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CURRENT POSITION:

November 2013- present:

Researcher, African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS), School of Social Science

Duties:

- Research thematic leader on labour migration
- Principal Investigator on 3 multi year research projects
- Teaching and MA and PhD supervision
- Outreach and policy development
- University service and fundraising

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- 2013: PhD, Department of Anthropology**, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa
Thesis title: Situating agency within Somali women's migration and settlement in Johannesburg
- 2007: Masters of Arts in Development Studies**, University of KwaZulu Natal
Title of Research Report: An Exploration of Social Networks amongst South Asians in Durban
- 2005: Bachelor of Arts in Social Science (Social Work)**, University of South Africa, with distinctions in Psychology and Social Work.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the South African Council of Social Services Professions (SACSSP)
- Associate member of the African Studies Association (ASA)
- Member of the Executive Committee Global Labour University, Wits branch
- Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA)
- Member of the Research Committee 44 on Labour Movements
- Member of the Working Group in migration gender and religion- University of Oldenburg

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND RESEARCH FUNDING SECURED

- 2017-2020. National Research Foundation, Thuthuka fellowship, South Africa (ZAR2,4 million)
- 2017-2020. Volkswagen stiftung postdoctoral fellow in humanities, Germany (EU 145 000)
- 2014-2016. National Research Foundation, Thuthuka fellowship, South Africa (ZAR1.8 million)
- 2013-2016. European Union dialogue facility grant on labour migration in South Africa (co-awardee)(EU 500 000)
- 2013. Recipient of the Scholars Scholarship award, European Masters in Migration and Intercultural Relations, EMMIR, University of Oldenburg, Carl von Ossietzky.
- 2012: EU funding contract awarded for project on labour migration, 500 000 Euros
- 2010: Hivos contract awarded for project on migrant mobilisation 23 000 EU
- 2004-2008. Recipient of the black academic scholarship award -University of KwaZulu Natal

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Principle Investigator (2017-2020)- Shifting families, migration and family project in Morocco, South Africa and Germany-** Volkswagen Stiftung funded
- **Wellcome Trust fellow on Investigator Award (Prof Jo Vearey) (2016-2018):** *Artisanal mining, informality and health in Southern Africa*
- **Principal investigator – Global Migrant Domestic Work research project (2014-5) –** ILO funded
- **Co-Project coordinator - Borders, Bodies, and Boundaries (2013-7):** book project on gender and migration in Africa. In conjunction with the Department of History, University of KwaZulu Natal. Funded by the National Research Foundation, South Africa. (2013-7)
- **Co-Principal investigator - Migrating for Work Research Consortium (MiWORC) (2012-2014)** www.miworc.org.za. Research, policy influencing, and capacity building project investigating the impact of foreign labour on the South African labour market. Funded by the EU/SA Dialogue Facility (500 000 EU budget).

CONSULTANCIES AND COMMISSIONED WORK

- UNHCR 2016: Technical input on ‘Guidelines for handbook on Somali mental health’
- ILO: Farm worker mobilisation project (2016)
- World Bank: KNOMAD working paper series on gender and migration(2016)
- ILO: Labour Migration policy framework for the SADC (2014)
- ILO: Africa review and strategy development on labour migration for ILO AFRICA (2013)

TEACHING

- Development and coordinator of Honours and MA course in Labour Migration (2015-present)
- Developing & teaching a block MA module on labour migration at REMESO, Linkoping University, Sweden (December 2016).
- Developing & teaching a module on the Informal Economy at the annual ILO Labour Migration Academy (2016- to present)
- Joint coordinator of the MA and honours course in Migration and Human Rights (2012-4) in conjunction with the International Human Rights Exchange program (IHRE) and Bard College (NY)
- Guest lecturer at EMMIR, University of Oldenburg (December 2013)
- Acting co-ordinator of the post-graduate teaching programme in Forced Migration, Wits University. Responsible for overall teaching and supervision coordination of the MA and PhD programmes in the department during (Jan 2012-Jan 2013).
- Guest lecturer on selected seminars on labour and livelihoods in the ACMS MA program (from 2013- to present)

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- September 2017-Visiting Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Alberta, Canada,
- December 2016 REMESO, Linkoping University, Sweden (teaching and research)

- December 2015 Migration and Displacement Initiative, Carleton University, Ottawa (research)
- April-June 2015 Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto (writing fellow)
- December 2013 EMMIR, University of Oldenburg (teaching and research)

