

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Miles Larmer

Date of birth: 27 July 1969

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## EDUCATION

- 2001-04: PhD in History, University of Sheffield, UK: 'Zambia's Mineworkers and Political Change, 1964 – 1991'
- 2000-01: PRS/DPhil in History, St. Cross College, University of Oxford, UK
- 1993: MA in African Studies (History), Institute of Commonwealth Studies/School of Oriental & African Studies, UK
- 1990: BA in Social Science, Polytechnic of Central London, UK

## CURRENT POSITIONS

2016 – date: Professor of African History, University of Oxford, UK

2011 – date: Research Fellow, Department for Historical and Heritage Studies, University of Pretoria, South Africa

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2013 – 16: Associate Professor of African History, University of Oxford, UK
- 2011 – 13: Senior Lecturer in International History, University of Sheffield, UK
- 2008 – 11: Lecturer in International History, University of Sheffield, UK
- 2007-08: Lecturer in post-1945 Global History, Sheffield Hallam University, UK
- 2006-07: Lecturer in African/Imperial History, Keele University, UK
- 2004-06: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Pretoria, South Africa

## RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

- European Research Council Consolidator Grant, Euro 1.6 million, for 'Comparing the Copperbelts (July 2016-Sept 2021).
- AHRC Research Fellowship, £66,282, for 'Local Identities and Transnational Conflict: the Katangese Gendarmes and Central-Southern Africa's Forty-years war, 1960-1999' (2011-12).
- Centre for Civil Society (South Africa), grant of R\$ 43,325 for 'Four Wheel Drives and Burning Tyres: Understanding Social Movements in Southern Africa' (2007-08).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS (since 2016 – earlier list on request)

- Paper, 'Making the Urban Family: Social Welfare in the Central African Copperbelt, 1950-1990', at 'Histoire sociale de l'Afrique: héritages et marges de la parenté' conference, EHESS-Marseille, France, Nov 2019 (invited).
- Paper, 'Decolonising' 'development': knowledge production in the late-colonial and post-colonial Central African Copperbelt', versions presented at the African Studies Association-US conference, Boston, Nov 2019; Copperbelt University, Zambia, July 2019 (invited); Southern African Historical Society conference, Grahamstown, South Africa, June 2019; 'Empire and Globalisation(s): Circulations, Exchanges and Trans-Imperial Cooperation in Africa, 19th-20th Centuries' workshop, Lausanne, Switzerland, May 2019 (invited); Development and Securitisation, and (Counter)-Insurgency conference, Lisbon, March 2019 (invited); and 'Decolonising' knowledge production in late-colonial and post-colonial central Africa, at 'Knowledge Production in Colonial and Post-colonial History' workshop, University of Oxford, Nov 2018.
- Paper, 'Comparing the Copperbelt: Social History and Knowledge Production, Kitwe, July 2018.

- Paper, 'Le Copperbelt: Zambie et RDC', University of Lubumbashi, DR Congo, Jan 2018 (invited).
- Paper, 'Historicising Nationalism in Africa' of Oxford, The Long History of Identity, Ethnicity and Nationhood seminar, University of Oxford, Oct 2018 (invited).
- Paper, 'Global-local dynamics in late Twentieth Century Africa' at 'The Practice of Global History' conference, University of Oxford, Sep 2017 (invited).
- Paper, 'Nation-making at the Border: Zambian Diplomacy in the Democratic Republic of Congo', University of Birmingham Centre for African Studies seminar, Sep 2017 (invited).
- Papers. 'Comparing the Copperbelt' at Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, Lusaka; and Copperbelt University, Kitwe, Zambia, both July 2017 (invited).
- Panel, 'Political Cultures in the Central African Copperbelt' (co-organised with Benjamin Rubbers), European Conference on African Studies, Basel, Jun 2017.
- Paper, 'Nation-making at the Border: Zambian Diplomacy in the Democratic Republic of Congo', conference on 'Territoriality, Boundaries and Spatial Practices in "Berlin's Africa"', University of Leipzig, May 2017 (invited).
- Double panel on 'Social and Political Mobilisation in Extractive Communities in Sub-Saharan Africa' (co-organised with Vito Laterza), African Studies Association of the UK, University of Cambridge, Sep 2016.
- Presentation on 'Historicising African Militaries: Problematising State and Non-State Armed Forces', public panel at workshop, 'Do Military Interventions in Africa Bring Peace and Stability?', Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Aug 2016 (invited).
- Co-organised conference, 'Globalisation in the Nineteenth Century: Perspectives from Africa', University of Oxford, May 2016.
- Presentation at 'Red Africa: Power, Liberation and the Geopolitics of the Soviet Union', Royal Africa Society event, Calvert 22 Foundation, London, Mar 2016 (invited).
- Paper, 'Comparing the Copperbelts' at 'Imperial Comparison' conference, University of Oxford, Jul 2016.
- Paper, 'Rhodes Must Fall and the Study of African History at the University of Oxford', Durham University Centre for Contemporary African History seminar, Apr 2016 (invited).
- Paper, 'Comparing the Central African Copperbelts: social history and knowledge production in the Zambian copperbelt and Haut Katanga', University of Cambridge African Studies seminar, Feb 2016 (invited).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

