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PhD, English and Related Literature, University of York (United Kingdom), 2016.
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ENGL 2010 Intermediate College Writing
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Publications:

Postsecular Poetics and the Sacred in Sub-Saharan African Literature (Monograph in development)

The Body Now: Somatic Vocabularies from the Millennial Global South, special issue of Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies (forthcoming).

"History, Humour, and Spirituality in Contemporary Nigeria: A Conversation with Okey Ndibe." Wasafiri: The Magazine of International Contemporary Writing (forthcoming).

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"Sacralising the Streets: Pedestrian Mapping and Urban Imaginaries in Teju Cole's *Open City* and Phaswane Mpe's *Welcome to Our Hillbrow.*" *The Journal of Commonwealth Literature*. Article first published online: April 5, 2017. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/0021989417700232

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Book Review

"Review of Anthea Garman, Antjie Krog and the Post-Apartheid Public Sphere: Speaking Poetry to Power." African Studies Quarterly | Vol 17 No 1. March 2017. http://www.africa.ufl.edu/asq/pdfs/v17i1a7.pdf

Research interests:

- World and Postcolonial Literature
- African Literatures
- Religion and literature
- The body in fiction
- Postsecular studies