

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Miles Larmer

Date of birth: 27 July 1969

Nationality: British

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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 – 2016: 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

SUPERVISION

University of Oxford:

DPhil supervision:

- Sacha Hepburn, 2013-16 (passed with minor corrections); Yuzhou Sun, 2015-date. Saima Ashipala, 2015-date; Kate Erickson, 2017-date; Harriet Aldrich, 2017-date; David Damtar, 2018-date.

University of Sheffield:

Supervisor, Katie Crone Barber, PhD, 2011-14 (passed with minor corrections).

Supervisor, MA in International History students, 2008-13

Supervisor, dissertations of MSt Global and Imperial History and MSc African Studies students, 2013-date; thesis of History undergraduates, various, 2008 to date.

2008 - date: supervision of research assistants in Zambia and DRC for research projects on mining and historical change.

LANGUAGES

French: very good reading, good spoken, limited writing.

Portuguese: reasonable reading, basic spoken.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Member, African Studies Association of the UK
- Member, Royal African Society
- Editorial board member, *Journal of Southern African Studies* (2008-date)
- Editor (2008-11) and editorial board member (2007-13), *Review of African Political Economy*
- As a leading expert on central Africa, I am periodically consulted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development on contemporary political developments in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. I am in regular contact with political leaders and social movements in both countries.
- I have edited a number of important special issues of leading Africanist journals, bringing together important research on themes including conflict in the DRC, social movements in Africa and the history of Southern African liberation movements.
- Editor, *Studies in Democratic Culture*, Palgrave Macmillan book series (2012-date)
- I helped establish the Yorkshire African Studies Network (YASN) in 2010, bringing together inter-disciplinary Africanist faculty and postgraduate students in Yorkshire universities in a successful series of workshops and conferences.
- I helped establish the Congo Research Network in 2010, a global forum for researchers working on and in the Democratic Republic of Congo from all disciplinary perspectives.
- I was until 2013 a Co-Director of the University of Sheffield's Centre for the Study of Democratic Culture (CSDC), which explores political engagement and mobilisation in a transnational and inter-disciplinary perspective. In this capacity I organised conferences and workshops bringing international visitors to the Centre and resulting in various publications.

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

- European Research Council Consolidator Grant, Euro 1.6 million, for 'Comparing the Copperbelts (July 2016-Jun 2020).
- 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 2010 – earlier list available on request)

- 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).
- Paper, 'The Katangese Gendarmes in Angolan exile, presentation at Angolan Studies Conference, Luanda, Angola: presentation on the Katangese Gendarmes (invited).
- Paper, 'Comparing the Central African Copperbelts: social history and knowledge production in the Zambian copperbelt and Haut Katanga', University Libre Brussels, Dec 2015 (invited).
- Co-organised panel, 'Problematising Stateness and Non-Stateness in African Armed Movements' African Studies Association-US annual meeting, San Diego, Nov 2015.
- Co-organised panel, 'Social and Political Mobilisation in Mining Communities in Southern and Central Africa', European Conference of African Studies, Paris, Jul 2015.
- Public lecture, '50 Years On is Zambia's History Forgotten, Suppressed or Untold?', Lusaka, Zambia, Oct 2014 (invited).

- Co-organised conference, 'The Comparative History of Political Engagement in Western and African Societies', University of Pretoria, Sep 2013.
- Co-organised (with Baz Lecoq) triple panel on 'African Nationalism as subjects of historical research', European Conference of African Studies, Lisbon, Jul 2013. Paper: 'Cross-border nationalism and its regional discontents in the Zambian/Katangese Copperbelt, 1955-1964'.
- Co-organised 'Comparing Populism', an interdisciplinary workshop exploring the nature of populist politics in the US, Europe and Africa, Sheffield, Feb 2013.
- Co-organised (with Luise White) conference on 'Mobile Soldiers and the Un-national Liberation of Southern Africa', Sheffield, Feb 2013. Paper: 'Local Conflicts in a Transnational War: The Katangese Gendarmes and the Shaba wars of 1977-78'.
- Organised stream of 11 Congo Research Network panels; and convened panel on 'Understanding Political Opposition in Post-colonial and Contemporary Africa' at African Studies Association-UK conference, Leeds, Sep 2012. Presented two papers: 'Rethinking the Katangese Secession' and 'Ethno-populist opposition politics in Zambia'.
- Co-organiser, 'Zambia: Narratives of Nationhood conference', University of Zambia, Aug 2012. Paper: 'Comparing Copperbelts in Historical Perspective'.
- Organised a conference on 'Conflict, Identity and the State in colonial and post-colonial Democratic Republic of Congo', Sheffield, Jun 2012.
- Organised panel on 'Ethnicity, Conflict, Identity and Belief: New Directions in Congolese Research', African Studies Association USA, Washington DC, Nov 2011. Paper: 'Local Identities and Transnational Conflict: the Katangese Gendarmes and Central-Southern Africa's Forty-years war, 1960-1999'.
- Papers by invitation at Universities of Cambridge and Copenhagen, Oct 2011 on Katangese gendarmes' research.
- Convened double panel entitled 'Comparing the Copperbelts: Mining, Politics, Economy, Society and Security in Haut Katanga and the Zambian Copperbelt, at European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, Sweden, Jun 2011.
- Papers by invitation at Universities of Oxford and Birmingham, 2010-11 academic year.
- Organised panel and delivered paper entitled 'Local Identities and Transnational Conflicts in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 1960-2005' at the African Studies Association-UK conference, Oxford, Sept 2010.
- Paper by invitation at 'African Independences and Boundaries conference', University of Paris I, May 2010.
- Invited discussant and member of scientific committee for conference '*Luttes dans L'Afrique*', University of Paris I, January 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

As author:

- *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:

- *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 (25 in total)

- Editorial: 'Contested Wealth: Social and Political Mobilisation in Extractive Communities in Africa', *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).
- 'Ethnopolitism 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 (5 in total)

- 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 (December 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 (11 in total)

- ‘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: New York, forthcoming, 2018).
- ‘Of Local Identities and Transnational Conflict: the Katangese Gendarmes and Central-Southern Africa's Forty-years war, 1960-1999’ in N. Arielli & 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.