#### As author:

- *Living for the City: Social Change and Knowledge Production in the Central African Copperbelt* (forthcoming: Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021).
- *The Katangese Gendarmes and War in Central-Southern Africa, 1960-1999*, co-authored with Erik Kennes (Bloomington IN: Indiana University Press, 2016).
- *Rethinking African Politics: A History of Opposition in Zambia* (Farnham: Ashgate Books: 2011).
- *Mineworkers in Zambia: Labour and Political Change in Post-Colonial Africa, 1964 – 1991* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2007).

#### As editor:

- *Across the Copperbelt: Urban and Social Change in Central Africa's Borderland Communities*, co-edited with Enid Guene, Benoît Henriët, Iva Peša and Rachel Taylor (In press: Oxford: James Currey, 2021).
- *The Musakanya Papers: The Autobiographical Writings of Valentine Musakanya* (Lusaka: Lembani, 2010).
- *Zambia, Mining, and Neoliberalism: Boom and Bust on the Globalized Copperbelt*, co-edited with Alastair Fraser (New York: Palgrave, 2010).

### Peer-reviewed journal articles (28 in total)

- Editorial: 'Liberation Beyond the Nation', co-written with Jocelyn Alexander, Paolo Israel and Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 46, 5 (2020), pp. 821-828.
- Nation-making at the Border: Zambian Diplomacy in the Democratic Republic of Congo, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 61, 1 (2019), pp. 145-175.
- 'Historicising Nationalism in Africa', co-written with Baz Lecocq, *Nations and Nationalism*, 24, 4 (2018), pp. 835-1220. (awarded Antony D. Smith prize).
- Editorial: 'Contested Wealth: Social and Political Mobilisation in Extractive Communities', Africa', co-written with Vito Laterza, *Extractive Industries and Society*, 4, 4 (2017), pp. 701-706.
- 'Permanent Precarity: Capital and Labour in the Central African Copperbelt', *Labor History*, 58, 2 (2017), pp. 170-184.
- 'At the Crossroads: Mining and Political Change on the Katangese-Zambian Copperbelt', *Oxford History Online* (July 2016).
- 'Ethnopoliticism in Africa: Opposition Mobilisation in Diverse and Unequal Societies', co-written with Nic Cheeseman, *Democratization* 22, 1 (2015), pp. 22-50. (awarded Frank Cass prize for best *Democratization* article of 2015).
- Editorial: 'Mobile Soldiers and the 'Un-national' Liberation of Southern Africa', *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 40, 6 (2014), pp. 1271-1274.
- Editorial: 'Narratives of Nationhood: Transformation and Contestation in Postcolonial Zambia', *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 40, 5 (2014), pp. 895-905.
- 'Rethinking the Katangese Secession', co-written with Erik Kennes, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 42, 4 (2014), pp. 741-761.
- 'Historicising activism in late colonial and post-colonial sub-Saharan Africa', *Journal of Historical Sociology* (published online 2014).
- 'Local Conflicts in a Transnational War: the Katangese Gendarmes and the Shaba Wars of 1977-78', *Cold War History*, 13, 1 (2013), pp. 89-108.
- Editorial: 'Neither War nor Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Profiting and Coping amid Disorder', co-written with Ann Laudati and John F. Clark, *Review of African Political Economy*, 40, 135 (2013), pp. 1-12.
- 'An Epoch of Uprisings: Social movements in Africa since 1945', co-written with Leo Zeilig and Peter Dwyer, *Socialist History Journal*, 40 (2012), pp. 1-23.
- 'Chronicle of a Coup Foretold: Valentine Musakanya and the 1980 Coup Attempt in Zambia', *Journal of African History*, 51, 3 (2010), pp. 391-409.
- Editorial: 'Social Movement Struggles in Africa', *Review of African Political Economy*, 37, 125 (2010), pp. 251-262.
- 'Southern African Social Movements at the 2007 Nairobi World Social Forum', co-written with Leo Zeilig and Peter Dwyer, *Global Networks*, 9, 1 (2009), pp. 41-62.
- 'Of Cabbages and King Cobra: Populist Politics and Zambia's 2006 Elections', co-written with Alastair Fraser, *African Affairs*, 106, 425 (2007), pp. 611-637.
- 'The Origins, Context and Political Significance of the Mushala Rebellion against the Zambian One-Party State', co-written with Giacomo Macola, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 40, 3 (2007), pp. 471-496.
- '“More Fire” Next Time? The Southern African Social Forum as a Locus of Social Protest, 2003 – 2005', *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 42, 1 (2007), pp. 25-37.
- 'Anti-Globalisation, Economic Liberalisation and Democratic Consolidation in Contemporary Zambia', *Afriche e Oriente*, 8, 3/4 (2006), pp. 71-85.
- 'Zambia's Mineworkers and the Labour Movement's Resistance to the One-Party State, 1973 – 1981', *South African Historical Journal*, 56 (2006), pp. 154-176.
- 'What Went Wrong?: Zambian Political Biography and Post-colonial Discourses of Decline', *Historia*, 51, 1 (2006), pp. 235-256.
- '“A Little Bit Like a Volcano”: The United Progressive Party and Resistance to One-Party Rule in Zambia, 1964 – 1980', *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 39, 1 (2006), pp. 49-83.

