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Date of Birth:	22 March 1996
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Language Proficiency:	IsiZulu (Fluent)
	English (Fluent)
	isiXhosa (Intermediate level)
	Afrikaans (Fairly Proficient)

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:

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

Research fellowships:

NRF SARChi Chair PhD fellowship (2024 - 2026)
Lisa Maskell/ PANGAEA Doctoral Fellowship at Stellenbosch University. (2022-2024)
Doctoral Fellow at Center for the Study of the Afterlives of Violence and the Reparative Quest at Stellenbosch University (2020 till present)
Michigan State University David Horner International Student Graduate Fellowship (2020)
Mellon Foundation Honours Fellow in Indexing Transformation (2019-2020)

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 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/rwBQAOHFzE>
- 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

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 (2018)

Nelson Mandela Ubuntu Dialogues Speaker at MSU (2018)

Co-Curricular and Work Experience/Qualifications

Aurora PSO critical engagement committee member (2015)

Aurora PSO women's' 1st team soccer goalkeeper (2015)

Aurora PSO women's' 1st team hockey team (2015)

Stellenbosch University Welcoming Initiative Course Facilitator(part-time) with focus on Rape Culture Awareness (2017)

The Listen Live and Learn Initiative(LLI) fellow (2017)

Stellenbosch Black Management Forum Women's day Talk – Panelist on Women in Leadership as a form of activism (2018)

Ubuntu Dialogues (Stellenbosch University Museum collaboration with Michigan State University) Talk Facilitator (2018)

Division for Prospective Students- Contact and Client Services Centre Student Assistant (2018)