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EDUCATION

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Fuchu, Tokyo, Japan
PhD Candidate in Sustainability

Passed PhD Candidacy examination with distinction in the
Foundations of Sustainability Research.

Dissertation Title: *Lost in Neverland: Forty Years of Non-institutionalised Immigrant Policy and the Implications for the Lives of Immigrants in Japan, 1980 - 2020.*

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Master of Arts in Social Anthropology, with distinction, 2016

Dissertation: *In Search of Advice: {re}defining Meaningful Access to Justice in the District Courts of Johannesburg.*

University of Pretoria, Tshwane, South Africa.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Anthropology, Upper-first class, 2012

Research Essay: *A Walk in the Prison: Salvation, Prison Ministry and a Present-Day Mission.*

PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates peer-reviewed

Contributing Author in Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2015 Hart, Tim G.B., Ramoroka, Kgabo H., Jacobs, Peter T., & Letty, Brigid A.. (2015). *Revealing the social face of innovation*. South African Journal of Science, 111(9-10), 01-06.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.17159/SAJS.2015/20140126> *
- 2013 Kgabo Ramoroka, Makale Ngwenya, Brandon Bodenstein, Tim Hart & Peter Jacobs. (2013). *Mapping Innovation Technologies for Rural Development in the Mopani District Municipality, South Africa*. Human Sciences Research Council, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa. 1 -54
- 2013 Alexandra Mhula-Links, Makale Ngwenya, Brandon Bodenstein, Tim Hart and Peter Jacobs. (2013). *Mapping Innovation for Rural Development in Dr. Ruth Segomatsi District Municipality, South Africa*. Human Sciences Research Council, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa

Book Reviews

- 2021 Brandon Bodenstein (2021) *The world in Guangzhou: Africans and other foreigners in South China's global marketplace*, Anthropology Southern Africa, 44:1, 47-48, DOI: 10.1080/23323256.2021.1903332
- 2017 Bodenstein, B. (2017), Tsing, Anna Lowenhaupt. *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2015. xii + 331 pp., references, index. Anthropology and Humanism, 42: 230-232.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/anhu.12178>

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2021 - 2023 Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, Japan
- 2020 - 2021 Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship for Research Students, Japan
- 2016 Postgraduate fellowship, Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI), South Africa

Internal

- 2022 International Organization for Migration (IOM) internship (university recommendation) (2022), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies International Education Support Fund. Japan
- 2016 University of the Witwatersrand Postgraduate Masters Merit Bursary Award, South Africa
- 2012 University of Pretoria Postgraduate Merit Award, South Africa

AWARDS

- 2022 Annual Conference of Joint Doctoral Program for Sustainability Research, University of Electro-Communications, Best Poster Award.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 International Organization for Migration (IOM) internship (2022), Tokyo University of Foreign Studies International
- 2020 - 2023 Teaching Assistant for University of South Africa undergraduate course 'Sustainability and Greed', Online
- 2021 Teaching Assisting under Prof. Takeuchi, Introduction to a History of Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.
- 2019 - 2020 Sessional Lecturer in The Department of Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies, University of Pretoria, undergraduate course 'Small Places, Large Issues: Exploring the Social Constructions of Comfort Zones and their Place in Perceptions of the Self and the Other' and 'Fieldwork, Ethnography and Theory
- 2017 Junior Lecturer in The Department of Anthropology, Archaeology and Development Studies, University of Pretoria, undergraduate course 'Small Places, Large Issues: Exploring the Social Constructions of Comfort Zones and their Place in Perceptions of the Self and the Other'
- 2014 - 2015 Teaching English as a foreign language in Sakai City, Japan
- 2013 - 2014 Researcher, Fieldworker at the Human Sciences Research Council, Social Face of Innovation Project, South Africa

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PAPERS

- 2023 *'Hand-Cash Jobs And The Hyper-Precarious Lives Of Immigrants In Japan: An Examination Of The Increasing Presence Of Immigrants In The Part-Time Labour Sector'* Annual Conference for JDPSR, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2022 *'Japan's Agriculture and Ruralities in the 21st Century; an analysis of how policy reviews the role of overseas workers to address labour shortages'*. Japanese

- Association For Migration Policy Studies (JAMPS) Annual Conference, Shizuoka, Japan
- 2016: *'Bringing life to Law in Johannesburg's Magistrate Courts'*, Contemporary Ethnography Across Disciplines (CEAD), South Africa
- 2014 *'Experiences of anthropologists in the context of South Africa's development policy making environment'* Anthropology Southern Africa (ASNA) Annual Conference
- 2012 *'Money, Music and Motives; making sense of missionary work within the confines of the ODI-Prison'* Anthropology Southern Africa (ASNA) Annual Conference

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2022 Moderator and organizer of the student session, presentations on partnerships and networking at the Fifth South Africa – Japan University (SAJU) Forum Conference.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

- 2021 - 2023 Dissertation Research
Ethnographic Research in Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, Archival Research in the National Archives of Japan, Ibaraki Prefectural Archives and Museum, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forest(Archives). Qualitative interviews.
- 2020 - 2021 Preliminary Dissertation Research
Japanese language training at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

University of Witwatersrand

- 2015 - 2016 MA Dissertation Research
Ethnographic and archival research, Department of Anthropology, Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa. Historical Papers Research Archive (HPRA), and the South African History Archive (SAHA). National Archives of South Africa.

Human Sciences Research Council

- 2013 - 2014 Fieldworker, Writer and Data Collection & Analysis
Ethnographic research in Rural South Africa focused on the social dynamics of scientific and economic innovation: questionnaire development and methodological strategists.

University of Pretoria

- 2012 Honors Research Report
Ethnographic research at the ODI-Prison in South Africa on Christian Rehabilitation Programs in medium-security prisons.

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
Afrikaans (native)
Japanese (intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Japanese Association for Migration and Policy Studies (JAMPS)
Japan Society for Afrasian Studies (JAHS)
Anthropology of Southern Africa (ASNA)
Contemporary Ethnography Across Disciplines (CEAD)