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### Education

Yale University, Ph.D. in American History, 1991 Yale University, M.Phil in American History, 1986 Yale University, M.A. in Afro-American Studies, 1983

Dissertation: The Tennessee coal miners' revolts of 1891-1892: Industrialization, politics, and convict labor in the late nineteenth-century South (Advisor: David Montgomery)

University of the Witwatersrand, Honours Degree in History, 1981 University of the Witwatersrand, B.A. in History, 1980

### **Areas of Academic Concentration**

South African History American Social History Comparative Race Relations History of the American South

### **Current Research**

Archbishop Walter Khotso Makhulu – A biography

I am currently writing a biographical essay of Walter Khotso Makhulu, Archbishop of Central Africa from1980-2000 and onetime past president of the World Council of Churches and of the All Africa Council of Churches. In addition to exploring the place of the churches in South African society during apartheid, I am using the arc of Makhulu's career to explore the connections between the southern African churches and European churches — especially how the European Churches (particularly the Norwegian Church) used church networks to funnel money to a variety of anti-apartheid organizations and activists. Makhulu played a pivotal role in this covert/underground network. He made two further significant contributions to religious life in Central Africa (Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi). First, he oversaw much of the Africanization of Anglican clergy; second, he promoted a synchronism of missionary forms of church ritual and African traditions. It's worth noting too that Archbishop Makhulu, much like his contemporary and close associate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, has spoken out in favor of the ordination of women and gay rights. These positions run contrary to vast majority of the African bishopry.

## South African emigration policies and law, 1948-94

Emigration policy in post 1948 South Africa functioned as both a tool of oppression and as a safety value, at once a mechanism to punish Apartheid's staunchest political opponents and a mechanism for dissipating white opposition to National Party policies. In tracing the ebbs and flows of South Africa's emigration policy, I engage with the still crucial debate about the nature of the Apartheid State and South African citizenship. Sources include the application for passports by Black South Africans, recently deposited papers of anti-Apartheid activists, United Nations documents, parliamentary debates, and newspapers. Most of these materials have come from the State Archives in Pretoria, the research library at the University of the Witwatersrand, and State Library in Cape Town.

# **Professional Experience**

Duke University, African and African American Studies

Associate Professor of the Practice, July 2013-

Duke University, Department of History

<u>Visiting Associate Professor</u>, (Three-year renewable contracts), 2006-June 2013 <u>Visiting Assistant Professor</u>, (Three-year renewable contract), Sep. 2003-2006 <u>Visiting Asistant Professor</u>, Sep. 1998-2003\* <u>Scholar in Residence</u>, Jan. 1998-Aug. 1998\*

Duke University, Office of Scholars and Fellows

Fulbright Program Advisor, July 2008-June 2013

University of the Witwatersrand, Institute for Advanced Social Research

Research Fellow, April 1992-June 1997
Convener, Institute for Advanced Social Research Seminar on Southern Africa
Organizer, chair and discussant of a weekly interdisciplinary faculty seminar, 1995-

### Visiting Lecturer:

University of the Witwatersrand, History Department, 1998 University of Cape Town, History Department, 1994

<sup>\*</sup>From July 1997-Aug. 2003, I took time off to raise my small children and thus taught only on an adhoc basis.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT:**

### At Duke University:

- "American Immigration, 1860 to the Present"
- "Family History and Class in America, 1870 to the Present"
- "South African History, 1870 to the Present"
- "South African History from Precolonial Times to the Present" (with John Cell)
- "Twentieth Century South African History through Biography and Autobiography"
- "Anti-Apartheid Activism, 1948-1994"
- "Race and Society in Comparative Perspective: The United States and South Africa, 1800-Present"
- "Class and Class Consciousness in American History, 1800-1990"

Initiated and taught the pilot *Duke Immerse Program* with William Chafe, *Racial Justice in the Twentieth Century*, Spring 2012. This program consists of 4 courses on the anti-apartheid struggles and Civil Rights Movement, requires significant research, and includes mid-semester study in South Africa. Twelve students are selected annually for the program.