SUPERVISION OF HIGHER DEGREES:

Past students

1. Watetu Kamugi: MA in Migration and Displacement, Wits University, graduated 2014
2. Lisa Aaca: MA in Migration and Displacement, Wits, graduated 2014
3. Yordanos Seifi: MA in EMMIR, University of Oldenburg, graduated with distinction 2016
4. Francine Njangosi: Postgraduate diploma: graduated 2015
5. Tariro Winnet: MA by research in Migration and Displacement, Wits University (graduated 2017)
6. Magdalena Zimmerman: MA in Gender and Intercultural relations, University of Oldenburg, (graduated with distinction 2017)
7. Chido Muvenga: MA in Migration and Displacement, Wits University (graduated 2017)

Current students

1. Erma Cossa (with Dr Julia Hornberger): PhD in Anthropology (since 2014)
2. Abdu Hikam: PhD in Migration and Displacement (since 2016)
3. Goitse Manthata (with Prof Jo Vearey): PhD in Migration and Displacement (since 2016)
4. Nafeesah Allen (with Prof Dilip Menon): PhD in Migration and Displacement, Wits University (since 2014)
5. Kaddy Kalima: PhD in Migration and Displacement, Wits University (since 2017)
6. Rosa Manoim : MA in Migration and Displacement, Wits University (ongoing from 2017)
7. Nora van Kitzing: MA in Gender and Intercultural relations, University of Oldenburg, (ongoing from 2017)

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Member of the GLU South Africa Executive Committee, University of the Witwatersrand
- Member of the School of Social Science's Research Committee (2014- present), University of the Witwatersrand.
- Member of the School of Social Science's Transformation Committee (2013-4), University of the Witwatersrand.
- Member of the School of Social Science's Post Graduate Committee (2012)
- Peer-Reviewer: Journal of South African Review of Sociology, Journal of African Affairs, Refuge Journal of Canada, The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher
- External Examiner: Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, Department of Geography, and Department of History, University of KwaZulu Natal, Department of Development Studies, University of South Africa, University of Melbourne
- Intern Mentor: International Human Rights Exchange Programme between Bard College and the University of the Witwatersrand – 2009-2012.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Policy input on labour migration to the Department of Home Affairs, including technical submissions on the Green and White Papers on International Migration
- Technical support to the SADC Secretariat on developing a regional labour migration policy framework (since 2013)

- Capacity building partner to the South African Department of Labour : including designing and coordinating 8 research skills workshops (2013-2016)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

Sole authored publications

Jinnah, Z. (2017). Silence and Invisibility: Exploring Labour Strategies of Zimbabwean Farmworkers in Musina, South Africa. *South African Review of Sociology*, 48(3), 46-63.

Jinnah, Z. (2016). In the Shadow of a State: Self-Settlement Strategies and Informal Governance Amongst Somalis in Johannesburg. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 1-15.

Jinnah, Z (2016). Cultural Causations and Expressions of Distress: a Case Study of Buufis Amongst Somalis in Johannesburg. In *Urban Forum* (pp. 1-13). Springer Netherlands.

Jinnah, Z. (2016). L’Afrique du Sud face aux migrations économiques. *Politique étrangère*, (1), 53-63.

Jinnah, Z. (2015). Chapter 4. Rational routes? Understanding Somali migration to South Africa 43-54. In *Mobility and Migration Choices*. Edited by Martin van der Velde and Ton van Naerssen, Ashgate

Jinnah, Z. (2013). *New Households, new rules? Examining the impact of migration on Somali family life in Johannesburg*, QScience 2013, Family, Migration & Dignity Special Issue, Volume 7.

Jinnah, Z. (2013). *Whose story?* An academic response to “it should have been little India”, by Jackee Batanda, *Writing invisibility, Conversations on the Hidden City*. E-book published by the Mail and Guardian and ACMS pp 119-120.

Jinnah, Z. (2010). *Making Home in a Hostile Land: Understanding Somali Identity, Integration, Livelihood and Risks in Johannesburg*, in *Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology*, 1 (1-2) 91-99.

Jinnah, Z. (2010). Migrant mobilisation: structures and strategies of claiming rights in Johannesburg and Nairobi, in Handmaker, J and Berkhout, R “Mobilising Social Justice” pp 137-178. Pretoria University Law Press.

