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Grant Writer, *Department of History, Michigan State University*  
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### Websites on Southern Africa

Project Manager of two website projects, both co-sponsored by the Michigan State University African Studies Center and MSU's MATRIX digital humanities center:

#### **African Activist Archive Project**

<http://africanactivist.msu.edu>

An online archive of more than 4,500 historical documents, photographs, posters, political buttons, posters, T-shirts, and interviews with activists across the United States in the movement in solidarity with struggles of African peoples against apartheid, colonialism, and injustice.

#### **South Africa: Overcoming Apartheid, Building Democracy**

<http://www.overcomingapartheid.msu.edu/>

A multimedia online curriculum resource that has been used in high school world history classes and undergraduate Africa history and social science classes in at least 29 states and the District of Columbia and 11 countries. Includes chronological units, essays, 45 video interviews with first-hand accounts of South Africans involved in the struggle for freedom and democracy, and educational activities.

### Selected Publications

"Universities Address U.S. Needs in Less Commonly Taught Languages," commissioned article for U.S. Department of Education International Education Programs Service, 2004 (4 pp.)  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/lctlanguages.html>

"Increasing the Quality of International Education in the United States with Institutional Linkages and Partnerships with Foreign Institutions," with David Wiley, paper prepared for conference, *Global Challenges and U.S. Higher Education: National Needs and Policy Implications*, January 24, 2003 (33 pp.) Revised 2004. [http://www.jhfc.duke.edu/ducis/globalchallenges/pdf/wiley-root\\_paper.pdf](http://www.jhfc.duke.edu/ducis/globalchallenges/pdf/wiley-root_paper.pdf)

"Organizing for the Environment in South Durban: Influences of the Transition to Democracy and Globalization," with David Wiley and Sven Peek, chapter in (D)urban Vortex: A South African City in Transition, Bill Freund and Vishnu Padayachee (eds.), Durban: University of Natal-Durban, 2002.

"The Impacts of Globalization on Environmental Struggles in a South African City" with David Wiley and Sven Peek, chapter in Rethinking Globalization(s): From Corporate Transnationalism to Local Interventions. Aulakh, Preet S. and Michael G. Schechter (eds.), London: Macmillan Press. (New York: St. Martin's Press), 2000.

"Globalization, Democratization, and the Environment in the New South Africa: Social Movements, Corporations, and the State in South Durban," with David Wiley and Sven Peek, chapter in Ecology and the World-System, Walter L. Goldfrank, David Goodman, and Andrew Szasz (eds.), Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1999, pp 213-233.

South Durban: Report on the State of the Environment and Development of the Durban Metropolitan Area, with David Wiley, Sven Peek, and Seyathie Ramurath. Durban, South Africa: City of Durban, North Central Council, Physical Environment Planning Unit, August 1996 (222 pp).

Inanda: Report on the State of the Environment and Development of the Durban Metropolitan Area, with Douglas Hindson, Zesuliwe Mkhize, and David Wiley. Durban, South Africa: City of Durban, North Central Council, Physical Environment Planning Unit, March 1996.

Managing Waste More Sustainably in Inanda: A Report and Recommended Programmes, with David Wiley and Zesuliwe Mkhize, Durban, South Africa: University of Durban-Westville, Institute for Social and Economic Research, 1995, 51 pages, paper.

Health Care for All: A Matter of Faith and Justice - A Curriculum for Congregations on Health Care Reform, East Lansing, MI: Health and Economic Justice Working Group, 1993 (150 pp).

Numerous articles in *Washington Notes on Africa*, newsletter of the Washington Office on Africa, 1973-1981.

Numerous articles in *Southern Africa Magazine*, 1974-1980.

### **Previous Experience**

Project Manager and Grant Writer, *MATRIX*, Michigan State University 2006 - 2009

Academic Specialist, *International Studies and Programs*, Michigan State University 1998 - 2005

Research Fellow, *Institute for Social and Economic Research*, University of Durban-Westville (South Africa) September 1994 - June 1995

Legislative Analyst, *House of Representatives Democratic Caucus*, State of Michigan 1985 - 1987  
Staff support for Michigan public employee pension fund South Africa divestment bill that passed.

Research Analyst, *Center for International Policy* 1984

Worked on campaign to promote legislation that would require the U.S. representative to the International Monetary Fund to vote against financing to South Africa.

Associate Director, *Washington Office on Africa* 1972 - 1981

Worked on campaigns to restore U.S. compliance with sanctions against Rhodesia, to end funding for CIA intervention in Angola, and to end Export-Import Bank financing for trade with South Africa, among others.

Member of D.C. Bank Campaign 1979-1981

### **Other Professional Activities and Memberships**

Chicago - Midwest Planning Committee for African National Congress Centenary, Member of Archives Subcommittee, 2011

Solar Circle, member of Board of Directors of a non-profit organization supporting solar cooking in Tanzania, 2008 - present

Association of Concerned Africa Scholars, Political Action Committee Co-chair, 1981 - 1988; member of Board of Directors, 2011 - ; Webmaster, 2010 -

African Studies Association

### **Education**

M.A. in Economics, *The American University*, 1985, with emphasis on labor economics and international development.

B.A. in Economics, *The American University*, 1982, including two years at Oberlin College.