### **Student Awards**

Spring 2011

Fall 2014	Student won Lowell-Aptman Prize, honors thesis category (Mary Tung)
Summer 2014	Student won \$10,000 Davis Project for Peace grant. Built a reading room with internet access and computer resources in the Mpaka Refugee Camp, Swaziland (Aristide Sangano) <a href="http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/">http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/</a>
Spring 2104	Student won Oliver W. Koonz Human Rights Essay Prize (Jacob Tobia)
Fall 2013	Student won Lowell-Aptman Prize, junior/senior category (Mary Tung)
Spring 2013	Course evaluations among the top 5% of all undergraduate instructors at Duke.
Spring 2013	Student won Oliver W. Koonz Human Rights Essay Prize (Taylor Henley) Essay published <i>Michigan Journal of History</i> Fall 2013, Vol. X:1
Fall 2012	Student won the Durden Prize, junior/senior category (Catherine Miller). Cotaught with William Chafe in the field of US southern history.
Spring 2012	Course evaluations among the top 5% of all undergraduate instructors at Duke.
Fall 2011	Student won the Durden Prize, honors thesis category (Ryan Brown). Student was a finalist for the Durden Prize, junior/senior category (Callie Seaman). Brown's thesis is now published as a book. Ryan Brown, <i>A Native of Nowhere: The Life of Nat Nakasa</i> (Jacana, 2013)

Student won the award for the best undergraduate thesis. Thesis in South African social history. (Ryan Brown). Student won the Oliver W. Koonz Human Rights

Essay Prize (Brianna Nofil). Two students won Fulbrights (Ryan Brown, South Africa and Katherine Rose Filler, Indonesia).

Fall 2010 Student won the Durden Prize, junior/senior category (Ryan Brown). Student was a finalist for the Durden Prize, junior/senior category (Katherine Rose Filler). Student was a finalist for the Durden Prize, freshman/sophomore category (Brianna Nofil). The first two were in South African history and the third in American immigration history. Of the nine Durden undergraduate student prizes across all disciplines, three students had written papers in my classes.

Spring 2007 Student won the award for the best undergraduate history thesis. Thesis in the social history of the American South (Lydia Wright).

Spring 2005 Students won awards for the best undergraduate history thesis (Khalid Kurji) and the best Master of Arts in Liberal Studies thesis, the former in South African history and the latter in the Politics of the American South (Randy Yale).

Spring 2004 Students won awards for the best undergraduate history thesis (Andrew Van Kirk) and the best Master of Arts in Liberal Studies thesis, both in South African History (Doris Jacobs).

### At the University of the Witwatersrand:

# Publications: Books, Journal Articles, Documentaries, and Encyclopedia Entries

"Fulbright Revisited," with producer Steve Channing. Co-Director and Historical Consultant. Completed 2011. Funding from the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, the Institute for International Education, the Duke Endowment and the Josiah Charles Trent Grants, Duke University. https://vimeo.com/35265610

Six entries for the *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History*, 3 vols., ed. Eric Arnesen (New York and London: Routledge, 2006).

Entries: "Convict Labor in the New South," vol. 1, 317-321

"Davis, Richard L., National Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of America," vol. 1, 343-44

"Highlander Folk School/Highlander Research and Education Center," vol. 2, 587-589

"Horton, Miles, Founder, Folk School," vol. 2, 614-615

"Riley, William, United Mine Workers of America," vol. 3, 1198-99

"Tennessee Convict Uprising," vol. 3, 1366-1367

<sup>&</sup>quot;The American South, 1877-1920"

<sup>&</sup>quot;American History, 1776-1877" (with Bruce Murray)

<sup>&</sup>quot;American History, 1877-1968" (with Edward Balleisen)

"Double Vision: A Journey into the South African Diaspora in North Carolina," a Documentary Film with Paul Weinberg, May 2005. Funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council. <a href="https://vimeo.com/46260385">https://vimeo.com/46260385</a>

