

Curriculum Vitae
MARILYN OSSOME

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EDUCATION:

PhD in Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg – 2015

MSc in Gender and Development, Ahfad University for Women, Khartoum – 2008

Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance), Maseno University, Kenya – 2003

Diploma in Banking & Finance, Kenya School of Monetary Studies – 1999

PRESENT POSITION:

Senior Research Fellow – Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR)

SERVICE AFFILIATIONS:

Scientific Committee Member – CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa) – appointment 2016

Associate Editor – Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy

Editorial Board Member – The MISR Review Journal

Advisory Board Member – Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA Network)

Editorial Committee Member – *Pax Academica* – Papers on Academic Freedom in Africa, (CODESRIA)

EXPERIENCE RECORD:

January 2016 - (Present) – Senior Research Fellow, **Makerere Institute of Social Research**

Courses taught: SSP 7201: Human Rights and Politics

SSE 8103: Feminist Political Economy

August – December 2016: Visiting Presidential Professor, **Yale University**

Courses taught: WGSS 373: Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights in Africa

WGSS 635: Feminist Political Economy

April – May 2016: Visiting Scholar, **National Chiao Tung University** – Taiwan

- Guest Lecturer in the Third World Lecture Series

June 2015: Director – CODESRIA Gender Institute 2015

- (Theme: Gender, Land and Food Security in Africa)

June – September 2014 – Postdoctoral Fellow, Unit for the Humanities at Rhodes University (UHURU)

August 2014 - 2015: Lead Research Advisor for East Africa, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

- **Project title:** “Gender, land rights and accountability in the context of agricultural and other natural resource investments”

June 2014: Co-Facilitator/Lecturer – CODESRIA Gender Institute 2014

- (Theme: Gender and Land Tenure in Africa)

Jan - Dec 2013: Sessional Lecturer – University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, Political Studies Department

- Courses taught: - Development and Change

Mar - Aug 2013: The National Heritage Monument project, Johannesburg

- Co-Researcher

2011-2012: Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA network) – Uganda

- Human/women’s rights researcher

2011: Saferworld (South Sudan)/ African Public Policy Research Institute (South Africa)

- Lead researcher on Small Arms and Light Weapons in South Sudan

2009 - 2010: University of the Witwatersrand, IDRC, and Kenya Human Rights Institute

- Women’s Rights & Citizenship Research Institute – Kenya research-team leader

2009: World Vision Africa

- Child Rights and Governance research project – lead researcher

2008 - 2009: Kenya Human Rights Commission

- Research Associate

2007 - 2008: Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Foundation

- Programme Officer

2007 - 2008: 'Peace Building in Sudan: Micro-Macro Issues' Universities of Bergen, Ahfad University for Women & the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO) cooperative research project: (<http://www.cmi.no/sudan/?id>)

- MA Research Scholar

2005 - 2008: Universities of Bremen, Khartoum, Nairobi, Juba, Ahfad and Addis Ababa cooperative research project: **'Governance and Social Action in Sudan after the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of January 2005: Local, National and Regional Dimensions'** <http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de/africa/Sudan.Drittmittel/topics.htm>

- MA Research Scholar

2005: Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (AFRUCA)

- Junior Researcher

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Member of the Agrarian South Network (ASN)
- Member of the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)
- Member of the Council for the Development of Economic and Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Committee Member - Makerere University, Competitive Mentorship-Oriented Research Grant Selection - 2018

Committee Member - University of the Witwatersrand, Advisory Committee for the SRC elections - 2013/14

Consulting Referee - Caribbean Philosophical Association (2016 Nicolás Guillén Awards & Frantz Fanon Awards)

Senior Mentor - Guggenheim Young African Scholars Program (2017-2018)

Peer Reviewer - Journal of Agrarian Change (2017)

- Journal of Gender Studies (2017)

- Social Dynamics (2018)

- Critical African Studies (2018)

MULTINATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS:

