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EDUCATION

Boston University	Ph.D., History	2017
<i>Fields: African History; History of Environment and Agriculture; Modern Southern Africa</i>		
Boston University	M.A.	2013
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	M.Ed.	2004
University of Hartford	B.S.	1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9/2018-Present	Tufts University, Medford, MA Lecturer, Department of History <i>Courses: Historical Perspectives on Crises in Africa since 1850; Reconstructing the African Past to 1850; Critical Perspectives on 'Development' in Africa</i>
9/2017-Present	Boston University, Boston, MA Lecturer, Writing Program <i>Course: The Environment in Africa's Past and Present</i>
9/2017-9/2018	Tufts University, Boston, MA Postdoctoral Fellow, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy Research: Environmental history and pellagra in Lesotho, southern Africa
7/2017-8/2017	Boston University, Boston, MA Lecturer, Department of History <i>Course: World History since 1500</i>
9/2016-5/2017	Boston University, Boston, MA Graduate Writing Fellow, Writing Program <i>Course: The Environment in Africa's Past and Present</i>
9/2011-5/2016	Boston University, Boston, MA Teaching Fellow, Department of History <i>Courses Worked: Environmental History of Africa; World History since 1500; History of War; History of International Relations, 1900-1945; What is Europe?</i>
11/2007-12/2009	United States Peace Corps, Lesotho, Southern Africa Teacher, Tsoelike High School, Qacha's Nek district <i>Courses: English Language and Literature; Math</i>
9/2004-6/2007	Longmeadow High School, Longmeadow, MA History Teacher <i>Courses: United States History since 1877; World History to 1800; World History since 1800; Community Service Learning</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Book Project

Environmental History in a Small Place: Ecological Change, Development, and the Politics of Science in Lesotho. Manuscript in progress for James Currey Publishers.

Journal Articles

“Origins and Pathways of Agricultural Demonstration in Lesotho, Southern Africa, 1924-1960s,” *Agricultural History* 93.2 (2019): 233-263.

“Sheep, Scab Mites, and Society: The Process and Politics of Veterinary Knowledge in Lesotho, Southern Africa, c. 1900-1933,” *Environment & History* (2018): Fast Track, DOI 10.3197/096734018X15440029363690.

“(Un)Cultivating the Disease of Maize: Pellagra, Policy, and Nutrition Practice in Lesotho, 1933-1963,” *Journal of Southern African Studies* 45.4 (2019): forthcoming.

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Stick to thy Hillock?: James Machobane, Environmental Justice, and the Problem of Sustainable Farming in Lesotho,” Book chapter in progress for N. Jacobs and G. Winn, eds., *Environment, Power, and Justice in Southern Africa*.

“‘Getting Our Grass Back’: Knowledge, Grazing Policy, and Practice in Lesotho, c. 1933-1950s,” Working paper, Boston University, *Program for the Study of African Environments* (PSAE) 15, (2018), pp. 1-22.

“Tsoelopele ea Basotho: Towards a Critical History of Progress in Lesotho,” Article in progress for submission to the *Journal of African History*.

Book Review

“Birders of Africa: History of a Network (Nancy Jacobs),” *The International Journal of African Historical Studies* 49.2 (2016), pp. 297-99.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panel Organized

“Comparing Technologies of Environmental Control in Southern African Pasts,” North Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, October 2018.

Papers Presented

“Stick to thy Hillock?: James Machobane, Environmental Justice, and the Problem of Sustainable Farming in Lesotho,” North Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, April 2019.

“Tsoelopele ea Basotho: Towards a Critical History of ‘Progress’ in Lesotho,” African Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.

“(Un)Cultivating the Disease of Maize: an Environmental History of Pellagra in Lesotho, c. 1933-1967,” Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Academy, Accra, Ghana, June 2018.

“‘Getting Our Grass Back’: Knowledge, Grazing Policy, and Practice in Lesotho, c. 1933-1950s,” African Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2017.

“‘Getting Our Grass Back’: Narratives of Grazing and Governance in Lesotho, c. 1933-1950s,” North Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, October 2017.

