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## EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2009 M.Phil. Diversity Studies, University of Cape Town (with distinction)
- 2005 B.A. Social Relations, James Madison College, Michigan State University

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Present Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
- 2021-22 Acting-Director, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2021-2022 Senior Researcher and Lecturer, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2011-21 Researcher and Lecturer, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2009-11 Research Coordinator, Intercultural and Diversity Studies of Southern Africa, University of Cape Town.

## ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

McEwen, H. (Accepted). The geopolitics of gender and sexuality diversity: Pro-family boundary making and alliance building in a multipolar world. *Politique Africaine*

McEwen, H. (2021). Inventing Family: Colonial knowledge politics of 'family' and the coloniality of 'pro-family' activism in Africa. *Africa Today*, 6(4), 30-49.

McEwen, H. (2019). Suspect Sexualities: Contextualizing rumors of homosexuality within the colonial history of population control. *Critical African Studies*, 11(3), 266-284.

Steyn, M., McEwen, H., Tsekwa, J. (2019) Diagnosing Organizational Body-Scapes: A Model for Transformation Tested in South Africa's National Research Foundation. *The International Journal of Organizational Diversity*, 19(1), 1-17.

McEwen, H. (2018). Weaponising rhetorics of 'family': the mobilisation of pro-family politics in Africa. *African Journal of Rhetoric*, 10(1), 144-180.

Steyn, M., McEwen, H., & Tsekwa, J. (2018). Hyperracialized: interracial relationships in post-apartheid South Africa and the informal policing of public spaces. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 42(10), 1669-1685

McEwen, H. (2017). Nuclear power: The family in decolonial perspective and 'pro-family' politics in Africa. *Development Southern Africa*, 34(6), 738-751.

Steyn, M., Tsekwa, J., & McEwen, H. (2017). "Whole masses of uncharted territory": Metaphors, Internal Spatiality, and Racialized Relationships in Post-Apartheid South Africa. *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 5(2), 267-295.

McEwen, H., & Steyn, M. (2016). Politics of faith: Transforming religious communities and spiritual subjectivities in post-apartheid South Africa. *HTS Theological Studies*, 72(1), 1-8.

McEwen, H. (2016). Transatlantic Knowledge Politics of Sexuality. *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 4(2), 239-262.

McEwen, H., & Milani, T. M. (2014). queer & trans Art-iculations: Decolonising gender and sexualities in the global South. *Agenda*, 28(4), 3-8.

Blanckenberg, L., & McEwen, H. (2014). The writing is on the wall: Affect and conscientisation in the queer & trans art-iculations talk-back station. *Agenda*, 28(4), 61-74.

McEwen, H. (2013). Deserting Transformation: Heritage, Tourism, and Hegemonic Spatiality in Prince Albert. *Diversities*, 15(2), 23-36.

McEwen, H., & Steyn, M. (2013). Hegemonic epistemologies in the context of Transformation: Race, space, and power in one post-apartheid South African town. *Critical Race & Whiteness Studies*, 9(1), 1-18.

## ARTICLES IN REFEREED BOOKS

Reygan, F. & McEwen, H. (In Press). Beyond 'abstinence-only': The 'pro-family' countermovement against Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Reproductive Health and Rights in Eastern and Southern Africa. *Queer Studies in Education Anthology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

McEwen, H. (In Press). Anti-Gender Child Politics in East and Southern Africa: The 'Stop Comprehensive Sexuality Education Campaign'. In A. Holvikivi, T. Ojeda, and B. Holzberg (Eds.), *Transnational Anti-Gender Politics*. London: Palgrave.

McEwen, H. (2009). Fauna, Flora and Fucking: Female sex safaris in South Africa. In M.E. Steyn and M. van Zyl (Eds.), *The Prize and the Price: Shaping sexualities in South Africa* (pp. 112-128). Cape Town: HSRC Press.

## EDITED VOLUMES

McEwen, H. (2021). Troubling Seasons of Hate. *International Journal for Critical Diversity Studies*, 3(1-2).

McEwen, H. & Milani, T. (2014). Queer and trans art-iculations: Decolonising Gender and Sexuality in the Global South. *Agenda*, 28(4).

