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Education

B.A. Social Relations, James Madison College, Michigan State University (2005)
 B.A. Honours, Diversity Studies, University of Cape Town (First Class) (2006)
 M.Phil. Diversity Studies, University of Cape Town (Distinction) (2009)
 Ph.D. Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (2018)

Professional Experience

2022 – Present Postdoktor, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
 (research 95%, teaching 5%)
 2021-2022 Senior Researcher (75%) and Lecturer (25%), Wits Centre for Diversity
 Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
 2011-2021 Researcher (75%) and Lecturer (25%), Wits Centre for Diversity Studies,
 University of the Witwatersrand
 2009-2011 Research Coordinator (85%) and Tutor (15%), Intercultural and Diversity
 Studies of Southern Africa, University of Cape Town.

Administrative Positions

2021-2022 Acting-Director, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the
 Witwatersrand
 2011-2022 Research Coordinator, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the
 Witwatersrand
 2009-2011 Research Coordinator, Intercultural and Diversity Studies of Southern Africa,
 University of Cape Town

Board and Committee Membership

2022 – Present Advisory Board Member, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the
 Witwatersrand
 2021-2022 Senior Executive Committee, School of Social Sciences, University of the
 Witwatersrand
 2017 – Present Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Critical Diversity Studies*
 2020 Chair and Reviewer, External Review Committee, Norwegian Program for Capacity
 Development in Higher Education and Research for Development
 2017-2022 School of Social Sciences Research Committee, University of the Witwatersrand
 2014-2016 School of Social Sciences Publicity Committee, University of the Witwatersrand

Other Relevant Positions & Memberships

2022- Present Research Associate, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
 2022- Present International Studies Association (Member)
 2022-2024 European Cooperation of Science and Technology Network “Decolonizing Development”

List of Publications

Books

- 2023 McEwen, H. *The U.S. Christian Right and Pro-Family Politics in 21st Century Africa*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2024 Neille, J., McEwen, H. & de Andrade, V. An Exploration into People with Disabilities' Access to Sex, Sexuality, and Sex Education in South Africa. *Sexuality and Disability*, 42, 101-117.
- 2024 Francis, D. & McEwen, H. Normalising intolerance: the efforts of Christian Right groups to block LGBTIQ+ inclusion in South African schools. *Culture, Health and Sexuality*. 26(2), 236-247.
- 2022 McEwen, H. The (geo)politics of gender and sexuality diversity in a multipolar world: Reading African anti-genderisms beyond the transatlantic *Politique Africaine* 4, 95-113.
- 2021 McEwen, H. Inventing Family: Colonial knowledge politics of 'family' and the coloniality of 'pro-family' activism in Africa. *Africa Today*, 6(4), 30-49.
- 2019 McEwen, H. Suspect Sexualities: Contextualizing rumors of homosexuality within the colonial history of population control. *Critical African Studies*, 11(3), 266-284.
- 2019 Steyn, M., McEwen, H., Tsekwa, J. Diagnosing Organizational Body-Scapes: A Model for Transformation Tested in South Africa's National Research Foundation. *The International Journal of Organizational Diversity*, 19(1), 1-17.
- 2018 McEwen, H. Weaponising rhetorics of 'family': the mobilisation of pro-family politics in Africa. *African Journal of Rhetoric*, 10(1), 144-180.
- 2018 Steyn, M., McEwen, H., & Tsekwa, J. Hyperracialized: interracial relationships in post-apartheid South Africa and the informal policing of public spaces. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 42(10), 1669-1685
- 2017 McEwen, H. Nuclear power: The family in decolonial perspective and 'pro-family' politics in Africa. *Development Southern Africa*, 34(6), 738-751.
- 2017 Steyn, M., Tsekwa, J., & McEwen, H. "Whole masses of uncharted territory": Metaphors, Internal Spatiality, and Racialized Relationships in Post-Apartheid South Africa. *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 5(2), 267-295.
- 2016 McEwen, H., & Steyn, M. Politics of faith: Transforming religious communities and spiritual subjectivities in post-apartheid South Africa. *HTS Theological Studies*, 72(1), 1-8.
- 2016 McEwen, H. Transatlantic Knowledge Politics of Sexuality. *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 4(2), 239-262.
- 2014 McEwen, H., & Milani, T. M. queer & trans Art-iculations: Decolonising gender and sexualities in the global South. *Agenda*, 28(4), 3-8.
- 2014 Blanckenberg, L., & McEwen, H. The writing is on the wall: Affect and conscientisation in the queer & trans art-iculations talk-back station. *Agenda*, 28(4), 61-74.
- 2013 McEwen, H. Deserting Transformation: Heritage, Tourism, and Hegemonic Spatiality in Prince Albert. *Diversities*, 15(2), 23-36.
- 2013 McEwen, H., & Steyn, M. Hegemonic epistemologies in the context of Transformation: Race, space, and power in one post-apartheid South African town. *Critical Race & Whiteness Studies*, 9(1), 1-18.