Co authored publications

Books

Hiralal, K and Jinnah, Z (2018) *Borders, Bodies, and Boundaries: Gender and migration in Africa*

Book chapters (co-authored)

Jinnah, Z., & Rugunanan, P. (2017). Remaking Religion, Rethinking Space: How South Asian and Somali Migrants Are Transforming Ethnically Bound Notions of Hinduism and Islam in Mayfair and Fordsburg. In *Routes and Rites to the City* (pp. 137-161). Palgrave Macmillan UK.

Polzer- Ngwato, T., and Jinnah Z. (2013). Migrants and mobilisation around socio-economic rights, in *Migrants Rights. Symbols or Substance? The Role and Impact of Socio-Economic Rights Strategies in South Africa,* Ed Langford, M., Cousins, B., Dugard, J., and Madlingozi, T. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 14.

Journal Articles

Kellynn Wee, Kudakwashe P. Vanyoro & Zaheera Jinnah (2018) Repoliticizing international migration narratives? Critical reflections on the Civil Society Days of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, *Globalizations*,

DOI: 10.1080/14747731.2018.1446600

Shaffer, M., Ferrato, G., & Jinnah, Z. (2017). Routes, locations, and social imaginary: a comparative study of the on-going production of geographies in Somali forced migration. *African Geographical Review*, 1-13.

Jinnah, Z., & Lowe, L. (2015). Circumcising Circumcision: Renegotiating Beliefs and Practices among Somali Women in Johannesburg and Nairobi. *Medical anthropology*, 34(4), 371-388.

TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH REPORTS

Jinnah, Z. 2017. Artisanal Mining in South Africa. Research report for the security at the margins project, University of Edinburgh and Wits University.

Jinnah, Z. and Carazzo R. 2015. *Making guests feel comfortable: Migrancy and labour in the hospitality sector in South Africa*. MIWORC Research report. Johannesburg: African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand.

Jinnah, Z. and Munakamwe, J. 2015. *Migrant workers in the commercial agricultural sector in South Africa*. Johannesburg: African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand.

Kiwanuka, M., Jinnah, Z., & Hartman-Pickerill, B. (2015). Getting the house in order: Foreign migrant workers in the domestic work sector in South Africa.

Jinnah, Z. and Segatti, A. 2014. *Internal Diagnostic Exercise and Strategy on Labour Migration in Africa*. Prepared for the ILO-MIGRANT, Geneva.

Jinnah, Z. and Segatti, A. 2013. *SADC Labour Migration Policy Framework. Policy framework* prepared for the ILO Office in Southern Africa, Pretoria.

Jinnah, Z. 2012. *We Have to go Into the Bush: Understanding the Living and Working Conditions of Farmworkers and Responses From Civil Society and Government in Musina, South Africa*. ACMS Research report. Wits University.

Jinnah, Z. 2009. *Migrant Mobilisation: Structure and Strategies in Claiming Rights in South Africa and Nairobi*. FMSP Research Report. 1-47. Wits University.

Policy briefs:

- Jinnah, Z. [Making guests feel comfortable: Migrancy and labour in the hospitality sector in South Africa](#). MIWORC Policy brief.
- Jinnah, Z. Getting the House in order, domestic work in South Africa, MIWORC Policy brief
- Jinnah, Z. [Migrant workers in the commercial agricultural sector in South Africa](#). MiWORC policy brief

Selected Conference Presentations

Key note addresses:

Labour Migration in South Africa, invited presentation to Department of Labour and Department of Home Affairs Labour Migration Seminar and Policy Development Workshop. Nov 11, 2015, Pretoria.

Somali migration and pan development prospects for the youth, CROSS-BORDER MIGRATION & COOPERATION, *Peoples, Borders and Trajectories: Transnational communities, human mobility and development*. October 27 2012, Utrecht.

Paradigms, Policy, and Practices: examining the current context of migration to South Africa with a special focus on lower skilled labour migrants. Key note address to the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility and the Catholic

Parliamentary Liaison Office Seminar on Migration Policy, 20 July 2014, Cape Town.

LB Landau, A. Segatti, R. Amit and Z. Jinnah. *Challenging Presumptions, Changing Process: Towards Progressive, Pro-Poor Migration Policy*. Solicited Testimony to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on the Department of Home Affairs, Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, February 2013.

