

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal details

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Languages: Afrikaans, English, basic conversational Sesotho

Research interests: Sports history, institutional/organizational histories, modern Afrikaner history, 20th century South African history.

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Education

2021: PhD (History), University of the Free State
Thesis: *'n Geskiedenis van die Suid-Afrikaanse Rugbyraad (SARR): Ontstaan, ontwikkeling en vroeë bedrywighede, 1889-1956*
[“A History of the South African Rugby Board (SARB): Establishment, Development and Early Activities, 1889-1956”]

2013: MA (History), University of Stellenbosch

2011: BA Hons. (History), University of Stellenbosch

2010: BA (Language & Culture), University of Stellenbosch

Employment

Jan. 2023-current: Senior Lecturer and Subject Head, Department of History, University of the Free State, QwaQwa campus.

June 2015-Dec. 2022: Lecturer, Department of History, University of the Free State, QwaQwa campus.

Apr. 2014-Apr. 2015: English Second Language (ESL) teacher, I-Land Language School, Hayang-eup, Gyeongsan-si, South Korea.

Jan. 2012-Nov. 2013: Curator, South African Rugby Board (SARB) Archive, University of Stellenbosch.

Feb. 2011-Nov. 2013: Tutor & Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Stellenbosch.

Peer-reviewed articles

- 2024: De Wet, W. "South Africa's journey to full status on the International Rugby Football Board, 1906–1958", *New Contree* 91, a253, 2024.
- 2022: De Wet, W. "The Second World War, the 'Rugby Split', and the Afrikanerization of White Rugby in South Africa, c.1940-1956", *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 39(10), 2022, pp. 1114-1134.
- 2021: De Wet, W. "A history of the South African Rugby Football Board (SARFB): Early years, 1889-1914", *Sport in History* 41(3), 2021, pp. 360-386.
- 2019: De Wet, W. "Koos Kombuis: Ikonoklas na Ikoon", *Historia* 64(2), November 2019, pp. 156-177.
- 2016: De Wet, W. "Tendense in populêre werke oor Suid-Afrikaanse rugby, 1948-1995: 'n Historiografiese studie", *Historia* 61(1), May 2016, pp. 113-131.

Conference presentations

- 2023: "South Africa's Journey to Full Status on the International Rugby Football Board, 1906-1958", Historical Association of South Africa (HASA) Conference, Rhodes University, 27-29 June.
- 2022: "The Second World War, the 'rugby split', and the re-shaping of the South African rugby landscape", Southern African Historical Society (SAHS) Conference, University of Fort Hare, East London, 28-30 June.
- 2021: "The 'rugby split': South African rugby politics, 1940-1945", South African Society for Cultural History (SASCH) Conference, Clarens, 22-23 October.
- 2019: "A history of the South African Rugby Football Board (SARFB): early years, 1889-1914", British Society of Sports History (BSSH) Conference, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, UK, 6-7 September.
- 2018: "Koos Kombuis: Ikonoklas na Ikoon", Historical Association of South Africa (HASA) Conference, Thaba 'Nchu, 20-22 June.

- 2017: “Popular South African rugby literature: A reflection of society?”, Decolonizing Sports History Conference, University of Stellenbosch, 15-16 September.
- 2016: “Tendense in populêre werke oor Suid-Afrikaanse rugby, 1948-1995: ’n Historiografiese studie”, Historical Association of South Africa (HASA) Conference, North-West University Vaal Triangle Campus, Vanderbijlpark, 23-25 June.

Ongoing research

- Article: “Par 4 the Course: Snapshots into the History of Golf in the Eastern Free State”
- Article: “A History of Golf in South Africa: Exploring the Course”
- Article: Teaching ‘A Brief History of the Whole World’ at a Rural South African University
- Research Project: National Research Project on the History of Universities in South Africa (University of the Free State research team)

Teaching

All modules taught at the University of the Free State, QwaQwa campus

HIST 1534 (A Brief History of the Whole World)

HIST 1514 (Introduction to 20th Century History of Africa and South Africa)

HIST 1624 Part 1 (20th Century World History)

HIST 2614 Part 1 (African Nationalism)

HIST 2614 Part 2 (South Africa, 1948-1976)

HIST 2624 Part 1 (World War II)

HIST 2624 Part 2 (Cold War)

HIST 3718 Part 2 (South Africa, 1976-2000)

HIST 3728 Part 2 (Historiography and Methodology)

GEL 142 (Method of History)

Postgraduate supervision

- Ongoing: PhD (History), *The Political Life of Sonny Leon, 1911-1990* (co-supervisor)
Hons (History), *T.K. Mopeli and his Contributions to Education*
Hons (History), *China in Africa: A Case Study of Angola* (co-supervisor)
- 2021: BA Hons. (History), *The African National Congress (ANC) and the two World Wars*
MA (History), *National Socialism and Nazism in South Africa: the case of L.T. Weichardt and his Greyshirt movements, 1933-1946* (co-supervisor)

Services to the academic community

External examination

- 2022: PhD (History), *One percent terror, ninety nine percent boredom: An analysis of military boredom and leisure time of SADF soldiers during the South African Border War*, University of Stellenbosch.
- 2017: MA (History), *The 1969 Tulbagh earthquake*, University of Stellenbosch.
- 2016: MA (History), *'Barbed-Wire Boks': The Long Shadow of the 1981 Springbok Tour of New Zealand and the United States of America*, University of Stellenbosch.

Membership of professional bodies

Historical Association of South Africa (HASA)

Southern African Historical Society (SAHS)

British Society of Sports History (BSSH)

Peer reviewer

Historia

Indago (Journal of the National Museum of South Africa)

University committees

2022-present: Scientific Committee: Culture

2016: UFS Naming Committee (QwaQwa campus representative)

Honours and awards

Dec. 2020: #TeachOn Champion for Online Teaching and Learning, University of the Free State, QwaQwa campus.

Nov. 2016: Excellence in Teaching and Learning Assessment Innovation Award, University of the Free State, QwaQwa campus.

Professional training and capacity building

Feb. 2024: Curriculum Renewal Programme, University of the Free State, Golden Gate Highlands National Park.

Aug. 2022: TRREE Training Programme in Research Ethics Evaluation, <https://elearning.trree.org/mod/page/view.php?id=70>

Sept. 2017: The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and At-Risk Students Training, University of the Free State, QwaQwa campus.

June 2017: Arbinger Core at Work Conflict Management Training, University of the Free State, Clarens.