# Showings:

- Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University, May 2005
- Southern Fried Flicks Film Festival, January 2006
- 27<sup>th</sup> Durban International Film Festival, June 2006
- A New South Rebellion: The Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-1896 (University of North Carolina Press, 1998)
- Co-editor, *History from South Africa: Alternative Visions and Practices* (Temple University Press, 1991). With Josh Brown, Belinda Bozzoli, Peter Delius, Patrick Manning, Karin Shapiro and Jon Wiener (Authors listed in alphabetical order.)
- "William Riley: Southern Black Miners and Industrial Unionism in the Late 19th Century," in Eric Arnesen, *The Human Tradition in American Labor History*, (Scholarly Resources, 2004), 69-87
- "Company Town, Company Estate: Pilgrim's Rest, 1910-1932," *Journal of Southern African Studies* 19:2 (June 1993): 171-200. (With Philip Bonner. Authors listed in alphabetical order.)
- Co-editor, special double issue, "History from South Africa." *Radical History Review*, 46/7 Winter, 1990
- "Doctors or Medical Aids The Debate over the Training of Black Medical Personnel for the Rural Black Population in South Africa in the 1920s and 1930s," *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 13:2 (Jan. 1987): 234-255
- "Interns' Attitudes towards Aspects of their Medical Education," *South African Medical Journal*, 56:2 (Nov. 1979), A. Scheier *et. al*.

# **Publications: Book Reviews, Obituaries and Newspaper Articles**

- Ethan Blue, Doing Time in the Depression: Everyday Life in Texas and California Prisons in Labor: Studies in Working-class History of the Americas (forthcoming)
- Memorial for unknown persons killed at Dachau during World War II, buried in Durham, NC, May 2014. Memorial in the Durham Jewish Cemetery. http://vimeo.com/99524836
- "Durham's Jewish Community in Transition," *Triangle Downtowner Magazine*, Sept. 2013,

- vol. 9, issue 8, p. 18; *Raleigh News and Observer*, Aug. 10, 2013. <a href="http://museumofdurhamhistory.org/blog/tag/history-column/">http://museumofdurhamhistory.org/blog/tag/history-column/</a>
- David Montgomery, 1927-2011 (Karin Shapiro and Dan Letwin), *Radical History Review*, Spring 2012; 113: 225-228.
- Gerald M. Oppenheimer and Ronald Bayer, *Shattered Dreams: An Oral History of the South African Aids Epidemic* in *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, July 2008; 63: 398 401.
- Scott Reynolds Nelson, *Steel Drivin' Man John Henry –The Untold Story of an American Legend* in *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, Winter 2007; 4: 113 115.
- Mary Ellen Curtin, *Black Prisoners and Their World*, *Alabama*, 1865-1900 in *Journal of American History*, 89 (1) 2002: 229-230.
- Hugh Macmillan and Frank Shapiro, *Zion in Africa: The Jews of Zambia* in *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 27 (4) Dec. 2001: 873-75.
- Anthony Marx, Making Race and Nation: A Comparison of the United States, South Africa and Brazil in Journal of American Ethnic History, 19 (2) Winter 2000: 129-30.
- George Fredrickson, *Black Liberation: A Comparative History of Black Ideologies in the United States and South Africa*, in the South African Sunday Times, Nov. 1996.
- Robert R. Edgar, An African American in South Africa: The Travel Notes of Ralph Bunche, in South African Historical Journal, 29 (1993): 297-300.
- Keith Dix, What's a Coal Miner to Do? The Mechanization of Coal Mining and Alan Derickson, Workers' Health, Workers' Democracy: The Western Miners' Struggle, 1891-1925, in International Labor and Working Class History, 39 (1991): 121-124.
- William H. Worger, South Africa's City of Diamonds: Mine Workers, and Monopoly Capitalism in Kimberley, 1867-1895, in Canadian Journal of African Studies, 23:2 (1989): 335-336.
- Robert Vicat Turrell, *Capital and Labour on the Kimberley Diamond Fields 1871-1890*, in *International Journal of African Historical Affairs*, 21:4 (1988): 754-755.
- Julie Frederickse, South Africa, A Different Kind of War: From Soweto to Pretoria, in African Studies Review, 31:2 (1988): 149-150.

### **Exhibitions and Interviews**

"Fair Wages: A History of Getting Paid" Interview conducted by Edward Ayers, March 28, 2014. <a href="http://backstoryradio.org/shows/fair-wages/">http://backstoryradio.org/shows/fair-wages/</a>