Chapters in Refereed Books

- 2024 McEwen, H. Anti-Gender Politics in East and Southern Africa: The 'Stop Comprehensive Sexuality Education Campaign'. In A. Holvikivi, T. Ojeda, and B. Holzberg (Eds.), *Transnational Anti-Gender Politics*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. Pp.99-117.
- 2024 Amirali, A., Grispan, M.C., Gill-Peterson, J., Nyanzi, S., and McEwen, H. Troubling anti-gender

attacks: Transnational activist and academic perspectives. In A. Holvikivi, T. Ojeda, and B. Holzberg (Eds.), *Transnational Anti-Gender Politics*. London: Palgrave Macmillan. Pp. 245-263.

- 2023 Reygan, F. & McEwen, H. Beyond ‘abstinence-only’: The ‘pro-family’ countermovement against Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Reproductive Health and Rights in Eastern and Southern Africa. In N. Rodriguez (Ed.), *Queer Studies in Education: An International Reader*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 195-216.

Edited Volumes

- 2021 McEwen, H. Troubling Seasons of Hate. *International Journal of Critical Diversity Studies*, 3(1-2).
 2014 McEwen, H. & Milani, T. Queer and trans art-iculations: Decolonising Gender and Sexuality in the Global South. *Agenda*, 28(4).

Book Reviews

- 2023 McEwen, H. *Miss Major Speaks: the life and legacy of a black trans revolutionary*, by Toshio Meronek and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, Verso, 2023. *Gender and Development* 31(1), 302-304.

Selected Conference Papers

- 2024 Transnational Anti-Gender Politics as Counter-Diplomacy (?): International LGBTIQ+ human rights norm contestation and the Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Act 2023. *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. San Francisco.
 2023 “Straightening Geopolitics: Anti-gender diplomacy in a multipolar world”. *Swedish Political Science Association*. University of Gothenburg.
 2023 “Anti-Gender Rhizometry”. *European International Studies Association Annual Convention*. Potsdam University.
 2023 “Pro-family diplomacy”. *European International Studies Association Annual Convention*. Potsdam University.
 2019 “Spectres in the field: Haunting and being haunted in anthropological research on power, dominance, and oppression,” *American Ethnological Association*, Ethnographic Futures.
 2019 “Slaying Bodies of Knowledge: The epistemicidal orientation of the pro-family movement towards gender and sexuality diversity,” *International Critical Thinking Consortium*. Brighton University.
 2018 “The U.S. Christian Right and ‘pro-family’ knowledge politics in Africa,” *World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology*. University of the Witwatersrand.
 2018 “Containing uncertainties: Making sense of conservative efforts to protect the heteronormative definition of ‘family’ in a decolonial world,” *South African Sociological Association 25th Annual Congress*. University of the Western Cape.
 2017 “Weaponising rhetorics of love and the mobilisation of ‘pro-family’ politics in Africa,” *African Association for Rhetoric 10th Anniversary Conference*. University of South Africa.
 2016 “Nuclear Power: The geo-politics of heteropatriarchy and the need to decolonize normative notions of ‘family’,” *Decolonizing Feminism*, University of the Witwatersrand.
 2016 “The family in decolonial perspective and ‘pro-family’ politics in Africa,” *International Conference on Family Demography in Africa*. University of the Witwatersrand.

