

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Research Fellow  
Thematic expertise: Gender, health, citizenships

### OVERVIEW

Elizabeth Mills is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies. With a PhD on HIV, medicine, biopolitics and citizenship, she has over fifteen years of working as a researcher and qualitative and quantitative research leader. Prior to completing her PhD and taking up the position of Gender Research Fellow, she was the Deputy Director of the AIDS Research Unit at the University of Cape Town, where she taught and supervised students in Sociology and Anthropology, conducted and published quantitative and qualitative research on gender and sexual health, traditional healing, the science of anthropology, health-related stigma and disclosure. Currently, the convenor of a large four-year multi-country programme of research on sexuality, poverty and the law, Elizabeth Mills continues to manage large qualitative and quantitative research teams internationally, and to publish ethnographic and policy research on gender, sexual health, reproductive health, HIV and Ebola.

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### EDUCATION

**2009** PhD, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex  
**2006** MPhil, University of Cambridge  
**2003** BSocSc(Hons), University of Cape Town  
**2002** BSocSc, University of Cape Town

### RECORD OF PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

**Deputy Director, AIDS and Society Research Unit, University of Cape Town**

- August 2006 – September 2009

**Lecturer, Social Anthropology and Sociology, University of Cape Town**

- Lecturer, Convenor: Medical Anthropology; Sociology of Gender and HIV; Qualitative Research Methods.
- January 2007 – June 2009

**Lecturer, Social Anthropology, University of Stellenbosch**

- Lecturer, Convenor: Culture, Power and Identity

**Researcher, AIDS and Society Research Unit, University of Cape Town**

- Conducted and published research on: stigma, sex, traditional healing, unemployment, ARV adherence.
- January 2004 – September 2005

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

#### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

1. Mills, E. 2005. HIV Illness Meanings and Collaborative Healing Strategies. *Journal of Social Dynamics*, 31: 126 - 160.
2. Mills, E. 2006. "From the Physical Self to the Social Body: Expression and Effect of HIV-Related Stigma in South Africa". *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 16: 498 - 503.
3. MacGregor, H and Mills, E. 2011. "Framing Rights and Responsibilities: The accounts of women with a history of AIDS activism". *BMC International Health and Human Rights*. 11:S7.
4. Standing, H., Hawkins, K., Mills, E., Theobald, S. and Undie, C. 2011. "Introduction: Contextualising

- 'Rights' in Sexual and Reproductive Health". *BMC International Health and Human Rights*. 11:S1.
5. Mills, E. 2011. "Life beyond HIV: Women's Narratives of Strength, Vulnerability and Resilience in South Africa" in *Challenges to Life: HIV and Inequality in Brazil and South Africa*. Vieira, A. and Rocha, S. (Eds). University of Pernambuco: Brazil.
  6. de Paoli, M. M., Mills, E. A. & Gronningsaeter, A. B. 2012. "The ARV roll out and the disability grant: a South African dilemma?" *J Int AIDS Soc*, 15: 6.
  7. Mills, E. 2016. "You have to raise a fist!": Seeing and speaking to the state in South Africa". *IDS Bulletin* 47:1.
  8. Mills, E., Lalor, K. and Sánchez García, A. 2016. "Starting Conversations: A Cross-Continental Dialogue on Avenues to Advance Sexuality and Gender Justice," in *Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice: What's law got to do with it?* Lalor, K. , Mills, E. Sánchez García, A. and Haste, H (Eds). IDS: Brighton.
  9. Lalor, K., Sánchez García, A. and Mills, E. 2016. "How Useful is the Law for Attaining Sexual and Gender Justice?" in *Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice: What's law got to do with it?* Lalor, K., Mills, E. Sánchez García, A. and Haste, H (Eds). IDS: Brighton.
  10. Sánchez García, A., Mills, E. and Lalor, K. "What is the Scope for Joint Working to Advance Sexual and Gender Justice?" in *Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice: What's law got to do with it?* Lalor, K. Mills, E. Sánchez García, A. and Haste, H (Eds). IDS: Brighton.
  11. Mills, E. Under Review, January 2016. "Embodied Topologies: Space and the place of memory in ethnographic accounts of life and death among women living with HIV in South Africa". *Health and Place*.
  12. Mills, E. Under Review, December 2015. "Ambivalent embodiment and risky therapies in the wake of South Africa's struggle for antiretrovirals". *Medical Anthropology*.
  13. Mills, E. Under Review, November 2015. "When the skies fight: Gender, HIV and Precarity in South Africa". *Journal of Reproductive Health and Medicine*.