- ‘‘The Hour Has Come at the Pit’’: The Mineworkers’ Union of Zambia and the Movement for Multi-Party Democracy, 1982 – 1991’, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 32, 2 (2006), pp. 293-312.
- ‘Unrealistic Expectations? Zambia’s Mineworkers from Independence to the One-Party State, 1964 – 1972’, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 18, 4 (2005), pp. 318-352
- ‘Reaction and Resistance to Neo-liberalism in Zambia’, *Review of African Political Economy*, 32, 103 (2005), pp. 29-45.
- ‘‘If we are still here next year’ – Zambian Historical Research in the Context of Decline’, *History in Africa*, 31 (2004), pp. 215-229.

#### **Editor of special issues of peer-reviewed journals (6 in total)**

- ‘Liberation Beyond the Nation’, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 46, 5 (2020).
- ‘Social and Political Mobilisation in Extractive Communities in Africa’, *Extractive Industries and Society*, 4, 4 (2017).
- ‘Mobile Soldiers and the ‘Un-national’ Liberation of Southern Africa’, *Journal of Southern African Studies* (part-special issue), 40, 6 (2014).
- ‘Zambia: Narratives of Nationhood’, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 40, 5 (September 2014).
- ‘Neither War nor Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Profiting and Coping amid Disorder’, *Review of African Political Economy*, 40, 135 (2013).
- ‘Social Movement Struggles in Africa’, *Review of African Political Economy*, 37, 125 (2010).

#### **Book chapters (13 in total)**

- ‘The Decolonisation of Community Development in Haut Katanga and the Zambian Copperbelt, 1945 to 1990’, co-written with Rachel Taylor, in M. Larmer, E. Guene, B. Henriët, I. Peša and R. Taylor (eds.), *Across the Copperbelt: Urban and Social Change in Central Africa's Borderland Communities*, co-edited with (forthcoming: Oxford: James Currey, 2021).
- ‘Beyond the State/Rebel Dichotomy in Twentieth Century African Warfare’, co-written with Jonathan Krause in G. Curless and Martin Thomas (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Colonial Insurgencies and Counter-Insurgencies* (in press: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).
- ‘Secessionism in Congo’, co-written with Erik Kennes, in L. de Vries, P. Englebert and M. Schomerus (eds.), *Secessionism in African Politics: Aspiration, Grievance, Performance, Disenchantment*, (Palgrave: Cham, 2019), pp. 361-391.
- ‘Of Local Identities and Transnational Conflict: the Katangese Gendarmes and Central-Southern Africa's Forty-years war, 1960-1999’ in N. Arielli and B. Collins (eds.), *Transnational Soldiers : Foreign Military Enlistment in the Modern Era* (Palgrave: New York, 2012), pp. 160-180.
- ‘Zambian Nationalism and Protests’ and ‘Frederick Chiluba’ in I. Ness, (ed.), *International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest* (Blackwell: Oxford, 2009).
- ‘Zambia Since 1990: Paradoxes of Democratic Transition’ in A.R. Mustapha and L. Whitfield (eds.), *Turning Points in African Democracy* (James Currey: Oxford, 2009), pp. 114-133.
- ‘Enemies Within? Opposition to the Zambian One-Party State, 1972 – 1980’ in J.-B. Gewald, M. Hinfelaar and G. Macola. (eds.), *One Zambia, Many Histories: Towards a History of Post-Colonial Zambia* (Leiden: Brill, 2008), pp. 98-125.
- ‘Resisting the State: the Trade Union Movement and the Working-Class in Zambia’ in L. Zeilig (ed.), *Class Struggle and Resistance in Africa* (London: New Clarion Press, 2002), pp. 98-112.
- ‘General History of Zambia, 1850-2000’ (four chapters) in E. Murphy, (ed.), *A History of the Jesuits in Zambia* (Nairobi: Paulines Publications Africa, 2003).

#### **Other publications**

Numerous book reviews for leading African studies and History journals.