2016 - to date: Cambridge University, **"Infrastructures of Gendered Violence"** Research Group (<https://infragender.com/>) - Co-Principal Investigator

2017 - to date: University of the Witwatersrand, **"Governing Intimacies: Sexuality, gender and states in the postcolonial world"** - Project Partner

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS:

- Humanities Graduate Centre, PhD Completion Grant 2013, University of the Witwatersrand
- Post-Graduate Merit Award 2011-2013, University of the Witwatersrand
- University of the Witwatersrand/IDRC Research Grant for Women's Rights and Citizenship, 2009
- Peace building in Sudan: Micro-Macro Issues, CHR. Michelsen Institute, Masters Coursework Research Scholarship, 2007
- Volkswagen Foundation Masters Research Grant, 2005

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. Ossome, Lyn (2018), *Gender, Ethnicity and Violence in Kenya's Democratic Transitions: States of Violence*, New York & London: Lexington Books.

Journal articles:

2. Ossome, Lyn (forthcoming, 2019), "Democracy and postcolonial subjections: Sexual violence in electoral contexts," *Feminist Theory*, Special Issue on 'Contesting Sexual Violence in the Global South'.
3. Ossome, Lyn (forthcoming, 2018), "Women's Work in a Context of Closing Civic Spaces," *BUWA: Journal of African Women's Experiences*.
4. Ossome, Lyn (2015b), "In search of the state? Neoliberalism and the labour question for Pan-African feminism", *Feminist Africa*, in Amina Mama and Hakima Abbas (eds), Issue 20 on Pan Africanism.
5. Ossome, Lyn (2014c), "Academic Freedom and Human Rights in Africa", *Pax Academica, Cahier des Libertés Académiques en Afrique*, CODESRIA, pp. 55-64.
6. Ossome, Lyn (2014a), "Can the Law Secure Women's Rights to Land in Africa? Revisiting Tensions between Culture and Land Commercialization," *Feminist Economics: A Special Issue: Land, Gender and Food Security* (pp. 155 - 177).
7. Ossome, Lyn (2013b), 'Locating Kenyan Media in Anti-Rape Discourses: A Feminist Critique', *African Media Review*, Special Issue on Gender and Media. Dakar: CODESRIA.
8. Ossome, Lyn (2011b), "Feminism in the African Media: Possibilities for Diversification of Gender Representation," Dakar: CODESRIA (pp. 22-26).

9. Ossome, Lyn (2011a), "Feminism and Elections in Kenya: Obstacles and Strategies" *Perspectives*, Cape Town: Heinrich Böll Stiftung (pp. 22-27).
10. Ossome, Lyn (2008), "Locating Arab Refugee Women: Identity and Allegiance in Global Feminist Conflicts", in *Al Raida Journal*, Issue No. 120-121, Winter/Spring 2008: *Arab Refugee Women*, IWSAW, Lebanese American University (pp. 25-32).

Book chapters:

