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Education

Ph.D., African History, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis MN, Sept. 2013

Dissertation Title: The Tragedy of the Ababirwas: Cattle Herding, Power and the Socio-environmental History of the Ethnic Identity of the Babirwa in Botswana, 1920 to the Present.

Dissertation Advisors: Allen Isaacman and Helena Pohlandt-McCormick

Supporting fields

1. Development Studies & Social Change
2. Public Health

M.A., African History, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, May 2003

Postgraduate Diploma in Education, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, May 1995

B.A. (History and Sociology majors), University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana, May 1994

Scholarship

Publications

Book

Christian John Makgala, **Phuthego P. Molosiwa** & Zibani Maundeni, *History of Botswana Manual Workers Union: A Story of Courageous Struggle for Economic Advancement* (Gaborone: Bay Publishing, 2007). ISBN: 978-9-99125-989-5.

Journal Articles

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, 'Doff white shirts, don overalls': Urbanophobia, Rural Enterprise and the Ideal of Masculine Citizenship in Post-Colonial Botswana, *Journal of Southern African Studies* 49, 2023 - Issue 5-6: Part-Special Issue: Histories of Protest in East London and the Eastern Cape, South Africa

Phuthego P. Molosiwa and Maitseo M.M. Bolaane, "The Root of All Evil?": Cash Boom, Trader Misfeasance and Poverty in World War II Bechuanaland Protectorate", *South African Historical Journal*. Published online (21 May 2023). [DOI:10.1080/02582473.2023.2205603](https://doi.org/10.1080/02582473.2023.2205603)

Sunny Aiyuk and **Phuthego P. Molosiwa**, "Sanitize the Man, Sanitize the Car: Covid 19 Disease Control in Botswana", *Journal of Developing Societies*, 39 (2), (2023), 1-21. [DOI: 10.1177/09734082231158877](https://doi.org/10.1177/09734082231158877)

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, Maitseo M.M. Bolaane and Boingotlo A. Moses, "Certainly not! It is a disease of the Makgalagadi": The Ethnicisation of Endemic Syphilis in the Bakwena Reserve, Bechuanaland Protectorate", *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 48 (6), 2022, 1-19. DOI:10.1080/03057070.2022.2146938

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, Maitseo M.M. Bolaane, "A Peaceful Country': Refugees, Masculinities and Anti-radical National Identity in Early Postcolonial Botswana", *Historia*, 66 (2), 2021, 48-73.

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "The Big Cough!": Tuberculosis, Popular Perceptions and Beliefs in the Eastern Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1932-1967." *Limina: A Journal of Historical and Cultural Studies*, 22 (1) 2016, 1-18

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "A Walking Museum of Clinical Syphilis?": Gender, Sexuality and Syphilis in the Eastern Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1930s-1950s." *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 49 (3) 2016, 179-194

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "Bakgomong: The Babirwa's Transboundary Pastoralist Identity and Social Change in Late 19th Century Botswana", *New Contree: Journal of Historical and Human Sciences for Southern Africa*, No. 75, July 2016, 14-40

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "A Country of Farmers: The Social History of Indigenous Knowledge and Rural Development in Botswana", *Botswana Notes and Records*, 47, 2016, 45-55

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "Rinderpest and Famine in the Bechuanaland Protectorate: The Case of the Bangwato Reserve", *Contemporary Journal of African Studies*, 2(2), 2014, 113-136

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "White Man's Disease, Black Man's Peril?": Rinderpest and Famine in the Eastern Bechuanaland Protectorate at the End of the 19th Century", *New Contree: Journal of Historical and Human Sciences for Southern Africa*, No. 71, December 2014, 1-24. doi.org/10.4102/nc.v71i0.190

Phuthego P. Molosiwa, "Capitalist Transformation, Thievery and Cross-border Cattle Rustling on the Kgatleng/Transvaal Frontier, 1920-1960", *Pula: Botswana Journal of African Studies*, 21(2), 2007, 200-218

Book Chapters

Maitseo M.M. Bolaane, **Phuthego P. Molosiwa** & Barbara N. Ngwenya, "A Magnificent Sheet of Water": A Historiography of Lake Ngami Landscape and its Ecosystem Services in the Lower Okavango Delta, Botswana", in Kgathi, et al (eds.), *Dynamics of Ecosystem Services and Human Well-being in the Okavango Delta's Lake Ngami, Botswana: Implications for Sustainability Science and Policy* (Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishing 2018). SBN: 978-1-53613-988-4.