## SELECTED NON-REFEREED ARTICLES AND MEDIA

- 2021 “Relief on the Edge: Interrogating the limits of relief work in queer civil society” [Film, ep1]. Louw, G. & McEwen, H. (Co-Producers). GALA Queer Archives & Wits Centre for Diversity Studies.
- 2021 “Relief on the Edge: Unpacking experiences of relief work on the margins” [Film, ep2]. Louw, G. & McEwen, H. (Co-Producers). GALA Queer Archives & Wits Centre for Diversity Studies.
- 2021 “South African radical right groups mobilise anti-LGBTIQ+ campaigns amidst hate crime crisis,” *openDemocracy*.
- 2021 “Global white supremacy: How the South African radical right bolsters U.S. extremism,” *openDemocracy*.
- 2020 “The Anti-Gender Movement,” Right Rising podcast series. Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right.
- 2020 “Un/knowning & un/doing sexuality & gender diversity: The global anti-gender movement against SOGIE rights and academic freedom,” Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund Norway.
- 2020 “The Anti-Gender Movement” [Film], Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund Norway (SAIH).
- 2020 “Trump administration targets Critical Race Theory,” *Fair Observer*.
- 2020 “The ‘Rainbow Nation’ is not immune to anti-gender activism: Attacks on queer bodies and knowledge in South Africa,” *Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right*.
- 2019 “America’s right is lobbying against South Africa’s sex education syllabus,” *The Conversation Africa*.
- 2018 “Kewpie: understanding what it meant to be queer in District Six under apartheid,” *The Conversation Africa*.
- 2015 Marks, B., Mills, B., Charles, T., McEwen, H. “Religion, Gender and Sexuality Workshop Report. Sexuality, Poverty and Law,” *Evidence Report No. 162*. Sussex: Institute of Development Studies.
- 2014 “The bigger picture: Understanding anti-gay laws in Africa,” *Daily Maverick*.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2022 Open University Research Network Transnational Feminism, Solidarity, and Social Justice Network Research Grant
- 2020 Nationally Rated Researcher, South African National Research Foundation
- 2020 National Research Foundation Incentive Funding for newly rated researchers
- 2020 -2023 Senior Fellow, Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right

## INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2020 -2022 Wits University Research Committee Funding for newly rated researchers
- 2014-18 Staff Bursary, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2015 Fieldwork grant, DST-NRF South African National Research Chair (Critical Diversity Studies)
- 2013 SPARC Award, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2008 South Africa-Netherlands Research Programme (SANPAD) Postgraduate Fieldwork Grant

## SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Anti-gender politics in Southern Africa,” Exploring the Reversal of Gender and Sexuality Based Rights in a Global Context. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University.
- 2022 “The status of LGBTIQ+ rights and the anti-gender movement in Africa,” Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund (SAIH), Oslo.
- 2022 “Gender and Populism,” Civic Leadership Program. European Centre for Populism Studies.
- 2021 “Anti-gender anxieties: ‘Gender’ and ‘Civilization’ within pro-family discourse,” History of Emotions Webinar Series. Max Planck Institute for Human Development.
- 2021 “The anti-gender movement in South Africa,” Right-wing Gender Politics in the Global South. Intimate Archives Webinar Series. University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2021 “Building our Resilience: Raising awareness about the ‘pro-family’ movement,” Gender Diverse Forum. Johannesburg.
- 2021 “The Far Right in South Africa: Transatlantic currents (and currency) of white supremacy and heteropatriarchy,” Global perspectives on the far-right webinar series. Centre for Research on Extremism. University of Oslo.
- 2020 “Making sense of the “Stop CSE Campaign”: The international ‘pro-family’ movement against SRHR and LGBTIQ+ rights,” South African Department of Basic Education.
- 2020 “The international ‘pro-family’ countermovement against LGBTIQ+ rights, SRHR and CSE,” Swedish International Development Agency, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Swedish Embassy, Amplify Change.
- 2020 “Queer Epistemicide: Anti-gender knowledge politics and attacks on SOGIE rights,” Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø.
- 2020 “Un/knowning and un/doing gender and sexuality diversity: The global anti-gender movement against SOGIE rights and academic freedom,” Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund (SAIH), Oslo.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “The international ‘Pro-Family’ countermovement against CSE, SRHR and LGBTIQ+ rights,” In-Country Conference for LGBTQI+ Activists. Positive Vibes and the South African Litigation Centre.
- 2019 “Spectres in the field: Haunting and being haunted in anthropological research on power, dominance, and oppression,” American Ethnological Association, Ethnographic Futures.
- 2019 “Slaying Bodies of Knowledge: The epistemicidal orientation of the pro-family movement towards gender and sexuality diversity,” International Critical Thinking Consortium, Brighton University.
- 2018 “The U.S. Christian Right and ‘pro-family’ knowledge politics in Africa,” 42<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology. University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2018 “Containing uncertainties: Making sense of conservative efforts to protect the heteronormative definition of ‘family’ in a decolonial world,” South African Sociological Association 25th Annual Congress. University of the Western Cape.
- 2017 “Weaponising rhetorics of love and the mobilisation of ‘pro-family’ politics in Africa,” African Association for Rhetoric 10th Anniversary Conference. University of South Africa.

