Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

(2021)	PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
2015	MA: Sociology, University of Chicago
	Thesis: "Fight With the Pen": Biographical Transformation and the Rise of New Political Paradigms in Colonial South Africa (1860-1890)
2013-14	MPhil Sociology: Development Studies Specialization, University of Cape Town
	Degree awarded with Distinction
	Thesis: The Sociological Imagination of S.E.K. Mqhayi: Towards an African Sociology
2012	BA Honours: English Literature, University of Cape Town
	First Class Pass. Recipient of the De Villiers Smuts Scholarship (First in the Class/Dux)
2008-10	BSc: Information Technology, University of Cape Town
	Degree awarded with Distinction, Computer Science with Distinction, English Literature with Distinction
	Majors: Computer Science, English Literature. Specialisation: Applied Computing

PUBLICATIONS

* Authors contributed equally to this work

2020	Schoots, J.*, Rohr, B.*, Prajda, K.*, Padgett, J.* "Conflict and revolt in the name of unity: Florentine factions in the *Consulte e Pratiche* on the cusp of the Ciompi Revolt". *Poetics*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2019.101386
2020	Padgett, J.*, Prajda, K.*, Rohr, B.*, Schoots, J.* "Political discussion and debate in narrative time: the Florentine *Consulte e Pratiche*, 1376–1378". *Poetics*: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2019.101377
2016	de Wet, J. P.*, & Schoots, J.* "The learning organisation: conditions of possibility in a feminist NGO." *Development in Practice, 26*(1), 64-76. https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2016.1118017
2014	Schoots, L. J. "The Sociological Imagination of S.E.K. Mqhayi: Towards an African Sociology." Minor MA diss., University of Cape Town.

Under Review

Schoots, J. "S.E.K. Mqhayi and African Social Analysis: African Sociological Thought in Colonial South Africa". Submitted to *Social Dynamics*.

Working Papers

"The Political Vision of Intermediary Intelligentsia: Political novelty in the early African nationalist movement, 1860-1900".

"Networks into Nation: Innovation and consolidation in the emergence of African nationalist organizing, South Africa 1880-1890".

ACADEMIC AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2021	Dissertation Fellow, Center for International Social Science Research Dissertation Support Award
2021	Social Sciences Division Deans Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2020	African Digital Humanities Project Funding, A.W. Mellon Foundation and the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)
2020	Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award, Center for International Social Science Research
2018, 2019	Committee on African Studies Research Grant
2018	Department of Sociology Conference Travel Grant
2016	Committee on African Studies African Language Fund Grant
2015-18	Evelyn M. Kitagawa Scholarship
2014-19	University of Chicago Sociology Department Scholarship
2013-14	David and Elaine Potter Fellowship
2013-14	NRF–DAAD Fellowship
2013	De Villiers Smuts Scholarship (awarded for Top of the Class, English Hons.)
2012	Harry Crossley Foundation Research Fellowship
2012	A.W. Mellon Fellowship
2009-10	Misys Scholarship
2009-10	Link – SA Fund Scholarship
2009-10	UCT Science Faculty Scholarship
2009, 10	Excellence in Computer Science
2008-10	Deans Merit List

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019	"Networks into Nation: Innovation and consolidation in the emergence of African nationalist organizing, South Africa (1880-1890)". American Sociological Association Conference. New York, NY, USA.
2019	"Siphuma eKoloni Isizwe *[the nation emerges from the colony]*: the emergence of African Nationalist and Pan-Africanist Politics in the Eastern Cape, 1870-1900". iMpuma-Koloni Bearings: An Other Cape? Workshop. Rhodes University, Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa.
2018	"Crossing boundaries, transforming biographies: Conditions of innovation in African political responses to colonialism in South Africa". Social Science History Association Conference. Phoenix, AZ, USA.

2018	"Becoming African: Political transformation, Multivocality and the birth of African Nationalism, South Africa 1860-1890". <u>American Sociological Association</u>. Philadelphia, PA, USA.
2017	"Networks into Nation: The relational foundations of African nationalist politics in South Africa (1870-1890)." <u>African Studies Association Conference</u>. Chicago, IL, USA.
2017	"The Multivocality of the Nation: The birth of African Nationalism in South Africa, 1860-1890". <u>Social Science History Association Conference</u>. Montreal, Canada.
2016	"An African Sociology? The Sociological Imagination of S.E.K. Mqhayi". <u>Fault Lines International African Studies Conference</u>, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN, USA.
2015	"The Birth of African Politics in South Africa: A network analysis of the institutional foundations and ideological roots of nationalist politics (1860-1890)". <u>African Nationalisms, History and Development Conference</u>. Toronto, Canada.
2015	"In Search of Something Novel: African Literature and the Possibility of new Futures". <u>Breaking Futures Conference,</u> University of Indiana. Bloomington, IN, USA.
2014	"Alternate Intellectual Traditions: The Sociological Imagination of S.E.K. Mqhayi". <u>In our Own Words Conference,</u> University of Cape Town. Cape Town, South Africa.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-20	Joint Primary Investigator, isiXhosa Intellectual Traditions under Colonialism Project, Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town. Project goals: Digitize, archive, and host early isiXhosa language newspapers (1860-1912) and isiXhosa literature in image and e-text format. Train researchers in methods of qualitative and quantitative text analysis on isiXhosa texts. The first research outputs will include a series of papers which explore the development of indigenous African intellectual traditions in South Africa; including traditions of sociological analysis and emerging African nationalist and Pan-Africanist political imaginaries.
2017-20	Research Assistant, Florentine Political Debates project, University of Chicago, Prof. John Padgett This project collects and analyses political debates in Florence's *Consulte e Pratiche* political body over 150 years from 1350-1500. I have used natural language processing (NLP) and computational content analysis tools to build the database of speeches, and undertaken analysis of this corpus using computational content analysis, semantic network analysis and regression methods.
2016-18	Research Assistant, Florentine Social Networks project, University of Chicago, Prof. John Padgett I developed and managed a Python based program to integrate new historical records into a unique database containing 250 years of social network data. The program automatically matches new records to the existing dataset and scores the probability of an accurate match using data from both the record and the full historical data set, as well as a custom built language dictionary to match between Latin and Italian.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018	Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Sociological Theory
2017	Graduate Student Lecturer, University of Chicago, Power, Identity, Resistance Social Science Core Program in the College

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2016	Guest Lecturer. University of Cape Town, 2nd year Social Theory. "Fight with the Pen: Network analysis methods, and the rise of new African political ideas and action in the Eastern Cape, 1860-1890"
2014	Guest Lecturer. University of Cape Town, 2nd year Social Theory. "Sociological Traditions and South Africa: S.E.K. Mqhayi as an African Sociologist".

Student evaluations available by request.

SERVICE

2017-20	Occasional Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*
2017-18	Coordinator of the Politics, History, and Society (PHS) Workshop, University of Chicago
2016-20	Participant and occasional discussant at the African Studies Workshop, University of Chicago
2015-20	Participant and occasional discussant at the Politics, History, and Society Workshop, University of Chicago

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019	Visiting Researcher – isiXhosa intellectual Traditions under Colonialism Project, Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa
2016-17	Student Research Associate – Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP), Wits University (University of the Witwatersrand), Johannesburg, South Africa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Theory	African Studies
Political Sociology	Historical Sociology
Social Movements	Sociology of Knowledge

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Technical Research Methods

Semantic Network Analysis, Social Network Analysis, Computational Content Analysis, Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Computer Programing Skills

Python, Java, C++, C#, SQL, R, Database Development and Management

REFERENCES

Academic or work references available on request.