- Interview on "Durham's Jewish Community in Transition," Durham County Library, June 16, 2013. With Lynne Grossman, Leonard Rogoff, and Robert Rosenstein. <a href="http://vimeo.com/72811615">http://vimeo.com/72811615</a>. This video was shown five times on two community TV channels, Durham Community Media and TMC The Peoples Channel, during Oct. 2013.
- Curator for the exhibition, "Beth El Synagogue, the first 125 years," Durham, NC. Exhibited at: Durham County Library (June-July 2013); Freeman Center for Jewish Life, Duke University, (Aug-Dec, 2012); Beth El Synagogue, Durham (Feb-Aug 2012, Jan-June 2013 and July 2013-). http://vimeo.com/73642269
- Curator for the exhibition "Nelson Mandela: A Light so Powerful," American Tobacco Campus, Jan-May 2008 (Over 10,000 people visited this exhibition). Also exhibited at the Durham Public Library, 2007. <a href="https://vimeo.com/44495276">https://vimeo.com/44495276</a>
- Interview with Walter Khotso Makhulu, South African born Emertus Archbishop of Central Africa, Bishop of Botswana, and a past President of the World Council of Churches. Interview conducted in April 2010 with John Allen, the official biographer of Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- Interview with Peter Storey, South African Methodist Bishop and onetime President of the South African Council of Churches. Interview conducted in Jan 2008 with William Chafe and Ken Carder. Deposited in Duke University's Perkins Library under the DeWitt Wallace Center on Media and Policy and the Living History Program

### **Honors and Awards**

- Collaborative Teaching Through Research Across Institutions Grant, Duke University, 2014. Granted to teach a collaborative course with Tshepo Moloi, University of the Witwatersrand.
- Southern Jewish Historical Society Grant for the exhibit on Jewish history in Durham, North Carolina, 2012.
- CIT-TWP Fellowship program on teaching research with writing, Duke University, 2011-12
- Funding for "Fulbright Revisited" from the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, the Institute for International Education, the Duke Endowment and the Josiah Charles Trent Grants, Duke University, Grants received during 2009-2010.
- Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Grant, Medical History, Duke University, 2008
- Social Science Research Institute Faculty Fellow, *Understanding the Transformed and Transforming South: Perspectives on Race, Economics, Politics and Public Policy*, Duke University, 2007-08 (Chairs, William Chafe and Kerry Haynie)
- W.E.B. Du Bois Institute Fellow, Harvard University (declined), 2007-08

Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation, International Travel Grant, Duke University, 2006

Course Development Grant, History Department, Duke University, 2006

John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute Fellow, Duke University, 2005-06

North Carolina Humanities Council Mini-grant for Double Vision, 2005

Course Website Development Grant, Center for Informational Technology, Duke University, 2002-03

Course Development Grant, Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University, 2002

Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Research in the United States, South African Human Sciences Research Council, 1994

University of the Witwatersrand Ad Hoc Research Grant, 1994

Doctoral Merit Bursary, South African Human Sciences Research Council, 1989-91

Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Fund Grant, 1987-89

Fulbright Fellowship for graduate study at Yale University, 1985-89

Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association, 1987

John F. Enders Grant, Yale University, 1987-88

Yale Fellowship, 1984-87

Alexander Bouchet Prize in African-American graduate studies, Yale University, 1983

Yale Fellowship in support of Masters Study, 1981-83

South African Human Sciences Research Grant for Honours Degree, 1980

### **Professional Service**

Duke University:

- Graduate Liberal Studies Advisory Board, July 2014-
- Representative for African and African American Studies, A & S Council, July 2014-
- Executive Committee, Center for Jewish Studies, July 2014-

- Provost ad hoc committee on the *Africa Initiative*, 2012-present. Joined Charles Piot, Anthropology and John Barlett, Medicine as co-chair in July 2013-July 2014. <a href="http://sites.duke.edu/africainitiative/">http://sites.duke.edu/africainitiative/</a>
- Concilium on Southern Africa (COSA), Steering Committee, 2004-present and Co-Director since 2006. The Concilium is an interdisciplinary faculty committee that promotes programming on Southern Africa, sometimes in conjunction with other programs and area universities. Holds roughly 8 public events a year. Roughly 18-300 people attend events. <a href="http://sites.duke.edu/cosa/">http://sites.duke.edu/cosa/</a>
- Interim Representative for African and African American Studies, A & S Council, Aug. 2013-Dec. 2013.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Trip to Prague during Thanksgiving, 2012 and 2013. Coordinated by the Freeman Center for Jewish Life. Between 16-29 study abroad students participated in the program.
- Fulbright Program Advisor, Office of Scholars and Fellows, 2008-June 2013. Oversaw applications of rougly 50-60 students annually; organized committees to interview students, consisting of faculty and senior staff members; chaired committees and wrote evaluations for all Duke students, graduate and undergraduate, who applid for Fulbrights. For all five years that I ran the program, the Institute for International Education recognized Duke as a top Fulbright producing university in the United States.
- AB Duke Scholarship Advisory Committee, 2007-2008
- Executive Committee, Friends of the Library, 2006-2008
- African Studies Workshop Advisory Committee, 2006
- International Scholarship Committee, 2005-present
- Hart Leadership Program, faculty mentor, 2005-06
- Office of Undergraduate Scholars and Fellows (OUSF), Selection Committee, 2005-2008
- Reviewed graduate research in the social sciences, Fifth Annual Graduate Student Research Day, 2005
- Reviewed applications for summer research awards, Center for International Studies, 2004
- Fulbright Screening Committee, 2001-05
- Steering Committee, Comparative Area Studies, 2001-02
- Co-director of Hosei at Duke. Created and taught intensive program in American history and culture for visiting Japanese students, 2000