Maitseo M.M. Bolaane and **Phuthego P. Molosiwa**, "The 1934 Proclamations", in P.T. Mgadla and B.T. Mokopakgosi (eds.), *Forty Years on: Essays in Celebration of Botswana's Forty Years of Independence, 1966-2006* (Gaborone: Department of Information and Broadcasting Services, 2008), pp. 86-90. ISBN: 13: 978-9-99-124276-7.

Ongoing Research

"Shake yourself; get those flies off you....!": Filth, Biomedical Racism and Ethnic Pathology in Late Colonial Botswana, 1944-1956

Future Research

"Nature Lives Just as We Live": Wetlands in Parched Landscape, Bio-cultural Diversity and Changing Environmental Knowledge in the Okavango Delta, 1800-Present

"*Fatshe Leno La Rona*, This Land of Ours": Ethnic Chauvinism and the Construction of a Tswana National Identity in Botswana Since Pre-colonial Times

"A Food Deficit Country?" Insidious Droughts and the Quest for Food Security in Colonial and Post-colonial Botswana, 1895-Present

Conferences

"Shake yourself; get those flies off you....!": Dirt, Ethnic Pathology and Biomedical Racism in Late Colonial Botswana, 1944-1956, 'Resistance': Biennial Conference Society for the Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, 16-19 July 2024

'Past Futures: New Histories from Southern Africa', Collaboration between University of Cologne and University of Zambia, and Sponsored by the German Research Foundation, Lusaka, Zambia, 3-5 July 2024

'History at the Precipice: Continuity, Change and Crises in Southern Africa', 29th Biennial conference of The Southern African Historical Society (SAHS), University of Johannesburg, South Africa, 26-28 June 2024

"Doff White Shirts, Don Overalls': Anti-Urbanism, Rural Enterprise and Masculinities in Postcolonial Botswana." Presented at the 28th Biennial Conference of the Southern African Historical Society, University of Fort Hare, South Africa, June 28-30, 2022

“Settlement History, Names and Bio-cultural Diversity: The Kwando/Okavango Region”, Presented at The Environmental History of the Kavango-Zambezi Transboundary Conservation Area, Katima Mulilo, Namibia, March 7-8, 2022.

“Our Native Body Does Not Agree with European Food”: Diet, Bodily Health and Disease in Late Colonial Botswana.” Presented at the 27th *Biennial Conference of the Southern African Historical Society*, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, SA, June 24-26, 2019

“The Medicine Van’: Social Diseases, Healthcare and Mobile Dispensaries in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1930s-1966.” Presented at the *Travel and the Hospital: From Pilgrimage to Medical Tourism, 12 Conference of the INHH and VIII Abrils de l’Hospital*, April 24-26, 2019, Universitat de Barcelona

“Fatshe Leno La Rona, This Land of Ours”: The Persistence of Ethnic Chauvinism in Botswana’s National Identity.” Presented at the *International Conference on Race, Identity and Globalization in the SADC Region*, February 22-24, 2019, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana

“The Root of All Evil’: Cash Boom, Trader Mifeasance and Poverty in World War II Bechuanaland Protectorate”, Presented at the *International Conference of the Historical Association of South Africa*, June 23-25, 2016, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa

“The Big Cough”: Migrant Labour and the Cultural Politics of Tuberculosis in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1930-1960.” Presented at the 25th *Biennial Conference of the Southern African Historical Society*, July 1-3, 2015, STIAS, Stellenbosch, South Africa