### **Books**

14. Lalor, K. Mills, E. Sánchez García, A. and Haste, H (Eds). 2016. *Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice: What's law got to do with it?* IDS: Brighton.

### **Peer-reviewed Publications**

15. Mills, E. 2004. Beyond the Disease of Discrimination: A Critical Analysis of Stigma in KTC, Cape Town. *Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper 100*. University of Cape Town: Cape Town.
16. Gobodo-Madikizela, P., with Ross, F. and Mills, E. 2005. *Women's Contributions to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission*. Women Waging Peace Policy Commission: Harvard University.
17. Mills, E. 2008. "Swimming in Confusion: Factors Affecting Uptake and Adherence to Antiretroviral Treatment in South Africa". *Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper 208*. University of Cape Town: Cape Town.
18. Mills, E. and Magazi, B. 2009. "From Rhetoric to Reality: An Empirical Appraisal of South Africa's 2007-2011 HIV/AIDS National Strategic Plan". *Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper 258*. University of Cape Town: Cape Town.
19. Mills, E., de Paoli, M. M. & Grønningstæter, A. 2009. "Love in the Time of AIDS: The Relational Gender Dynamics of Prevention, Testing and Treatment". *Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper 252*. University of Cape Town: Cape Town.
20. Mills, E. and Maughan-Brown, B. 2009. "Ties that Bind: HIV-Disclosure as Consequence and Catalyst of Stigma and Support in Households". *Centre for Social Science Research Working Paper 266*. University of Cape Town: Cape Town.
21. MacGregor, H. and Mills, E. 2009. 'Mapping Change and Continuity: Living with HIV as a Chronic Illness in South Africa', *Assembling Bodies*, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge.
22. De Paoli, M., Groeningstæter, A. And Mills, E. 2010. *Poverty Reduction Strategies in a Public Health*

*Perspective: Social grants, HIV and the roll-out of HAART in South Africa.* Fafo: Norway.

23. Mills, E. 2012. "Reflections and refractions: the rights and responsibilities of women as agents of change". *ACU Bulletin*. London.
24. Oosterhoff, P., Mills, E. & Oosterom, M. 2014. "Addressing Sexual Violence in and beyond the 'Warzone'". *Rapid Response Briefing*. IDS: Brighton.
25. Cornelius, R., Shahrokh, T. and Mills, E. 2015. "Coming Together to End Gender Violence: Report of Deliberative Engagements with Stakeholders on the Issue of Collective Action to Address Sexual and Gender-based Violence, and the Role of Men and Boys, October 2014, Cape Town, South Africa". *IDS Evidence Report 112*.
26. Mills, E., and Munslow, T. 2015. *Sexuality, Poverty and the Law: A Case Study Approach for Exploring Avenues of Change*. IDS Evidence Report; 153.
27. Nesbitt-Ahmed, Z., Mills, E. and Diggins, J. 2015. "Engaging Men and Boys to End Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Sierra Leone: A Stakeholder Mapping Report, June 2014". *IDS Evidence Report; 110*.
28. Mills, E., Shahrokh, T., Black, G., Wheeler, J. Cornelius, R. van den Heever, L. 2015. "Turning the Tide: The Role of Collective Action for Addressing Structural and Gender-based Violence in South Africa." *IDS Evidence Report 118*. Institute of Development Studies, Brighton.
29. Mills, E. 2015. "Leave No One Behind': Gender, Sexuality and the Sustainable Development Goals." *IDS Evidence Report; 154*.
30. Mills, E, et al. 2015 "They Call Me Warrior': The Legacy of Conflict and the Struggle to End Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Sierra Leone." No. *IDS Evidence Report; 155*.