- 2016 “Nuclear Power: The geo-politics of heteropatriarchy and the need to decolonize normative notions of ‘family’,” Decolonizing Feminism, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2016 “The family in decolonial perspective and ‘pro-family’ politics in Africa,” International Conference on Family Demography in Africa. University of the Witwatersrand.

### **SELECTED PANELS, DIALOGUES, EVENTS CO/ORGANISED**

- 2022 “Troubling Anti-Gender Attacks: Transnational Activist and Academic Perspectives,” Co-organised with Department of Gender Studies, London School of Economics.
- 2021 “Championing Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Countering Opposition,” UNWomen’s 65th Commission on the Status of Women. Co-organised with Frontline Aids.
- 2020 “Hauntology and Alternative Futures Webinar Series,” In collaboration with Iwalewahaus, Universität Bayreuth.
- 2019 “Transnational un/disciplined network,” International Critical Thinking Consortium, Democracy? Populism? Fascism. Brighton University.
- 2018 “Remembering Queer District Six: An exhibition walkabout and conversation on Kewpie: Daughter of District Six,” District Six Homecoming Centre.
- 2016 “Sense and Sexuality: Disability and Queer Identities,” University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2016 “Faith, Gender and Sexuality Toolkit Launch and Dialogue,” University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2015 “Faith, Gender and Sexuality Workshop,” Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2014 “queer & trans Art-iculations: Collaborative art for social change,” Wits Art Museum
- 2014 “Collaborative art-activism: A tool for decolonising genders and sexualities in the global South,” University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2013 “Challenging the Gender Binary through Art, Activism and Academia: A South-South Dialogue reimagining the field of gender and sexuality studies,” University of the Witwatersrand.

### **TEACHING**

- 2014-22 Research Methods for Critical Diversity Studies (Postgraduate, Critical Diversity Studies). University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2012 Diversity, Difference and Otherness (3rd year, Sociology). University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2011 Diversity Theories and Issues (Postgraduate, Diversity Studies). University of Cape Town.
- 2009-11 Field Studies Seminar Series (3rd-4th year level, Multiculturalism and Human Rights). SIT: World Learning, Cape Town.
- 2008-11 Introduction to Diversity Studies (3rd year, Sociology). University of Cape Town.

### **SUPERVISION**

- 2022 Uvania Naidoo, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2021 Amber Rain Eksteen, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2021 Jane Roussouw, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2021 Sumanah Mustafa, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2021 Kerisha Kistoo, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand

- 2021 Rudo Mzite, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2020 Nancy Moloantoa-Lalui, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2020 Yasaar Moosa, MA Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2020 Roy Muroyi, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2020 Carla Franco, Honours Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2019 Kerisha Kistoo, Honours Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2018 Rudo Mzite, Honours Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2017 Linda Buker, MA Critical Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2022 Board Member, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies Advisory Board
- 2020 Chair and Reviewer, Internal Review Committee. Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development
- 2018- Present Associate Editor, *International Journal for Critical Diversity Studies*.
- 2017-2021 School of Social Sciences Research Committee, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2014-2016 School of Social Sciences Publicity Committee, University of the Witwatersrand

## CONSULTANCY ACTIVITIES

- 2022 Strengthening strategic communication on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE): Building support for CSE among high level decision makers. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Paris.
- 2022 Anti-Gender Development Discourses: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). London.
- 2021 Strengthening strategic communications on comprehensive sexuality education (CSE): building support for CSE, anticipating and managing opposition to CSE, and mitigating backlash. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Paris.
- 2021 UNFPA strategy to address opposition against comprehensive sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health and rights. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), New York.
- 2020 Anti-gender attacks on the academic freedom of gender and sexuality studies scholars. Norwegian Students' and Academics' International Assistance Fund (SAIH). Oslo.