“A Masculine Nation of Farmers?’: Rural Development and National Identity in Botswana”, Presented at the *Mogae International Development and Governance Research Institute (MIDGRI) Research Conference*, Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST), September 21-23, 2014, Palapye, Botswana

“A Highly Syphilized Nation?:’ Gender, Sexuality and Syphilis in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.” Presented at the *Love and Revolution Conference, Center for Humanities Research*, October 11-13, 2012, University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Seminars

“Strategic Covid-19 Adaptation and Resilience for Business Continuity at Botswana Open University,” Botswana Open University Seminar Series, July 8, 2022

“The Big Cough: Migrant Labour and the Cultural Politics of Tuberculosis in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1930-1960.” History Department Seminar, University of Botswana Gaborone, Botswana, April 16, 2015

“The Cultural Politics of Gender and National Identity: Anti-urbanism Rhetoric, Farming and the Remaking of Men in Postcolonial Botswana.” History Department Seminar, University of Botswana Gaborone, Botswana, February 20, 2014

“My Dissertation Research Experience”, Development Studies and Social Change Doctoral Research Workshop. Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change University of Minnesota, March 11, 2013

“Rinderpest and Local Famine Coping Strategies in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1895- 1908.” Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, Brown Bag Seminar, University of Minnesota, USA, September 2, 2011

"Migrant Labour in Colonial Botswana: A Contributor to Food Deficits?" Department of History Seminar, University of Botswana, November 20, 2006

Peer Review Experience

Medical History & African History Peer Evaluator, "Quality, Impact Standing of Research Portfolios", South African National Research Foundation (NRF), November 2023

"State Regulation of Maize Production, and Peasants' Responses in Colonial Southern Malawi, 1920s – 1960," *African Historical Review*, January 2022

"The Dynamics of Cattle Farming, Bovine Disease and State Intervention in Ngamiland District, Botswana, 1966-2000", *Botswana Notes and Records* 50, December 2018

"From Department to Corporation: The Establishment of the Botswana Telecommunications Corporation, 1888-1980", *Botswana Notes and Records*, January 2015

"Boipelego and Ipelegeng: Before and After Independence", *Botswana Notes and Records*, Notes Section, September 2013

"State Assistance to White Freehold Farmers in the Tuli Block and Underdevelopment in Adjacent Areas, 1930-1966", *Pula: Botswana Journal of African Studies*, April 2008

Fellowships, Awards, Distinctions

Academic Travel Award, Carleton College and Claremont Mckenna College, 'Resistance': Biennial Conference Society for the Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, 16-19 July 2024

Academic Travel Award, University of Free State, 'History at the Precipice: Continuity, Change and Crises in Southern Africa', 29th Biennial conference of The Southern African Historical Society (SAHS), University of Johannesburg, South Africa, 26-28 June 2024

Academic Travel Award, The German Research Foundation, 'Past Futures: New Histories from Southern Africa', Collaborative Workshop between the University of Cologne and the University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia: 3-5 July 2024

Research Grant, Faculty Research Fund, Carleton College, April 2024

Benedict Distinguished Visiting Professor of History, Carleton College, Northfield MN, USA, September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024

Academic Travel Award, European Research Council, ERC Advanced Project Rewilding, CRC 228 Future Rural Africa and Center for African Studies, Basel, March 7-8, 2022

Research Fellowship: History Department, University of Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, 2021-2023

Research Grant: Botswana Open University, BOU Covid-19 Internal Research Grant, January-November 2021

Emerald Publishing Award: Conference Travel Award for the 25th Biennial Conference of the Southern African Historical Society, Stellenbosch, July 1-3, 2015

Conference Travel Award: Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) Award: Conference Travel Award for the First MIDGRI Research Conference, Palapye, Botswana, September 21-23, 2014

Visiting Doctoral Fellowship: Center for Humanities Research, University of Western Cape, Cape Town South Africa, Sept.-Dec. 2012