Invited Academic Talks

- 2023 “Anti-gender politics in Africa: Thinking beyond the transatlantic”. Penn State University
 2023 “An Introduction to Decolonial African Feminisms”. Lithuanian Centre for Soc Science
 2022 “Anti-gender politics in Southern Africa”. Exploring the Reversal of Gender and Sexuality Based Rights in a Global Context. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University

- 2021 “Anti-gender anxieties: 'Gender' and 'Civilization' within pro-family discourse”. Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin.
- 2021 “The anti-gender movement in South Africa”. Right-wing Gender Politics in the Global South. University of Witwatersrand.
- 2021 “The Far Right in South Africa: Transatlantic currents (and currency) of white supremacy and heteropatriarchy”. Centre for Research on Extremism. University of Oslo.
- 2020 “Queer Epistemicide: Anti-gender knowledge politics and attacks on SOGIE rights”. Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø.

Policy Research and Popular Science

Selected Policy Reports

- 2023 McEwen, H., & Narayanaswamy, L. [The International Anti-Gender Movement: Understanding the rise of anti-gender discourses in the context of development, human rights and social protection](#). Published by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
- 2020 Steyn, M. & McEwen, H. Diversifying the Academy Programmes at the University of the Witwatersrand (2009-2019). Internal Report for Executive Management, Deans, and Heads of School at the University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2020 [Un/knowning & un/doing sexuality & gender diversity: The global anti-gender movement against SOGIE rights and academic freedom](#),” Report, Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund (SAIH).
- 2015 Marks, B., Mills, B., Charles, T., McEwen, H. “Religion, Gender and Sexuality Workshop Report. Sexuality, Poverty and Law,” *Evidence Report No. 162*. Sussex: Institute of Development Studies.

Selected Popular Science Articles and Films

- 2021 Louw, G. & McEwen, H. (Co-Producers). [“Relief on the Edge: Interrogating the limits of relief work in queer civil society”](#) [film]. GALA Queer Archives
- 2020 [“The Anti-Gender Movement”](#), [Film], Norwegian Students’ and Academics International Assistance Fund.

Policy Presentations

- 2023 Panelist. “How should feminist foreign policy counter backlash and backsliding on women’s rights and democracy?” *Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference*, The Hague, Hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 1 Nov.
- 2023 Co-presenter. “The International Anti-Gender Movement: Understanding the rise of anti-gender discourses in the context of development, human rights and social protection”. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, 23 Nov.
- 2023 Keynote. “The Pro-family Movement”. *Women Deliver Conference*. Kigali, Rwanda, 16 July.
- 2022 Keynote. “The status of LGBTIQ+ rights and the anti-gender movement in Africa,” Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund, Oslo, 26 Oct.
- 2021 Lecture. “Gender and Populism,” Civic Leadership Program. European Centre for Populism Studies, Brussels, 16 June.
- 2020 Presentation. “Making sense of the “Stop CSE Campaign”: South African Department of Basic Education, 5 Dec.
- 2020 Presentation. “The international ‘pro-family’ countermovement against LGBTIQ+ rights, SRHR and CSE”. Swedish International Development Agency, Swedish Association for Sexuality Education, Swedish Embassy. 23 Oct.

Selected Media Engagement

- 2024 Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Act: A response to the Ugandan Finance Minister. BBC World Service Radio. 9 March.
- 2024 [US Christian Right has taken aim at LGBTIQ+ rights, sex education and abortion in Africa – new book.](#) *The Conversation Africa*
- 2024 [Homophobia in Africa: The American far-right’s footprint.](#) *DW*. 15 March.
- 2023 [LGBTIQ learners at risk in South Africa as conservative Christian groups fight plans for safer schools.](#)
- 2021 [The Anti-Gender Movement.](#) *Right Rising Podcast*. 13 April.
- 2019 [“America’s right is lobbying against South Africa’s sex education syllabus,”](#) *The Conversation Africa*
- 2018 [“Kewpie: understanding what it meant to be queer in District Six under apartheid,”](#) *The Conversation Africa*.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

Awards

- 2021 Nationally Rated Researcher (Y-2), South African National Research Foundation