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EDUCATION	
2016	PhD English (Literary Studies) Chinese University of Hong Kong
2013	MPhil English (Literary Studies) Chinese University of Hong Kong
2011	MA English (Literary Studies) Chinese University of Hong Kong
2009	BA (HONS) English Language and Literature (Comparative Literature) Hong Kong Baptist University
2007	BA (HONS) Contemporary English Language & Education Lingnan University (Transferred to HKBU in September 2007)

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept 20 – Present	Assistant Professor Department of English Language and Literature Hong Kong Baptist University
Sept 19 – Aug 20	Assistant Professor Faculty of Arts and Humanities University of Wollongong College Hong Kong
Jul 17 – Aug 19	Post-doctoral Fellow School of Modern Languages and Cultures University of Hong Kong
Jan 17 – Jun 17	Lecturer (Part-time) Department of English Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jun 16 – Aug 16 Lecturer (Temporary)

Division of Arts and Languages

College of International Education, Hong Kong Baptist University

Sept 11 – Aug 16 Teaching and Research Assistant

Department of English

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Sept 10 – Aug 11 Lecturer (Part-time)

Division of Languages & Communication

Hong Kong College of Technology

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURE

Anglophone African Literature and Anglophone and Sinophone Hong Kong Literature

LITERARY THEORY

Postcolonialism, poststructuralism, postmodernism, and world literary studies

PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE

Jacques Derrida and utopian studies

• MEDIA STUDIES

Representations of Africa in Hong Kong, China, and Asia

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### MONOGRAPH

• The Zimbabwean Maverick: Dambudzo Marechera and Utopian Thinking. London: Routledge.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

 (Forthcoming 2023) "Redefining the Female Body: the re-emergence of beauty pageants in Hong Kong." Depictions of Gender and Sexuality in Popular/Public Culture, edited by L. Getty and J. Vice.

- (Forthcoming 2023) "AfroAsian Brotherhood: Queer Masculinities in the Rush Hour Trilogy and The Karate Kid." Queer and Femme Gazes in AfroAsian Visual Culture, edited by R. Kumar and S. Lee, Palgrave.
- (Forthcoming 2023) "Cognitive Re-territorialisation and Spatial Deterritorialisation: the "cramped space" in selected post-2019 literary works of Hong Kong." Hong Kong Discourse: Surveillance, Resistance, Transformation, edited by M. Ki and W. Liang, Brill.
- (2016). "Mia Couto and Nostalgia: Reading *The Last Flight of the Flamingo*" in G. Hamilton and D. Huddart (ed). *A Companion to Mia Couto.* Suffolk: James Currey.

#### INTERNATIONAL PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- (Forthcoming 2023). "Canonising the Mundane: Narrating and Transgressing the Nigerian Queer Self/Selves in *Embracing My Shadow* (2020) and *Lives of Great Men* (2017)." Prose Studies: History, Theory, Criticism: Special Issue on Struggle & Hustle: Queer Nonfiction Prose.
- With F. Tesfaye (2020). "(Re)Mediating "Blackness" in Hong Kong Chinese Medium Newspapers: Representations of African Cultures in relation to Hong Kong's." Asian Ethnicity: Special Issue on Africans in China and Chinese in Africa: Identities, Inequalities, and Well-being.
- (2012). "Forging New Selves at the Juncture of Times: The Formulation of an Angolan Identity in Pepetela's *The Return of the Water Spirit.*" *Projections* 1, 52-64.

#### **FILMS**

(2023) Echo: black women artists in Hong Kong. [documentary]

### **INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS**

- (2022). Worldwide Teach-in Climate/Justice: Local and Global Perspectives from Hong Kong.
- (2022). "Displacement and Replacement: filming a documentary on black female artists in Hong Kong." Keynote Speech presented at Heterotopic Junction Conference on Language, Literature, and Culture 2022.