Research Grant: History Department, University of Minnesota, June-August 2010

Andrew W. Mellon Doctoral Fellowship: The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change, University of Minnesota, Sept. 2008-Sept. 2013

Teaching Experience

July 2024-June 2025: Visiting Professor of African History, Department of History, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, USA

Courses:

1. Medical Humanities: Healing Traditions in Sub-Saharan Africa
2. Early Africa in the Global Context
3. Ecology and Society in Africa to the Present
4. Modern Africa, 1800-Present

Sept 2023-June 2024: Benedict Distinguished Visiting Professor of History, Department of History, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, USA

Fall 2023 Courses:

5. Early Africa in the Global Context
6. Disease, Health & Healing in African History

Winter 2024 Courses

7. Migrant Labor & Masculinities in Southern African History

Spring 2024 Courses

8. Ecology and Society in Africa to the Present
9. Modern Africa, 1800-Present

Aug. 2015-Jul. 2024: Faculty Affiliate, History Department, University of Botswana

Courses:

1. Africa and Its Past on Film

Feb. 2014-Jul. 2023: Senior Lecturer, Department of Environmental Studies, School of Social Sciences, Botswana Open University

Program Coordinator:

1. MSc, Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Africa

Sept. 2012 – Sept. 2013: Reader/Grader, Department of History, School of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

Courses:

1. History of the Crusades
2. Modern World History

Sept. 2008 – Aug. 2012: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, School of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

Courses:

3. Modern Africa in a Changing World
4. Early Africa and its Global Connections

Aug. 2006 – Aug 2008: Lecturer, Department of History, Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana

Courses:

1. History of the Superpowers
2. Slavery in African History

Aug. 2005 – Jul 2006: Part-time Lecturer, Department of Languages & Social Sciences, Faculty of Education, University of Botswana

Course:

1. History Teaching at Senior Secondary Schools

Jan 2001-Dec 2005: Senior Teacher, St. Joseph's College, Gaborone, Botswana

Subjects:

1. Social Studies
2. General History
3. Development Studies

Oct 1995-Dec 2000: Teacher, Etsha Secondary School (Okavango Delta), Department of Secondary Education, Ministry of Education, Botswana

Subject:

1. Social Studies

Dissertations & Thesis Supervised

Davidson Mugodzwa, "The History of Changing Natural Resource Access Regimes and African Response in the Charter District of Zimbabwe, 1890-1980" (DPhil Thesis, Department of History, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe, 2021).

Caroline Dubulu, "The Re-integration of Training/Education with Production in the Botswana Brigades Curriculum" (M.Ed Dissertation, Department of Educational Leadership, Botswana Open University, Gaborone, Botswana, 2021).

Ronald Lepono, "Perceptions of Gantsi Teachers on Online Distance Learning: the Case of Rethuseng Community Junior Secondary School" (M.Ed Dissertation, Department of Educational Leadership, Botswana Open University, Gaborone, Botswana, 2018).

Kefilwe Tshepo Body, "Politics, Social Power and Religion: The Downfall of Tswapong Famous Ancestral Worship (Komana) from Pre-colonial Times to the Present" (B.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Botswana, 2017).

University Service

Botswana Open University

Member: Faculty Quality Assurance Committee, School of Social Sciences, January 2022-July 2023

Ex-officio Member: Board of School of Graduate Studies, January 2020-July 2023

Head of Department: Department of Environmental Studies, 2019-2023

External Member: Board of School of Science and Technology, January 2019-July 2023

Deputy Chair: Conference Funding Committee, January 2018-July 2023

Senate Representative: University Research and Innovation Committee, January 2018-July 2023

Ex-officio Member: University Senate, January 2018-July 2023

Member (academic staff representative): University Council, June 2018-May 2020

Vice Chancellor's Delegate: African Union High Level Dialogue on Democracy, Governance and Human Rights, GICC, Gaborone, Botswana, November 14-16, 2018

Member: University Conditions of Service Review Committee, January to December 2017

