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**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut	2006
M.A. History of Education, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	2001
M.A. International Development, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	1999

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Assistant Professor</b> , The University of Texas at Austin, Department of History	2008 - present
<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> , Center for European Studies	2013 - present
<b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> , Bielefeld Graduate School for Sociology and History, Bielefeld, Germany.	2010 - 2011
<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> , Center for African and African American Studies	2008 - present
<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> , Center for Women's and Gender Studies	2008 - present
<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of History, Denison University, Granville, Ohio	2006 - 2008

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

1. Charumbira, R. (2015). *Imagining a Nation: History and Memory in Making Zimbabwe*. (Series: *Reconsiderations in Southern African History*). Charlottesville and London: University of Virginia Press. **Finalist** for the the **Berkshire Conference of Women's Historians Book Prize**.

**Book Chapters (Refereed)**

2. Charumbira, R. (2015). Becoming Imperial: A Swiss Woman's Shifting Identity in British Southern Africa. In P. Purtschert and H. Fischer-Tiné (Eds.), *Colonial Switzerland: Rethinking Colonialism from the Margins* (157-178). Palgrave Macmillan.
3. Charumbira, R. (2013). Gender, Nehanda, and the Myth of Nationhood in the Making of Zimbabwe. In G. Bouchard (Ed.), *National Myths: Constructed pasts, contested presents* (206-222). London and New York: Routledge.

**Journal Articles (Refereed)**

4. Charumbira, R. (2009). 'A School Said to Resemble a Luxury Hotel': Historicizing African Women's Quest for Education before Oprah's School. *History Compass*, 7(3), 624-643.
5. Charumbira, R. (2008). Nehanda and Gender Victimhood in the Central Mashonaland 1896-97 Rebellions: Revisiting the Evidence. *History in Africa*, 35(2008), 103-131.
6. Charumbira, R. (Summer 2006). Administering Medicine Without a License: Missionary Women in Rhodesia's Nursing History, 1890-1901. *The Historian*, 68(2), 241-266.
7. Charumbira, R. (2002). 'Mapfupa Angu Achamuka – My Bones Shall Rise' The Intellectual Legacy of Mbuya Nehanda of Zimbabwe. *Journal of Postcolonial Education*, 1(2), 25-45.

**Dictionary Entries (Refereed)**

8. Charumbira, R. (2011 e-book, 2012 print). Nehanda (d. c. 1460), 3 electronic single-spaced pages. Charwe (c. 1862-1898), 3 electronic pages. Chitepo, Victoria Fikile (1928–), 3 electronic pages. Nyanhehwe (d. 1480), 2 electronic pages. Gatsi Rusere (1559-1623), 2 electronic pages. In E. K. Akyeampong and H. L. Gates (Eds.), Oxford Reference, *Dictionary of African Biography*. Oxford University Press.  
<http://www.oxfordreference.com/search?avail=free&isQuickSearch=true&pageSize=10&q=charumbira&sort=relevance>.
9. Charumbira, R. (2008). Spirit Possession. (By invitation). In B. G. Smith (Ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. (Vol. 4, pp. 128-29). New York: Oxford University Press.

**Short Story in Referred Journal**

10. Charumbira, R. (January 2001). The Eye of the Storm. *Trans/forms - Insurgent Voices in Education*, 5(7), 68-80.

**Poetry in Refereed Journal**

11. Charumbira, R. (1998). Woman . . . This is Your Body Calling!!! *Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal*, 23(2), Special Issue, Sexual Economics, 89.

**Online Article**

12. Charumbira, R. (February 2012). Zimbabwe's Hanging Tree. *Not Even Past*, University of Texas at Austin Department of History. Retrieved from <https://notevenpast.org/zimbabwes-hanging-tree/>. 4 online pages.

#### SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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| 2015      | Fellow, Walter Prescott Webb Chair in History and Ideas, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin                |
| 2015      | Nominated for the Raymond Dickson Centennial Endowed Teaching Fellowship   |
| 2014      | Office of the Vice-President for Research, Subvention Grant  |
| 2008-2011 | Start-up Grant, College of Liberal Arts and the Center for African and African American Studies, University of Texas at Austin |
| 2010      | Pacific Security Fellow, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California  |
| 2010      | Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress, Washington, DC (Declined)   |
| 2009-2010 | British Studies Junior Fellow, University of Texas at Austin   |
| 2009-2010 | New Faculty Fellow, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin                                       |
| 2006-2008 | Fairchild Faculty Development Grant, Denison University, Granville, Ohio   |
| 2006      | Summer Fellow – Oral History Institute, Columbia University, New York, New York  |
| 2005-2006 | Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Writing Fellowship, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut                                      |

#### SELECTED INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

“History as Memory’s Aggravation and Memory’s as History’s Leaky Repository: Reflections on Modern Global History,” public lecture presented at the *Center for Global Studies*, University of Victoria. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. November 27, 2014.

