

Curriculum Vitae  
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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)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Researcher in feminist political economy specializing in feminist political theory, land and agrarian studies, labour sociology, queer histories and African politics.

### **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)**

- Research Officer

#### **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)

#### **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: Lexington Books.

##### **Journal articles:**

2. Ossome, Lyn (forthcoming, 2018), “Sexual violence and structural limits of women’s participation in representative politics,” *Feminist Theory*.
3. 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.
4. Ossome, Lyn (2014c), “Academic Freedom and Human Rights in Africa”, *Pax Academica, Cahier des Libertés Académiques en Afrique*, CODESRIA, pp. 55-64.
5. 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).
6. Ossome, Lyn (2013b), ‘Locating Kenyan Media in Anti-Rape Discourses: A Feminist Critique’, *African Media Review*, Special Issue on Gender and Media. Dakar: CODESRIA.
7. Ossome, Lyn (2011b), “Feminism in the African Media: Possibilities for Diversification of Gender Representation,” Dakar: CODESRIA (pp. 22-26).

8. Ossome, Lyn (2011a), "Feminism and Elections in Kenya: Obstacles and Strategies" *Perspectives*, Cape Town: Heinrich Böll Stiftung (pp. 22-27).
9. 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:**

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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).
16. 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).
17. 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).

18. 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).
19. 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:**

20. Naidu, Sirisha and Lyn Ossome (forthcoming), "The Agrarian Question of Gendered Labour," *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*.
21. 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.
22. 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:**

23. 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:**

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

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS/UNPUBLISHED PAPERS:**

1. 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.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Ossome, Lyn, *Immiseration in the Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century through the lenses of forests and land*. Paper presented at the IAFFE Annual Conference, Accra, Ghana, 25-27 June 2014.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Ossome, Lyn, *Gendered citizenship and concepts of the 'foreigner' in postcolonial South Sudan*. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International South Sudan and Sudan Studies Conference, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, 23-25 July 2012.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Ossome, 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.
12. Ossome, 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.

## PROFESSIONAL (CO-AUTHORED) PUBLICATIONS:

Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa – SIHA Network (2014), *Reinforcing Community Activism and Intergenerational Bridges for Women’s Rights and Equality*, Kampala: SIHA Network. Available online at: <<http://www.sihanet.org/content/reinforcing-community-activism-and-intergenerational-bridges-women%E2%80%99s-rights-and-equality>>

Saferworld (2012), *Small Arms and Light Weapons Control: A Training Manual*. Available online at: <<http://www.saferworld.org.uk/downloads/pubdocs/Small-arms-and-light-weapons-full.pdf>>

Kenya Human Rights Commission (2009), *Out in the Cold: The Fate of Internally Displaced Persons in Kenya* (2008-2009), Nairobi: KHRC. Available online at: <[http://www.internal-displacement.org/8025708F004CE90B/\(httpDocuments\)/492C1B3D0060C9F9C12576F700421C7E/\\$file/Out+in+the+Cold+-+The+fate+of+IDPs+in+Kenya.pdf?](http://www.internal-displacement.org/8025708F004CE90B/(httpDocuments)/492C1B3D0060C9F9C12576F700421C7E/$file/Out+in+the+Cold+-+The+fate+of+IDPs+in+Kenya.pdf?)>

## OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

### **Public Lectures and Forum Participation**

#### **2017**

- Guest lecturer, WoMin 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.