Ex-officio Member: Board of School of Social Sciences, February 2014-July 2023

Member: University Graduation Committee, January 2014- July 2017

University of Botswana

Teaching Practice Supervisor, August 2006-July 2008

Professional Engagement & Community Service

Member & Botswana Open University Representative: National Environmental Education Committee (Department of Environmental Affairs, Botswana), January 2022-July 2023

Strategic Partner: Botswana Digital and Innovation Hub, 2021-Current

Research Fellow: History Department, University of Free State, South Africa, 2021-Current

Deputy Chair: Mophane Primary School Parents and Teachers Association, January 2021-July 2023

Rapporteur: 2019 Botswana General Elections National Stakeholder Evaluation Workshop, Gaborone, 26 February 2020

Expert (Registration & Accreditation): Botswana Qualifications Authority, Gaborone, Botswana, 2017-2022

Faculty Affiliate: History Department, University of Botswana, 2015-current

Participant: British Council InterAction Leadership Program, 2005-2008

Executive Committee Member: Botswana Social Studies Association, 1996-2000

Technical Reports

Strategic COVID-19 Adaptation and Resilience for Business Continuity at Botswana Open University, 29-11-2021

National Stakeholder Evaluation Report for the Botswana 2019 General Elections. Produced for the Independent Electoral Commission of Botswana and Sponsored by International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Support, 19-11-2020

Membership of Professional Organizations

Associate Member: International Society for Development and Sustainability, May 2021 to date

Member: Southern African Historical Society, January 2019 to date

Member: The Botswana Society, Gaborone, Botswana, 2017 to date

Workshops Attended

Advantage Corporate Governance Conference & Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa, November 12-15, 2019

Strengthening Writing Skills for Publishing Research Outputs in Peer-Reviewed Journals Workshop, University of Botswana, July 22-26, 2019

Performance Management System Workshop, Performance Growth Consultants, Gaborone, Botswana, March 13-14, 2019

Corporate Governance In-House Training for BOU members of Council, Botswana Open University, September 12, 2018

Online Course Development and Teaching for Distance Education Practitioners, Botswana Open University, June-July 2018

Review Workshop for Bachelor of Environmental Management & Sustainable Development, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 13-17, 2016. Invited by the Commonwealth of Learning

Emerald Research and Writing Workshop, Phakalane Golf Resort, Gaborone, Botswana, November 03-04, 2014

Research Integrity Workshop (sponsored and organized by SARIMA), Gaborone International Convention Centre (GICC), Gaborone, Botswana, July 07, 2014

King III Corporate Governance Workshop, Gaborone, Botswana, March 12, 2014

Notesmaster Training, BOCODOL, Gaborone, Botswana, March 06, 2014

Preparing Future Faculty Workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Minnesota, January 17, 2013

Being an Ally in the Work of Equity and Diversity, Office of Equity and Diversity, University of Minnesota, February 2013

Publishing and Editing Workshop, Center for Humanities Research, University of Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, November 22-23, 2012

Certifications

Certificate of Completion: DIES/CREST Online Training Course for Supervisors of Doctoral Candidates at African Universities, Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science & Technology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, July 20 – November 30, 2020

Certificate of Attendance: Advantage Corporate Governance Conference & Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa, November 12-15, 2019

Certificate of Completion: Strengthening Writing Skills for Publishing Research Outputs in Peer-Reviewed Journals Workshop, University of Botswana, July 22-26, 2019

Certificate of Attendance: Performance Management System Workshop, Performance Growth Consultants, Gaborone, Botswana, March 13-14, 2019

Certificate of Completion: Designing an Online Course in Moodle, Botswana Open University, June 6-8, 2018

Certificate of Completion: Introduction to Technology-Enabled Learning, offered jointly by the Commonwealth of Learning and Athabasca University, Canada, November 6 – December 10, 2017.

Certificate of Completion: Critical Thinking in Global Challenges, Coursera Online Courses, Mar. 2013.