#### **Exhibits and Multimedia Products**

31. MacGregor, H. And Mills, E. 2009. 'Mapping Change and Continuity: Living with HIV as a Chronic Illness in South Africa', *Assembling Bodies Exhibition*, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge.
32. *Sexuality and Social Justice: A Toolkit*. IDS: Brighton. Available at: <http://www.spl.ids.ac.uk/sexuality-and-social-justice-toolkit>

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#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

1. "The biopolitics of vulnerability: Embodiment and precarious life for women living with HIV in Brazil and South Africa". Oxford Brookes University. Vulnerability and the politics of care. January 2016.
2. "New generation struggles — emergent forms of biosociality and the precarious embodiment of viruses and medicines, hope and risk." Birckbeck, University of London. Medicine, Art and Activism Conference. December 2015.
3. "Biopolitical precarity: living life in the wake of the struggle for AIDS biomedicines in South Africa". Annual Medical Anthropology Conference. September 2015.
4. "Embodied Topologies: Women's Sense-Making of HIV through Memory and Space in South Africa." 1994-2014: 20 years of South African Democracy. Oxford University, England. April, 2014.
5. "Embodied Ignorance: Mapping HIV and AIDS Biomedicine in the Body." International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. Manchester, England. August, 2013.
6. "Voice, Vulnerability and Visibility: Reflections on academic accountability, power and participatory photography with HIV-positive women in South Africa." *Critical Women: Women as Agents of Change through Higher Education*. Association of Commonwealth Universities. Colombo, Sri Lanka. March 2012.
7. "AIDS Biomedicine and Embodied Health Citizenship among Women Living with HIV in South Africa." *1st International HIV Social Science and Humanities Conference, 11 – 13 June 2011*. Durban, South Africa. June 2011.
8. "The political economy of HIV in South Africa." Book Launch: *Challenges to Life: HIV and Inequality in Brazil and South Africa*. University of Pernambuco. Recife, Brazil. February 2011.

9. "Tracing the dynamics of gender inequality and HIV in South Africa". University of Pernambuco. Recife, Brazil. February 2011.
  10. "Disembodied Democracy and Fractured States in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Cambridge University Post Conflict and Post Crisis Group. 'In the Wake of War': Re-building Structures: State, Nation, Society. Cambridge. March 2010.
  11. "Challenges facing HIV-Positive Women in South Africa." *Encontro de Vacinas Anti-HIV Brasil/Africa do Sul*. Recife, Brazil. March 2010.
  12. "'Sometimes I forget that I have HIV anyway, I am just taking this medication': From activism to living with chronic illness in South Africa." Paper written and presented with Dr Hayley MacGregor. *London School of Economics, Local-Global Health Dynamics*. London, United Kingdom. September 2010.
  13. "Poverty Reduction Strategies in a Public Health Perspective - Social grants, HIV and the roll-out of HAART in South Africa." Fafo Research Report Launch. Fafo: Oslo, Norway. August 2010.
  14. "The ARV Scale-Up and Citizenship Dynamics in South Africa." Paper written and presented with Dr Hayley MacGregor. *Beyond Scaling Up – Pathways to Universal Health Access*. Future Health Systems, Institute of Development Studies. Brighton, United Kingdom. May 2010.
  15. "'I sit on the side of my virus': HIV and the dialectics of space, sociality and differentiated publics in South Africa." *Publics of Public Health Conference - on the changing politics of knowledge and life in Africa*. Kilifi, Kenya. December 2009.
  16. "'They Call Me Mr HIV': Creating an AIDS enabling environment among people living with HIV in South Africa." *XVII International AIDS Conference*. Mexico City, Mexico. July 2008.
  17. "'It is about my life'. AIDS, social grants and the ARV roll-out in South Africa: Is there a tension between health, economy and welfare?" *XVII International AIDS Conference*. Mexico City, Mexico. July 2008.
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