“In Nehanda’s Long Shadow: Mediums and the Politics of Memory in Post-Independent Zimbabwe,” presented at the University of Rochester, Humanities Project Symposium: *Music, Memory, and History on the Frontlines of Apartheid: Looking at Zimbabwe*. Rochester, New York. March 26, 2014.

“Black Colony, White Memory: The Price of Commemorating Occupation Day in Rhodesia, 1890-1980,” presented at the University of Iowa, *International Programs and African Studies Program*. Iowa City, Iowa. March 11, 2013.

“This is our Fatherland, This is Our Motherland: The Gendered Dissonance of Memory in Postcolonial Southern Africa,” *Gender Symposium*, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. April 13, 2012.

“When Memory goes Awry: Black and White Nationalism in Southern Africa,” presented at the *Center for African Studies*, University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida. October 28, 2011.

“Human Rights in the U.S.A. and Africa,” presented at the *Panel in Honor of Helen Suzman: Fighter for Human Rights*, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. March 8, 2011.

“You May Want to do this after Tenure: Reflections on Researching an Obscure Woman,” presented at the American Historical Association, *Sponsored by the American Historical Association Committee on Women Historians*. Boston, Massachusetts. January 8, 2011.

“Nehanda, History and Memory, 1896-2010,” presented at the Research Days 2010, Britain Zimbabwe Society and the Center for African Studies, Oxford University. Oxford, United Kingdom. June 19-20, 2010.

“Leaning on Women’s Backs and Fabricating the Nation in Colonial Southern Africa,” presented at the Symposium for Gender, History and Sexuality, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. April 9, 2010.

“Violence, Gender, and Decolonization, A Reflection,” public lecture presented as part of the New Faculty Colloquium, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. February 10, 2010.

“Rape, the Long Haunting Shadow of Liberation Wars in Southern Africa: A Critical Reflection,” presented at the *Conference on Violence and Vulnerability*, Emory University. Atlanta, Georgia. November 12-14, 2009.

“Leading in Nehanda’s Name: Gender and the Myth of Nationhood in Zimbabwe,” presented at the *Whither National Myths: Reflections on the Present and Future of National Myths* Conference, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts. May 6-8, 2009.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Flying on Broken Wings: Southern African Women’s Memories of Trauma and Reconciliation,” at *The Testimony: Memory, Trauma, Truth, Engagement Project: 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Meeting*. Mansfield College, Oxford University, United Kingdom. July 9-13, 2015.

“Hot Racial Narratives, Cold War Politics, and White Minority Rule in Southern Africa,” presented at the *New Narratives of the Cold War International Conference*, University of Lausanne. Lausanne, Switzerland. July 16-17, 2014.

“Being German: Narratives about Memory, Identity, and Democracy in the Twenty-First Century,” (**Panel Organizer**), presented at the *International Oral History Association Conference*. Barcelona, Spain. July 9-12, 2014.

Invited discussant for “Session 2: Collective Memory and the Places of Heritage,” *Place Memory, Place Politics: Cultural Perspectives on the Local and Locality*, Donald D. Harrington Workshop, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. April 11-12, 2014.

“In the Name of the Fathers: Memory and Amnesia in Rhodesia and Zimbabwe,” paper to be presented at the *African Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 29-December 1, 2012.

“To Be or Not to Be Native, that’s the Question?: Southern African Settler Memories of Belonging,” presented at the *Narratives and Social Memory: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches Conference*, University of Minho. Braga, Portugal. June 29-30, 2012.

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE and ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES at the University of Texas at Austin**

2015-	Library Liaison, History Department
2014-2015	Visiting Speakers Committee, History Department
2014	Chair Nominating Committee, History Department
2013-2014	Executive Committee, History Department
2011-2014	Women’s Studies Dissertation Research Prize Committee, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies
2011-2012	Executive Committee, History Department
2009-2012	Master’s Students Prize Committee, History Department
2009-2012	The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies and Department of History, Coordinator, African Feminisms Series
2009-2010	Executive Committee, History Department
2008-2009	Faculty Advisor, African Students Association

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2001-present	African Studies Association
2001-present	American Historical Association
2001-present	Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
2006-present	International Oral History Association
2015-present	Council for European Studies
2015-present	European Studies’ Research Network on Transnational Memory and Identity in Europe