- (2021). "Teaching Hong Kong, Hong Kong Teaching" symposium. Hong Kong Studies and the Department of English, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- (2021). "Racism or Ignorance? A Survey of Representations of Blackness in Hong Kong Media." Research Seminar Series. Department of English Language and Literature, HKBU.
- (2021). Roundtable Sharing and Discussion at Teaching Hong Kong, Hong Kong
  Teaching: A Hong Kong Studies Symposium. Hong Kong Studies and
  Department of English, CUHK.
- (2021). "Out of the Lecture Theatre and into the World: Seeing Africa in Hong Kong." Mentoring Seminar. Africa Center Hong Kong and Department of English Language and Literature, HKBU.
- (2021). "Understanding Blackness" in Hong Kong: Representations of Africa in Hong Kong Popular Media." 4<sup>th</sup> online mini-symposium Chinese in Africa-Africans in China Research Network 2021 (Relocating Africa: Representations and Memory of Africa in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century China). LU.
- (2020). "Black Lives Matter & Hong Kong." With Titus Levi, Wesley
  McLaughlin, and Sakina Abdus Shakur, moderated by Tammy Lai-Ming Ho.
  Cha: An Asian Literary Journal and the Department of English Language and
  Literature, HKBU.
- (2019). "(Re)Mediating 'Blackness': Absent Presence and Present Absence of Africa and Africans in Chinese Medium Print and Online Newspapers in HK."
   Deconstructing Inequality and Well-Being between China and Africa, LU.
- (2019). "Representations of 'African-ness' in Hong Kong." Race and Asia Workshop, School of Humanities, HKU.
- (2018). "Honoring Poets of the African Diaspora." Peel Street Poetry 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Poets of the African Diaspora. The Social Room.
- (2018). "Introducing African Literature: A Brief Survey." AFRI1001 Foundations in African Studies. HKU.

- (2017). "Conversation and Dialogue: Exploring Festival Culture in a Contemporary Context: Nigeria's Carnival Calabar." Respondent to Dr. Emmanuel Samu Dandaura's seminar, World Cultural Festival: Vibrant Africa, International Association of Theatre Critics (Hong Kong), and Hong Kong Arts Development Council. 01 Space.
- (2017). "Introducing African Literature: A Brief Survey." Presented at AFRI1001 Foundations in African Studies. HKU.
- (2016). "Introducing African Literature: A Brief Survey." Presented at AFRI1001 Foundations in African Studies. HKU.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- (2021). "Resonances and Discordances: a case study of feminist consciousness in Hong Kong" at "Feminist Repetitions/Repeating Feminisms, or What is the Use of Feminism(s)?" Panel, American Comparative Literature Association Conference.
- (2021). "(In)Justice and Power in the Narratives of Postcolonial Space: a case study of *In the United States of Africa* (2006) and *The Second Year of Jianfeng: An Alternate History of New China* (2015)." British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference.
- (2021). "The Black Man's Question Mark": Representations of Africa in Social Media in Hong Kong." "Critical Race in Asian Studies II: Performance, Visuality, and Beauty" Panel, Association for Asian Studies Conference.
- (2020, canceled due to COVID-19). "Worlding Literature in Postcolonial Space:
   A Case Study of Teaching World Literature in English in Hong Kong." American
   Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, US.
- (2019). "'A People are Missing': Dystopia in *Lost on a Red Mini-Bus to Tai* Po (2013)." Backreading Hong Kong Annual Symposium. HKBU.
- (2018). "'African Superman': Representations of Blackness in *The God must be Funny in China* (1994)." "Race and Ethnicity" Panel, Northeast Popular Culture Association Conference. Worcester State University, Boston, US.

- (2018). "Representations of African-ness in Hong Kong Media an Enquiry."
   International Institute Asian Studies Conference. The University of Tanzania,
   Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- (2016). "Surveillance and Intellectual Anarchism: Dambudzo Marechera's Black Sunlight." Surveillance, Form, Affect: An International, Multidisciplinary Conference. The Education University of Hong Kong.
- (2016). "The Utopia of an Outsider: The Narrative of Identities in Dambudzo Marechera's *Black Sunlight*." African Literature Association Conference. Atlanta, US.
- (2016). "Utopia and the Outsider: Dambudzo Marechera's *Black Sunlight* and *The Black Insider*." 25<sup>th</sup> Annual British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference. Savannah, US.
- (2015). "Power and Violence: Dambudzo Marechera's The House of Hunger."
   Human Rights, Violence, and Dictatorship International Interdisciplinary
   Conference. Krakow, Poland.
- (2012). "Living in a "Spider's Web": The Deconstruction of National Borders in Dambudzo Marechera's *The House of Hunger*." Interdisciplinary Graduate Students Association of the University of British Columbia. Okangan, Canada.
- (2012). "Forging New Selves at the Juncture of Times: Formulation of Identities in Pepetela's *The Return Of The Water Spirit*." Graduate Conference in the Humanities and Social Sciences. University of Macau, Macau.