“Rethinking Soil Erosion and Conservation in Lesotho, c. 1901-1956,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“Fighting Rinderpest in Lesotho: Chiefs, Border Fences, and Shifting Veterinary Knowledge, 1896-1902,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2016.

“‘Urging the People to Clean up their Country’: People, Sheep, and Pests in Colonial Lesotho,”
_____African Environments & their Populations, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 2016.
_____North Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, April 2016.

“Knowledge, Context, and Social Interaction in Lesotho’s Agricultural Extension Program, 1924-1960s,”
_____African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2015.
_____Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science, Boulder, CO, October 2015.

“Maize, Monotony, and Malnutrition: socio-environmental history and pellagra in Lesotho,” North Eastern Workshops on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, April 2013.

Panel Discussant

“Methods and Metrics in Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research,” Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Academy, Accra, Ghana, June 2018.

“Parks, Boundaries, and Poachers,” African Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2017.

“Rural Labor and Race,” Harvard Graduate Student Conference on the History of Capitalism, Cambridge, MA, October 2017.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY TALKS

“(Un)Cultivating the Disease of Maize: an Environmental History of Pellagra in Lesotho, c. 1933-1967,”
_____Department of History, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, April 2018.
_____Department of Development Studies, National University of Lesotho, Roma, March 2018.

“Fighting Rinderpest in Lesotho: Chiefs, Border Fences, and Shifting Veterinary Knowledge, 1896-1902,” Walter Rodney Seminar, African Studies Center, Boston University, September 2016.

“Constructing Dams to Build Knowledge in Lesotho: Historical lessons for health challenges,” Frederick Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston, MA, July 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

IMMANA Postdoctoral Fellowship, Tufts University	2017
Graduate Writing Fellowship, Boston University	2016 - 2017
Environmental History Travel Grant, National Science Foundation	2017

Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, Boston University	2016
History Department, Summer Research Fellowship, Boston University	2016
Graduate Dean's Fellowship, Boston University	2011-2016
Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, Boston University (United Kingdom)	2015
Fulbright Student Grant (IIE), Lesotho	2014-2015
Graduate Summer Fellow, Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future	2013
US Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Sesotho)	2012
University of Hartford, Division I Men's Golf Scholarship	1999

CERTIFICATES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Certificate in African Studies, School of Global Studies, Boston University	2017
Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing, Writing Program, Boston University	2017
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)	2017
Teaching at Teaching-Intensive Institutions, UMASS, Boston	2016
Teaching College History, Boston University	2012-2016
Doing Oral History: Field Methods, Memory, and Ethics, Boston University	2014
The Civic Initiative, UMASS, Amherst	2006
Teachers' Center for Global Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA	2005-2006
Massachusetts Department of Education, Teaching License, History, Grades 8-12	2004

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English – Native
Sesotho – Reading & Speaking Proficient
French – Reading Proficient
isiZulu – Functional

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

African Studies Association
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Academy
American Historical Association
American Society for Environmental History
Friends of Lesotho

SERVICE, VOLUNTEER & OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Representative, Graduate Student Organization, Boston University	2014 – 2016
Chairperson, Graduate Student Conference in African Studies, Boston University	2012
Project Advisory Committee, Peace Corps Lesotho	2008 – 2010
Group Leader, Operation Crossroads Africa, Kenya	2007
Volunteer Trail Worker, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Maine	2006
Curriculum Development Committee, Longmeadow High School	2005 – 2007
Volunteer, Operation Crossroads Africa, Ghana	2004
Teacher, Environmental Center for Our Schools, Springfield, MA	2003 – 2004
Vineyard and Sheep Assistant, Suffield Farms, Springton, South Australia	2000 – 2001

REFERENCES

James McCann, Professor, Department of History/African Studies Center, Boston University, 232 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215, (617) 353-3673, mccann@bu.edu

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Chris Walsh, Director, Writing Program, Boston University, 100 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215, (617) 358-1504, cwalsh@bu.edu

Nancy Jacobs, Professor, Department of History, Brown University, 79 Brown Street, Providence, RI 02912, (401) 863-9342, Nancy_Jacobs@brown.edu