CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Current Employment: Senior Lecturer**

**Thematic Expertise: youth politics, Chinese traders, money, livelihoods, agency, informal economies.**

**Geographical Expertise: Southern Africa (South Africa, and Zimbabwe).**

Simbarashe Gukurume is a senior lecturer and researcher at Sol Plaatje University. He holds a PhD from the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa. Simbarashe has strong background in Sociology and Social Anthropology. His research interests focus more broadly on youth politics, informality, livelihoods, popular protests, Pentecostalism and China-Africa engagements, with specific focus on both Chinese small-scale traders.

QUALIFICATIONS

**2018** PhD from the University of Cape Town, South Africa (PhD awarded in 2018)

**2010** MSc: Masters Programme in Sociology and Social Anthropology, University of Zimbabwe.

**2008** BSc: Sociology, University of Zimbabwe.

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

February 2021- Present, Sol Plaatje University, Kimberly, South Africa

* *Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses.*
* *Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations.*

2010-2021 Lecturer, Great Zimbabwe University, Masvingo, Zimbabwe

* *Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses.*
* *Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations.*
* *Community engagement and research activities.*

**2016-2019 Lecturer (Part time), Women’s University in Africa (WUA), Harare, Zimbabwe**

* *Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses.*
* *Undergraduate and postgraduate dissertation supervision.*

**20014-2018 PhD Candidate, University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa**

* *My PhD project involved the fieldwork research and thesis write-up.*
* *Research and administrative activities.*
* *Facilitation of workshops and seminar series.*

2009-2009 Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant, OXFAM GB, Harare

* *Setting up the Monitoring and Evaluation system.*
* *Conducting M& E activities and improving the logical.*
* *Data collection and Evaluation of programmes and projects.*
  1. Teaching Assistant, University of Zimbabwe, Department of Sociology
* *Conducting tutorial programmes for undergraduate courses*
* *Providing liaison between the lecturers and students*

RESEARCH GRANTS

* Institute of Money Technology and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI) Project (March 2015- February 2016) - Principal Investigator – Self sourced External Grant from USA-Grant Administered at Women’s University in Africa- (18 000.00 United States Dollars) *‘Managing, Negotiating, and Converting ‘currency’ in daily life in a Multi-currency environment in Zimbabwe’.*
* *The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Next Generation of Social Sciences in Africa (June 2015- June 2016) – (15 000.00 United States Dollars)*
* Matasa Network Research Grant: Institute for Development Studies (IDS, University of Sussex, UK), and the MasterCard Foundation: Jan 2018-Dec 2018 (3 000.00 British Pounds)*. Youth Employment and Livelihoods in the SME sector in Harare, Zimbabwe.*
* The Harry Frank Guggenheim Young African Scholars Research Grant (2017-2018) 2000.00 United States Dollars) *Surveillance, Spying and Disciplining the University: Deployment of State Security Agents on University Campus in Zimbabwe: Awarded 2017 – 2018.*

SELECTED AWARDS

1. 2018-2020 Junior Mentor: The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Young African Scholar Fellowship.
2. 2018 Emerging Young African Scholars Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation, New York, USA.
3. 2017-2018 Matasa Network Fellowship Award, IDS, University of Sussex, UK.
4. 2017-2018 Academy for African Urban Diversity (AAUD) Fellowship Award. Max Planck Institute.
5. 2017-2018 Young African Scholars Program Research Fellowship Award, The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York. USA.
6. 2015-2016 The Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI) Fellow, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island Boston Massachusetts. USA.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1) Tombindo, F. and Gukurume, S.2021. Trust and the Zimbabwean diaspora: A case study of the West Midlands County, England. In Kirk Helliker, Sandra Bhatasara, Manase Kudzai Chiweshe*. Everyday Crisis-Living in Contemporary Zimbabwe,* Routledge: London*.*

2) Gukurume, S. and Maringira, G. 2020. Decolonising Sociology: Perspectives from two Zimbabwean Universities, Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal, 5(1-2), 60-78.

3)Gukurume, S. and Nhodo, L. 2020. Forced Displacements in Mining Communities: Politics in Chiadzwa diamond area, Zimbabwe, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, 38(1), 39-54.

4)Gukurume, Sand Mahiya, I.T. 2020. Mobile Money and the (Un) Making of Social Relationships, Journal of Southern African Studies, 46(6), 1203-1217

5) Gukurume, S.2020. Investing in the Future Generation: New Pentecostal Charismatic Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe. In Philipp Öhlmann, Wilhelm Gräb, Marie-Luise Frost. African Initiated Christianity and the Decolonisation of Development, Routledge: London.

6) Gukurume, S. 2019. Navigating the Crisis: University of Zimbabwe students’ campus experiences during Zimbabwe’s

Multi-layered crisis, *African Identities*, 17(3-4), 277-297.

7) Gukurume, S. (2019). Surveillance, Spying and Disciplining the University: Deployment of State Security Agents on Campus in Zimbabwe. *Journal of Asian and African studies*, 54 (5), 763-779.

8) Gukurume, S. (2019). Chinese Migrants and the Politics of everyday life in Zimbabwe. *Asian Ethnicity*, 20(1), 85-102.

9) Gukurume, S. (2018). Navigating Precarious Livelihoods: Youth in the SME Sector in Zimbabwe, *IDS Bulletin*, 49 (5), 89-105.

10) Gukurume, S. (2017). #ThisFlag and #ThisGown Cyber Protests in Zimbabwe: Reclaiming Political Space. *African Journalism Studies*, Vol 38 (2), 49-70.

11) Gukurume, S. (2017). Singing Positivity: Prosperity Gospel in the Musical Discourse of Popular Youth Hip-Hop Gospel in Zimbabwe, *Muziki*, 14(2), 36-54

12) Gukurume, S. (2015). Livelihood resilience in a hyper – inflationary environment in Zimbabwe: Experiences of people burning money (kupisa mari) in Harare. *Social Dynamics: A journal of African Studies*, 41(2), 2015.

13) Chirenje, L.I; Gukurume, S; Chitotombe, J et al. (2013). The Impact of Tourism Leakages on Local Economies: A Case Study of Nyanga District, Zimbabwe. *Journal of Human Ecology*, 42(1): 9-16.

**REFEREES**

1. Professor Deborah Posel, University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa. Email: [Deborah.Posel@uct.ac.za](mailto:Deborah.Posel@uct.ac.za)
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