## SERVICE

Department of English Language and Literature, HKBU

- Concentration Coordinator, Literary & Comparative Studies. (AY 2022/23 Present)
- Webmaster. (AY 2021/22 Present)
- Programme Management Committee Member, Master of Arts in Literary and Comparative Studies Programme. (AY 2020/21 – Present)
- Programme Management Committee Member, Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature. (AY 2020/21 Present)
- Recording Secretary, English Programme Management Committee. (AYs 2020/21, 2021/22)

- Selection Panel, Research Postgraduates in ENG Interview for 2021and 2022 entry.
- Selection Panel, Bachelor of Arts in ENG Non-JUPAS Admission Interview for 2021 and 2022 entry (Year 3 & Year 1).
- Selection Panel, Bachelor of Arts in ENG Non-JUPAS Admissions for 2021 and 2022 Entry (Outstanding Mainland Applicants).
- Selection Panel, General Clerk in ENG Interview. (AY2021/22)

## Faculty of Arts, HKBU

- Steering Committee Member, International Writers' Workshop (AY 2022/23)
- Observer, Arts & Social Sciences Specialist Panel (AYs 2020/21).
- ARTS representatives, Scholarship Selection Panels (AYs 2021/22 and 2022/23).
- HKDSE Subject Committee Member, Literature in English, HKEAA (AYs 2021/22 and 2022/23).

# School of Modern Languages and Cultures, HKU

• Seminar Series Coordinator (AYs 2017/18 and 2018/19)

### **EDITORIAL AND MEMBERSHIP**

Since 2021	Editorial board member Dialogue-The Journal of Black British, Diaspora and African History (forthcoming with Taylor and Francis)
Since 2019	Member Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies
Since 2018	Editor (Hong Kong and Chinese Literature) Hong Kong Review of Books
Since 2016	Member African Literature Association

# AWARDS, RESEARCH GRANTS, AND FUNDS

 Research Grants Council, University Grants Committee, Early Career Scheme, Amount: HK\$ 428,500 (as PI)
 Project title: Intersections of Postcolonial Female Subjectivities: A study of Post-Apartheid South African Women Playwrights and Staging their Voices for Contemporary Anglophone Hong Kong Theatre  Research Committee, HKBU, Initiation Grant for Faculty Niche Research Area Amount: HK\$ 986,400 (as CI)

Project title: Untold Hong Kong Stories: multimedia narratives from the margins

Institute of Creativity, HKBU (2022)

Amount: HK\$ 96,766 (as CI)

Project title: Bringing Creative Writing into the Community: An International

Symposium

- Arts Faculty Early Career Teaching Award, HKBU (2022)
- Center of Innovative Service-Learning, HKBU, Service-Learning Mini Grant

Amount: HK\$ 30,000(as PI)

Course: ENGL 2025 The Art of Storytelling (2021-2022, semester 2)

Research Committee, HKBU, Startup Grant (Tier 2) (2021)

Amount: HK\$ 263,200 (as PI)

Project title: From South Africa to Hong Kong: Restaging History in Postcolonial

Anglophone African Literature

Faculty of Arts, HKBU, Research Impact Fund (2021)

Amount: HK\$ 100,000 (as co-PI)

Project title: The New Normal: Together Apart

Research Committee, HKBU, Startup Grant (Tier 1) (2021)

Amount: HK\$ 100,000 (as PI)

Project title: A documentary of black women artists in Hong Kong.

University Research Committee, HKU, Seed Fund for Basic Research (2019)

Amount: HK\$ 93,200 (as CI)

Project title: Representations of Blackness in Hong Kong Media

Graduate School, CUHK, Research Postgraduate Student Grants for Overseas Academic

Activities (2016)

Amount: HK\$ 8,000

Activity: Presenting at African Literature Association 2016 Conference. Atlanta, US.

Graduate School, CUHK, Research Postgraduate Student Grants for Overseas Academic

Activities (2015)

Amount: HK\$ 7,000

Activity: Presenting at Humane Rights, Violence, and Dictatorship International Interdisciplinary Conference. Krakow, Poland.

Department of English, CUHK, Research Committee Fund for PhD Students (2015)
 Amount: HK\$ 13,000

Activity: Conducting research for PhD dissertation under the supervision of Prof. Bill Ashcroft, Professor and ARC Fellow of the School of the Arts & Media of University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

 University Grants Committee of Hong Kong, Full Scholarship of PhD in English (Literary Studies) at CUHK (2013-2016)

Amount: HK\$ 486,000

- University Grants Committee of Hong Kong (2011-2013), Full Scholarship of MPhil in English (Literary Studies) at CUHK (2011-2013)
   Amount: HK\$ 312,000
- Graduate School, CUHK (2010-2011), the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance
- HKBU (Semester Two, 2008-2009), the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance
- HKBU (Semester One, 2008-2009), the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance
- HKBU (Semester Two, 2007-2008), the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance
- HKBU (Semester One, 2007-2008), the President's Honour Roll for outstanding academic performance