### Areas of Interest and Expertise

Postcolonial Africa. Social, Political, and Economic Crisis. The Popular Economy, Informal Livelihoods, and African Financial Practices. Youth, Generation, and Gender. Time, Temporality and Everyday Life.

## **Education**

#### University of Chicago-Chicago, Illinois

- 2012 Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology Dissertation: Dealing with Disintegration: Urban Youth, Historical Narrative, and 'Making Do' in Hyperinflationary Zimbabwe.
- 2005 Master of Arts in Anthropology Thesis: God's Entrepreneur: Cellphones, Corruption and the Chronotope in Zimbabwe

# Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2009 Markovitz Dissertation Write-up Fellowship (University of Chicago)—for research showing links between social and economic behavior
- 2009 Nordic Africa Institute (Uppsala, Sweden), Grant for Study of Cultural Effects of Hyperinflation and Dollarization
- 2007 CODESRIA (Dakar, Senegal), Millennium Working Group on African Youth Identity Grant
- 2006 Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2004 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (through 2007)
- 2003 African Studies Workshop Language Grant (University of Chicago)
- 2002 Century Fellowship (University of Chicago) (through 2004)

## **Publications**

#### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2010. "Nothing is Straight in Zimbabwe': The Rise of the *Kukiya-kiya* Economy, 2000-2008." *Journal of Southern African Studies.* 36 (2): pp. 285-299.
- 2010. "Freeze! Movement, Narrative and the Disciplining of Price in Hyperinflationary Zimbabwe." *Social Dynamics.* 36 (2): pp. 338-351.

#### Works in Progress

- n.d. "'No Move To Make': The Zimbabwe Crisis, Displacement-in-Place, and the Erosion of Proper Places." (Chapter for edited volume on "displacement economies," Submitted for publication)
- n.d. "The Pyramidal Structure of Zimbabwe's Illegal Foreign Currency Trade." Nordic Africa Institute (Uppsala, Sweden). *(Working paper in preparation)*

n.d. "'It's Not Normal But It's Common': Marriage, Household and Social Order in Accounts of African Youth." CODESRIA Millennium Working Group on African Youth Identity (Dakar, Senegal). *(Submitted for publication; initially published as an unrevised conference presentation in the CODESRIA Bulletin.* (2009) 3-4: pp. 3-14).

### **Invited Presentations**

- 2010 "Making Something Out of Nothing at All: Opportunity, Survival Economics and Temporal Displacement." Presented at the Nordic Africa Institute Conference on Displacement Economies, Uppsala, Sweden (April).
- 2009 "'I Was Forced by the Situation': Hyperinflation, Culture and Demands of the Present." Presented at the British Museum Conference on "Living with Hyperinflation and Dollarisation: Zimbabwe," London, UK (November).
- 2009 "'It is the Common Way but not the Normal Way': Marriage, Household and Social Order in Accounts of African Youth." Presented at the CODESRIA Conference on "New Frontiers in Child and Youth Research," Douala, Cameroon (August).
- 2009 "'Change is Going to Come': Small Change and Zimbabwean Hyperinflation, 2006-2009." Presented at the Joint Social Thought Seminar, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa (March).
- 2008 "'These Days, Everyone is Doing It': The Rise of the *Kukiya-kiya* Economy in Zimbabwe, 2000-2008." Paper presented at the Zimbabwean Political Economies of Displacement conference, hosted by the Nordic Africa Institute and the Forced Migration Center, University of Witswatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (June).

## **Conference Presentations**

- 2011 "Operation 'Lower Your Prices': Speculation, Political Narrative, and the Internal Enemy in Hyperinflationary Zimbabwe." Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal (November).
- 2011 "Minding the Gaps in Hyperinflationary Zimbabwe." Presented at the University of Chicago African Studies Workshop Conference on "Time, Place, and the Problem of Uncertainty in Africa" (May).
- 2010 "Drunk All Round: Mutual Drinking and Hyperinflation in Zimbabwe." Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans (November).
- 2010 "Beyond the Symbols': Interests, Waste, and Political Theory." Presented at the University of Chicago African Studies Workshop Conference on the Legacy of *African Political Systems* (May).
- 2009 "What Have You Brought Us?' Money Changers and the Open Secret in Hyperinflationary Zimbabwe." Presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (December).
- 2008 "The Beerometer: Basic Commodities and the Popular Imagination in Hyperinflationary Zimbabwe." Paper presented at the Anthropology Southern Africa annual meeting, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa (August).
- 2007 "The Boyz Jump the Border: Adventure and Money-making in the Midst of the Zimbabwean Crisis." Presented at the Anthropology Southern Africa Annual meeting, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa (November).
- 2005 "Suicide and the Domestic: A Critique of Foucault." Presented at 2005 Michicago Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (May).

- 2005 "Cellphones, Corruption, Crime: Revising the Three "C's" in Millennial Zimbabwe." Presented at the Interdisciplinary Christianities Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2005; and again at the American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington D.C. (November).
- 2004 "God's Entrepreneur: Corruption at the heart of Zimbabwe's Chronotope." Presented at the University of Chicago African Studies Workshop Conference on "Struggling with the State in Africa" (May).
- 2003 "An Informant: Hastings Kamuzu Banda and Boasian Linguistics at the University of Chicago." Co-written with Gretchen Pfeil. Presented at the Michicago Linguistic Anthropology Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (April).

# Academic Positions Held

Adjunct Lecturer in Social Sciences, Eugene Lange College (The New School), 2011

Adjunct Lecturer in Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2007-2009.

# **Professional Experience**

1996-2002 Various positions with various non-profit and non-governmental organizations, both in the US and Zimbabwe. Issues covered included human rights, gender, youth, leadership, and the environment. Tasks included training, service learning supervision, monitoring and evaluation, grant-writing, project administration, and publicity.