11. Ossome, Lyn (forthcoming, 2018), "African Women's Formal and Informal Labour: A Comparative History," in Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso & Toyin Falola (eds), *The Palgrave Handbook of African Women's Studies*, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.
12. Ossome Lyn (forthcoming, 2018), "Myths of development: Democratic dividends and gendered subsidies of land and social reproduction in Uganda," in Elise Klein & Carlos Eduardo Morreo (eds), *Postdevelopment in practice*, New York: Routledge.
13. Ossome, Lyn (2015c), "Limits to Democracy and Emancipatory Politics in South Africa Post-1994", in *Inequality, Democracy and Development Under Neoliberalism and Beyond*, New Delhi: IDEAS.
14. Ossome, Lyn (2015a), "Feminist Organising, Electoral Representation and Transformation in Africa", in Akosua Adomako Ampofo, Cheryl R. Rodriguez, Dzodzi Tsikata (eds), *Transatlantic Feminisms: Women and Gender Studies in Africa and the African Diaspora*. New York: Lexington Books.
15. Ossome, Lyn (2014d), "Integrating Sexual and Economic Justice: Challenges for queer feminist activism against sexual violence in South Africa", in Nikita Dhawan, Antke Engel, Christoph Holzhey, Volker Woltersdorff (eds), *Global Justice and Desire: Queering Economy*. London: Routledge.
16. Ossome Lyn (2014b), "Democracy's subjections: Human rights in contexts of scarcity", in Nikita Dhawan (ed.), *Decolonizing Enlightenment: Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in a Postcolonial World*, Frankfurt: Barbara Budrich Publishers (pp. 279 - 294).
17. Ossome, Lyn (2013a), "Post-colonial Discourses on Queer Activism and Class In Africa", in Hakima Abbas & Sokari Ekine (eds), *Queer African Reader*, Oxford: Pambazuka Press (pp. 32-47).
18. Ossome, Lyn (2010b), "Framing Women's Rights and Citizenship within the SADC Land Reform Discourse," in Chigara, Ben (ed.), *SADC Land Issues: A New, Sustainable Land Relations Policy*, London: Routledge (pp. 51-72).

19. Ossome, Marilyn (2010a), "Cultural Fundamentalism: Abduction, Confinement and Sexual Violence against South Sudanese Women and Girls in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya", in Grawert, E. (ed.), *After the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan of 2005: Signs of Change?* London: James Currey (pp. 158-175).
20. Ossome, Lyn (2009), "Internal Displacement, Humanitarianism and the State: The Politics of Resettlement in Kenya Post-2007", in Hakima Abbas and Yves Niyiragira (eds.) *Aid to Africa: Redeemer or Colonizer?* Oxford: Pambazuka Press (pp. 167-180).

Co-authored publications:

21. Naidu, Sirisha and Lyn Ossome (forthcoming), "Does Land Still Matter? Gender and Land Reforms in Zimbabwe," *Feminist Economics, Special Issue on Carmen Diana Deere*.
22. Naidu, Sirisha and Lyn Ossome (forthcoming), "The Agrarian Question of Gendered Labour," in Praveen Jha, Lyn Ossome, Paris Yeros (eds), *Labour Questions in the Global South*, Springer Press.
23. Naidu, Sirisha and Lyn Ossome (2016b), "Social Reproduction and the Agrarian Question of Women's Labour in India", *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, 5(1): 50-76.
24. Naidu, Sirisha and Lyn Ossome (2016a), "Work, Gender and Immiseration in South Africa and India", *Review of Radical Political Economics*, 1-17 (<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0486613416666530>)

Book Reviews:

25. Ossome, Lyn (2017), Book Review: Moyo, Sam and Yoichi Mine (Eds) (2016), "What Colonialism Ignored: 'African Potentials' for Resolving Conflicts in Southern Africa," Cameroon: Langaa RPCIG, *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, 5(2-3): 328-334.

Working Papers:

26. Ossome, Lyn (2017), "The Public Politics of Nudity", *MISR Working Paper Series*, No. 28 (7-16).
27. Ossome, Lyn (forthcoming, 2018), "Violent Challenges to Democracy," *MISR Working Paper Series*

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS/UNPUBLISHED PAPERS:

1. Ossome, Lyn, *Myths of development: Democratic dividends and gendered subsidies of land and social reproduction in Uganda*, paper presented at the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE), held at SUNY, New Paltz, USA, 19-21 July 2018.

