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Education

2007- 2010 PhD University of Basel, Switzerland
2005 – University of Namibia - Specialized Diploma in Gender and Development
2002-2003 University of the Western Cape – Masters in Anthropology
2001 Robben Island Training Programme (in collaboration with University of Cape Town and University of the Western Cape) – Postgraduate Diploma in Museums and Heritage Studies
1996-1999 University of Namibia - Bachelor of Education

Professional Experience

June 2021- Present Associate Dean, School of Humanities, Society and Development (Unam)
June 2021- Present Member Faculty of Education and Human Sciences Faculty of Management (Unam)
2019-Present National Genocide Technical Committee Member
2015- 2020 Deputy Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Unam)
2015-2019 Chairperson Museum Association of Namibia
2011–May 2021 Member of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Management (UNAM)
2011-Present Member of Senate (Unam)
2011-2015 Head of Department- Geography, History and Environmental Studies
2019–present Senior Lecturer: History and Heritage Studies (Unam)
2002-2010 Lecturer: History (University of Namibia)
2000 High School History and English Teacher

Research Interest

History (gender, material culture, liberation struggle)
Museology
Cultural Heritage Community Engagement

Selected Research Activities

History of Namibia, Cultural Heritage, Provenance research

Experience in Advising Young Scientists

Lectures, seminars, exercises, and field courses since 2002
Supervision of PG Diploma, MA and PhD
External Examiner for PhD dissertation,

Publications:

Martha Akawa. Gender Politics of the camps. In: Silvester Jeremy. Revisiting resistance. Windhoek, UNAM press, 2015.

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Akawa Martha and Nghitevelekewa Romie. An account of women linked to migrant workers in Oranjemund. In: Lenggenhager Luregn, Akawa Martha, Miescher Giorgio, Nghitevelekewa Romie, Sinthumule Ndidzulafhi Innocent (Eds). *The Lower !Garib-Orange River. Past and Presents of Southern African Border Region*. Columbia University Press, 2022.

Luregn Lenggenhager, Giorgio Miescher, Romie Nghitevelekwa & Martha Akawa (2024) Crossing Etosha: a history of donkeys in Namibia's central north, *Anthropology Southern Africa*, 47:2, 167-182, DOI: 10.1080/23323256.2024.2314774

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