## Scholarly Referee:

• National Research Foundation, South Africa, Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies, Radical History Review, Journal of Southern African Studies, Kronos, Journal of American History, Southern Cultures, Journal of Natal and Zulu History, Cultural Anthropology, University of Illinois Press, University of California Press, and Journal of Appalachian Studies.

### University of the Witwatersrand:

- Grant Writer, "Images of Self and Family Histories of Black South Africans, 1890-1950." Raised R200,000 for this project, which was based at the Institute for Advanced Social Research, 1994
- Arts Faculty Board, 1993-97
- Organized year-long film series, "Visions of American Labor on Film," 1993
- Administrative Assistant, History Workshop. Organized "Open Day," to which unionists, school children, and the public were invited; over 1,000 people attended this festival of history, 1984
- Archival Consultant, African Studies Institute. Reviewed papers of Canon James Calata, Chaplain of the then outlawed African National Congress (1919-49), 1983

### Additional Professional Service:

- Museum of Durham History, (History Hub), History Advisory Committee from its inception in 2012-present. <a href="http://museumofdurhamhistory.org/index.html">http://museumofdurhamhistory.org/index.html</a>
- Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina, Board Member, 2013-present. Vice— President, May 2014- present. <a href="http://jhfnc.org/">http://jhfnc.org/</a>
- James A. Rawley Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, May 2008-May 2011. Chair 2009-2010. The prize is given annually for best book dealing with the history of race relations in the United States. Between 2008-2010, the committee received between 75 and 120 submissions a year.
- Exhibition Curator, "Nelson Mandela: A Light So Powerful," American Tobacco Campus, Durham, Jan.-May 2008 (Over 10,000 visited the exhibition)
- Exhibition Consultant, "Spirit of Freedom: Drawings & Narratives from Nelson Mandela's Imprisonment on Robben Insland," Durham Country Library, 2007
- Associate Member, Editorial Collective, Radical History Review, 2000-present
- Faculty Participant, History Connect Summer Institute, Durham Public Schools, 2003
- Member of South African Selection Committee for Fulbright Scholars, 1995
- Conference Manager, Urban Foundation, Johannesburg. Ran conference on local government in the PWV region (now Gauteng), 1992
- Member of Editorial Collective, *Radical History Review*, 1988-2000
- Project co-ordinator, Urban Foundation. Policy report on influx control and urbanization, incorporating interviews with black community councilors, 1983

# **Scholarly and Public Presentations**

Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Careers in the Social Sciences and Humanities, Feb. 28, 2014, Panelist, Duke University

Organizer with Catherine Admay and Dean Luke Powery, "Interfaith Vigil for Nelson Mandela," Duke Chapel, Dec. 10, 2013, <a href="http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?">http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?</a> <a href="mailto:section=news/local&id=9356040">section=news/local&id=9356040</a>;

http://www.wncn.com/story/24187341/vigil-for-nelson-mandela-held-at-duke-university-chapel; http://www.heraldsun.com/news/localnews/x1401022619/Duke-holds-interfaith-