Jinnah, Z. and Segatti, A. *Comparative Perspectives on Reforming Regional Migrant Labour Regimes: Theoretical questions and empirical insights from Southern Africa*, Reforming regional migrant labour regimes. Johannesburg, March 19, 2014

Selected academic conference paper presentations:

Jinnah, Z. 2016. "Informality and Intersectionality: Reflections on the Multiple Identities of Migrant Domestic Workers in South Africa". Carleton University

Panel organizer: Dr Marnie Shaffer (University of Witwatersrand), Dr Zaheera Jinnah (University of Witwatersrand) & Amina Musa (Clark University) 12th Somali Studies International Association (SSIA) Congress Revisiting Somali Identities – Addressing Gender, Generation and Belonging What is Somalinimo? Identity, Membership, and Belonging in the Somali Diaspora. Helsinki 19-23 Aug 2015.

Jinnah, Z and Shaffer M. Negotiating Belonging and Meaning in Johannesburg: How Social Networks and Social Exclusion Shape Diasporic Relations. SSIA Congress, 19-23 August 2015.

Rugunanan, P and Jinnah, Z. Remaking religion, rethinking space: how migrants are transforming ethnically bound notions of religion and perceptions of urban space in Johannesburg. Paper presented at the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS) conference, University of Melbourne 1-4 December 2015.

Jinnah, Z and Munakamwe J. "The interface between the legal and illegal mining processes: unpacking the value chain of illegally mined gold" NRF Workshop, Johannesburg 25-26 March 2015.

Jinnah, Z., and Munakamwe, J. *Class, identity and mobilisation: a study of commercial farm workers in Mpumalanga, South Africa*. Mobilising at the margins: Comparing Informal Worker Organizing Around the World, RC44 Panel on Labour Movements, International Sociological Association Congress – Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July 2014.

Jinnah, Z., and Munakamwe, J. *Beyond Borders: Identity and Precarity Amongst Commercial Farm Workers in South Africa and its Impact on Mobilisation*, ICDD Workshop: Organising Vulnerable Workers: Comparing India, South Africa and Ghana. Ghana, August 12-13, 2014.

Shaffer, M., Jinnah, Z., and Ferrato, G. *Routes, Locations, and Social Imaginary: The On-Going Production of Geographies in Somali Forced Migration*. Royal Society of Geography, annual conference, London, August 28-31, 2013.

Jinnah, Z. *Invisibility as a strategy? Explaining (im)mobilisation amongst migrant farm workers in Musina*, South African association of Sociology (SASA) Annual Congress, UNISA, Pretoria. July 1-3, 2013.

Selected Media:

Op-eds: 2015-10-12: 'Labour migration – South Africa must make more progress' The Daily Maverick
2014-09-11: 'Cleaning up the sector' on migrant domestic work in South Africa- The Sunday Tribune

Blogs:

[Examining Labor Migration Policy in South Africa](#), World Policy Institute October 20, 2015

[Between rock and a hard place: informal mining in South Africa](#). LSE blog African Perspectives, Jan 26, 2016.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

1. June 2009- October 2013: PhD research associate, Forced Migration Studies Program, Wits University

- **Research assistant- Mobilising for rights in Southern and Eastern Africa (2009-2013).** Hivos funded project

2. July 2007- December 2009: Marker and Tutor, Department of Development Studies, University of South Africa (part time)

Preparing and delivering weekly contact sessions for undergraduate students enrolled in the BA in Development Studies programme. Providing feedback on progress to full-time academic staff. Marking between 200-500 assignment and examination scripts per semester.

3. June 2007- May 2009: Project coordinator of Monitoring and Evaluation and HIV/AIDS, Diakonia Sweden, South Africa Country Office, Midrand

Responsible for the implementation of two projects: Monitoring and Evaluation and HIV/AIDS projects for the Diakonia Country Office in Pretoria. Liaising with 12 local partners, ensuring that capacity building support is provided, and managing reporting of partners to ensure compliance with the internal grant management system of Diakonia, a grant making agency.

4. September 2005- January 2007: Social Worker, Association for the Physically Challenged, Durban

Working with a team of speech, occupational and physical therapists to provide appropriate intervention and services to individuals, groups, and their families affected by physical disabilities. Rendering community services in the form of education and awareness campaigns, doing advocacy, and facilitating access to services and social grants in low income communities. Engaging with local and provincial government structures and other service providers to develop integrated programming for target groups.

5. May 2004- November 2004: Research Assistant: Department of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa (part time)

Assisting in project design, implementation, and dissemination of a short term research project on microfinance.