2. Ossome, Lyn, *The Agrarian Question of Gendered Labour*, paper presented at the Sam Moyo Memorial Conference held at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi, 21-25 February 2018.
3. Ossome, Lyn, *Colonial legacies of ethnicized violence, gendered subjects and emancipatory politics*, paper presented at a colloquium titled 'On the Subject of Citizenship: A colloquium marking 20 years since the publication of Mahmood Mamdani's *Citizen and Subject*', 18-20 August 2016.
4. Ossome, Lyn, *States of Violence: Structural dynamics of gender, ethnicity and violence in Kenya's transitions to democracy*, paper presented at The Symposium on the Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Africa, Yale University, 26-27 February 2016.
5. Ossome, Lyn, *Limits to democracy and emancipatory politics in South Africa Post-1994*. Paper presented at the VII South-South Institute on Democracy, Inequality and Development under Neoliberalism, Bangkok, Thailand, 3-8 November 2014.
6. Ossome, Lyn, *Immiseration in the Early 21st Century through the lenses of forests and land*. Paper presented at the IAFFE Annual Conference, Accra, Ghana, 25-27 June 2014.
7. Ossome, Lyn, *Informal Sector Work, the Neoliberal Co-optation and Women's Social and Solidarity Economies in Kenya*. Paper presented at the IAFFE Annual Conference, Palo Alto, California, 12-14 July 2013.
8. Ossome, Lyn, *State, civil society and expanding social and solidarity economy among informal sector women in Ethiopia*. Paper presented at the UNRISD conference on 'Potential and Limits of Social and Solidarity Economy, ILO Geneva, 5-8 May 2013.
9. Ossome, Lyn, *Gendered citizenship and concepts of the 'foreigner' in postcolonial South Sudan*. Paper presented at the 9th International South Sudan and Sudan Studies Conference, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, 23-25 July 2012.
10. Ossome, Lyn, *Feminism in the African Media: Possibilities for Diversification of gender representation*. Paper presented at the CODESRIA Gender Symposium 2011, 1-3 November, Cairo, Egypt.
11. Ossome, Lyn, *Queer Activism and Class Struggles in Africa*. Paper presented at the International Graduate Conference on "Colonial Legacies, Postcolonial Contestations: DECOLONIZING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES", 16-18 June, 2011, Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany.

12. Oosome, Lyn, *Welfare v. Warfare: Institutionalizing Women's Sexual Oppression and Economics of Violent Conflict*. Paper presented at the international conference "The War Question for Feminism", 21-23 September 2008, Centre for Feminist Social Studies, Örebro University, Sweden.
13. Oosome, Lyn, *Immiseration by gender and rural food insecurity in Uganda*, Paper for the Agrarian Summer School 2013 on 'Food Sovereignty in the Global South: Prospects and Context, 14-18 January 2013.

OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Public Lectures and Forum Participation

2017

- Guest lecturer, *WoMin 2nd Annual Feminist School* – "Developing our African eco-feminist craft: strengthening the tools of our resistance." Accra, Ghana 7-14 June.

2016

- A series of four lectures in Taipei and the National Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan, *Contemporary Third World Thought Lecture Series III*, 26 April – 4 May
- Invited speaker, *Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Africa Symposium*, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 26-27 February

2015

- Panelist at the Africa Climate Talks (ACT!), East, Southern and Indian Ocean SIDS, 4 August 2015, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
- Panelist at the CODESRIA 14th General Assembly, 'The Africa We Want' roundtable, 11 June 2015, Dakar, Senegal.
- Guest speaker at the Pan African Human Rights and Democracy Dialogue leading to the 8th PAC, 14 January, Nairobi, Kenya.

2013

- Guest Speaker at the Wits School of Arts, 'We Too Have Something To Say: Thoughts that Lead to Art' – A Series of Open Lectures 2013, *Feminist Predicaments: Righting the Gendered Subaltern* – 26 September, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Guest on Power FM talk radio, on the topic of 'Feminism and NGOs' – 9 September, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Guest speaker at IDAHO (International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia) public event organized by Iranti.Org – 17 May, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Guest speaker at talk organized by the Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University – 29 April, New York, USA.

- Panelist at the public lecture on “Theorizing Rape”, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER) event, University of the Witwatersrand - 11 April, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Guest Speaker at the seminar on “Women and Violence” Wits Feminist Forum, Women’s Month Series, University of the Witwatersrand - 15 August 2012, Johannesburg, South Africa.