- <u>vigil-for-Nelson-Mandela</u>; <u>http://today.duke.edu/2013/12/mandelaservice</u>; <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxsDLffKizU&feature=youtu.be</u>
- Organizer and Moderator, "Durham's Jewish Community in Transition," Durham County Library, June 16, 2013. Collaborated with Joanne Abel, Humanities and Adult Programming Coordinator, Durham County Library and Katie Spencer, Executive Director, Museum of Durham History. Panelists: Lynne Grossman, Leonard Rogoff, Robert Rosenstein, Karin Shapiro (Chair). Between 120-140 people attended. <a href="http://vimeo.com/72811615">http://vimeo.com/72811615</a>
- Panelist, "Religion and Black Freedom Struggles in the U.S. and South Africa," Comparative History Workshop, University of Witswatersrand and Duke University, Durham, NC. April 2013
- Panelist with Ebrahim Moosa (Professor of Religion, Duke University), "Jews and Muslim in Apartheid...and After," Feb. 2013, Center for European Studies, Duke University
- Panelist with David Shulman (Hebrew University), David Gilmartin (NCSU), Nadia Yaqub (UNC-Chapel Hill) on International Peace Work, Oct. 2012. Organized by the Duke Center for Civic Engagement and Dept. of Religion
- Participant, Duke-University of Witwatersrand Workshop on Comparative History, Jan. 2011 The Workshop took place at the University of the Witwatersrand
- Invited Speaker, Opening of "Then and Now Eight South African Photographers," Perkins Library, Duke University, April 2008
- Invited Speaker, Opening of "Nelson Mandela: A Light So Powerful," American Tobacco Campus, Durham, North Carolina, Jan. 2008
- Roundtable Participant, Scott Reynolds Nelson, *Steel Drivin' Man John Henry –The Untold Story of an American Legend*, Labor and Working-Class History Association and Southern Labor Studies Association, Durham, North Carolina, May 2007
- "No Exit? The Politics of South African Emigration Restrictions in Early Apartheid South Africa" Northeastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, Vermont, April 2007
- Chair, "Unintended Consequences: The Politics of Punishment and Imprisonment in the South," Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, Nov. 2006
- "Double Vision: Stories of South Africans in North Carolina," 27th Durban International Film Festival, June 2006
- "Social Medicine in South Africa and Abroad: the North Carolina Connection," Columbia University, May 2006
- "Double Vision: Stories of South Africans in North Carolina," Southern Fried Flicks Festival, Augusta, Georgia, Jan. 2006

- "Changing Voices: Alternative Historical Perspectives in South Africa," Invited Lecture, Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University. (With ethnomusicologist Louise Meintjies and documentary photographer Paul Weinberg), Feb. 2005
- Chair and Commentator, "New Perspectives on the Gilded Age and Progressive Era: Labor, Race and the State," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2004
- Chair and Commentator, "New Perspectives on the Black Working Class in the Jim Crow Era," Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Nov. 2000
- "Boundaries of Dissent": The Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields,' Feminist Women in History, Durham, NC, April 2000
- "The Prism of a New South Rebellion: Criminal Justice and Convict Labor in Late Nineteenth-Century Tennessee," Southern Labor Studies Conference, Atlanta, Oct. 1999
- Chair and Commentator, "Comparisons and Connections: South Africa and the United States," Organization of American Historians, Indianapolis, April 1998
- "The Prism of a New South Rebellion: Political Economy, Industrialization, and Criminal Justice in Late Nineteenth-Century Tennessee," University of Miami, Feb. 1996
- "Only the State May be a Master: The Termination of Tennessee's Convict Lease," Organization of American Historians, Chicago, April 1992
- Commentator, "Convict Labor in Three Georgia Industries," Southern Labor Studies Conference, Atlanta, Oct. 1991
- "Race and the Costruction of Southern Society," Earlham College, March 1991
- "'History from South Africa': A Critical Review." Invited participant to a roundtable discussion, Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, Dec. 1990
- "Racism and the Limits of Republicanism: The East Tennessee Coal Miners' Rebellion of 1891-1892," New Perspectives on the 1890s, Allentown College, Pennsylvania, Oct. 1989
- "The Tennessee Coal Miners' Revolts, 1891-92: Convict Labor, Political Culture and Southern Rural Industrialization," Harvard University, Feb. 1989
- "The Convicts Must Go!': Tennessee Miners and the State 1891-92," Comparative Social History Seminar, Oxford University, May 1987
- "The East Tennessee Coal Miners' Rebellion, 1891-92," Southern Labor Studies Conference, Atlanta, Oct. 1986
- "The Company was the District': Pilgrim's Rest, 1915-20," African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, Nov. 1985