- South African Review of Sociology Editorial Board Book Review Editor (2023 – 2025)
- South African Sociological Association Council and Exco Member (2022-2023)
- Sociology and Social Anthropology Honours Class Representative (2019)
- Stellenbosch University Academic Affairs Council Marketing Manager (2017-2018)
- Stellenbosch University Senate Social Impact Committee Member (2017)
- Stellenbosch University Senate Member (2017)
- Stellenbosch University Student Representative Council Chairperson/ President (2017)

- Student Parliament Interim Committee Member (2016)
- Aurora PSO first year's committee Secretary- General (2015)
- Sociology & Social Anthropology first year's class representative (2015)
- Bachelor of Arts & Social Sciences Student Faculty Committee Secretary (2015)
- Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Teaching Committee member (2015)
- Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Board Member (2015)

Public Engagements on Scholarly and Activist work:

- Woordfees 'Ongehoord' dialogue on 'Rethinking the African/Black Feminist Archive' in South African Studies. (2022)
- Student and Staff alliance working group member (2015 to 2019)
- Speaker at Stellenbosch University Slut walk (2017).Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4dh7ywRBC0>
- Student Liaison for transformation office regarding Stellenbosch University Transformation Plan (2017)
- Student Panellist on Kyknet on prevalence of rape culture in institutions of higher learning and how the outrage is revealing of an undiscussed racial dynamic (2016). Link here: Part 1: <https://youtu.be/C4dKBPzn5Qs> and Part 2: <https://youtu.be/rwBQAOfHFzE>
- Stellenbosch University Language Coalition Committee Student working team (whereby we collectively conducted discussions and research with students and gathered data to present to the Language Policy Task Team). (2015 – 2016)

Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

- Guest lecture on "Postcolonial student movements and discourses in South Africa". Dr Shingi Mavima at Toledo University (17 April 2024)
- Presentation at Robben Island Museum commemoration: 'Traditional leaders and the fight for land dispossession on Robben Island, 1795-1990' hosted on 27 February 2024 at Robben Island.
- Presentation on "*Women's Sections and liberation as intellectual work*" at the Western Cape Graduate Students Conference (2023) held at the University of Cape Town
- Presentation on "*Liberation exile camps as 'female fear factories': Exploring the politics of Reimagining Violent Histories*" through a critical feminist lens" at The Colonial

Wound and the Practice of Repair Conference (2023) held at the University of Stellenbosch

- South African Sociological Association 25th Annual Congress presentation on “*Marxist Feminism, Exile and Political education*” (2023) held at the University of Zululand.
- Panel presentation on “Imaginations of Liberation Armies in Southern Africa” at the European Conference of African Studies held at the University of Cologne in Berlin(2023)
- South African Sociological Association 24th Annual Congress presentation on component of PhD dissertation (2022) held at Sol Plaatjie University
- Guest lecture with Panashe Chigumadzi on “Postcolonial discourses #1 in Zimbabwe and South Africa”. Dr Shingi Mavima at Toledo University (November 2021)
- Guest lecture at Michigan State University on contributions of Winnie Madikizela Mandela’s contributions to liberation movements across world and her contemporary relevance. Dr Peter Alegi (October 2019)
- University of Michigan: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Guest Co-Lecturer (October 17, 2019) **Link:** https://olli.mivideo.it.umich.edu/media/t/1_5ah85kze/150736561
- Nelson Mandela Museum Youth Month Seminar Speaker (2019)
- University of Stellenbosch Mellon Foundation Research Paper presentation at Indexing Transformation Series (2018)
- Michigan State University Divestiture Conference International Student Guest Speaker (2018)
- Nelson Mandela Ubuntu Dialogues Speaker at Michigan State University (2018)

Skills and Proficiencies:

- **Research:** Expertise in research and instrument design and developing implementable project plans. Significant experience in conducting interviews, focus groups and deploying surveys. Expert skills in research report production and presentation to clients and other stakeholders. Strong facilitation skills for focus groups, expert panel reference groups and roundtables.
- **Project Management:** Strong ability to manage and coordinate several research and book projects to bring them to launch on time. Ability to design research project plans, contracts and maintain researcher and author databases.

- **Knowledge Management:** Ability to update and maintain SharePoint platforms, as well as ensuring that version control protocols are followed. Ability to conceptualise and host organisational learning and sharing platforms.
- **Stakeholder Management:** Experience in interacting with various stakeholders in the public and private sectors. Expertise in managing AVREQ's relations with academics, researchers, political party officials, members of the Student Representative Councils (SRCs), media professionals, and subject matter experts etc.
- **Events Management:** Experience in the design and hosting of person and online conferences, seminars, and book launches. Skills in the development of VVIP invitations and generic invitations of speakers and participants. Expert skills in the facilitation and participation at events, write up of event close out reports.
- **Communication:** Verbal and writing skills; proven ability to effectively communicate insights to all levels of the organization in practical user friendly and meaningful way.

References:

Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela

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