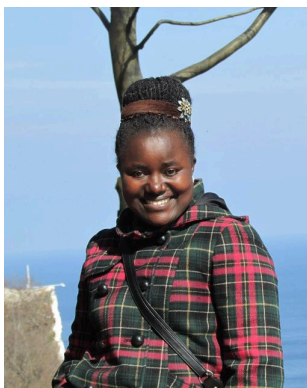


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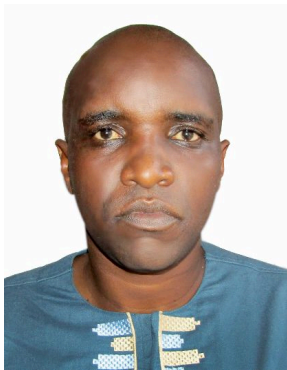


Milcah Abasabyona | Makerere University, Uganda

Project Title: *Intimacies of Identification and Lived Citizenship among the Ghetto Youths in Kampala-Uganda*

Ms. Abasabyona Milcah, a Ugandan early career researcher, is passionate about interdisciplinary research across anthropology, humanities, and social sciences for its ability to address contemporary global issues from multiple perspectives. She holds a bachelor's degree in Arts Education (Business double major) from Gulu University in Uganda and a Master's degree in Anthropology of Education and Globalization from Aarhus University in Denmark. Her varied research experiences include working with renowned think tanks such as the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE). She has held research fellowships including the DANIDA Fellowship and the SSRC's 2023 Next Gen Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, and is actively involved in

collaborative research projects like CERTIZENS at the University of Copenhagen. Currently in her final year of a PhD by research at Makerere University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, her approved project is titled "Intimacies of Identification and Lived Citizenship among the Ghetto Youths in Kampala, Uganda." This research explores the relationship between legal identification documents and broader notions of citizenship through the everyday experiences of differentiated citizens.



Asasira Simon Rwabyoma | The Open University of Tanzania, Tanzania

Project Title: *Men's resistance to gender equality: A study of masculinities-focused interventions in post-genocide Rwanda*

Simon Rwabyoma Asasira is a PhD fellow at The Open University of Tanzania's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. He has taught international development studies at Makerere University and the University of Rwanda, among other universities. He was a SSRC 2021 Next Gen Doctoral Dissertation Research fellow. He has presented and facilitated international conferences and workshops throughout South America, Europe, and Africa. As an emerging thought leader, he took part in the University of Cape Town International Summit on SDGs in Africa 2021. He is a 2025 certified Trainer of Trainers on Gender Responsive Economic Policy Management by the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). He was a laureate of

the Fifth South-South Summer Research Institute on Rethinking Development for the Development in the Global South, which was held in Recife, Brazil, in 2012 and was organized by CODESRIA-APISA-CLASCO. The institute also included ten young African, Asian, and Latin American scholars. Among the learned societies he has belonged to are the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR).



Maryline Chepngetich | Moi University, Kenya

Project Title: *Constructions Of Marginalized Identities, Violence, And Trauma In Selected Texts From East Africa*

Maryline Chepngetich is a PhD student in Literature at the Department of Literature, Linguistics, Foreign Languages, and Film Studies in Moi University, Kenya. Her research interests focus on African studies and cultures, particularly the representation of violence and trauma in African literary texts. She aims to examine how authors of fictional works and memoirs depict and comment on the violence and trauma that have affected Africa for decades. Maryline completed both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Literature at Moi University. She has also visited the University of Bayreuth, Germany, under the Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship in 2022 and was awarded the Recalibrating Afrikanistik Fellowship in 2023. Her published work includes an article in the *Journal of Eastern African Cultural and Literary Studies*, titled "Representing the Politics of Memory: Narrative Strategies in Forna's *The Devil that Danced on the Water* (2002)" and "The Memory of Love (2010)," with two additional articles currently under review.



Stephanie Effevottu | University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Project Title: *The Catholic Church and Peacebuilding in Post-Civil War Nigeria, 1970-2015*

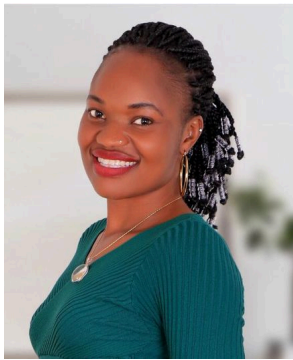
Miss Efetobor Stephanie Effevottu is a doctoral researcher at the Department of History (Development Studies), University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She holds B.A and M.A. degrees in History from the University of Benin and University of Ibadan respectively. Her research interests lie in conflict, peace, security, and development studies, with her PhD thesis focused on the role of the Catholic Church in post-civil war peacebuilding in Nigeria. Apart from her academic engagement, she is a peace activist and practitioner, with a passion for grassroots advocacy. She also has a blog/website (<https://stephanieeffevottu.com/>), where she discusses topical developmental issues. Miss Effevottu is currently in the completion stage of her doctoral journey and aspires to pursue a career path that allows her to continue making impactful contributions to academia, industry, and society. After earning her PhD, she plans to look for postdoctoral research opportunities where she may develop her research skills, work with top researchers in her field, and build her research portfolio.



Marie Grace Kagoyire Gasinzigwa | Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Project Title: *Construction of Genocide memories: Narratives of Second-Generation Rwandans*

Marie Grace Kagoyire Gasinzigwa is a PhD candidate at the Center for the Study of Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. She was a recipient of the SSRC's 2019 APN Individual Research Fellowship award. Her work experience is centered on researching mental health and psychosocial support aiming at peacebuilding in post conflict societies. Her research interest focuses on understanding the legacies of the 1994 genocide related trauma among older generations and its intergenerational impact among post-genocide youth. In her doctoral research, Kagoyire explores how communication of traumatic memories of the 1994 genocide shape the everyday life of second-generation Rwandans. Using a narrative approach, this study further discusses how young people who did not directly live through the 1994 genocide events make sense of its pervasive memories, how these memories affect their psychosocial lives and how both such effects and memories are navigated by these youth to find meaning of this specific un-lived past.



Olive Lomokol | Makerere University, Uganda

Project Title: *Shifting perspectives on "pastoral" violence: the persistence of the "Karamoja Problem" in Uganda*

Olive Lomokol is a PhD candidate at the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR), Makerere University. She was a recipient of the SSRC's 2023 Next Gen Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship. Her work and research interests focus on Pastoralism and the State, Political violence, gender, and decolonization. Her doctoral research project is titled 'shifting perspectives on pastoral violence: the persistence of the Karamoja problem in Uganda'. It seeks to examine contemporary violence manifested through cattle-and-counterraid abetted by use of firearms to investigate the persistence of the "Karamoja Problem" in Uganda. She hopes to

re-emphasize the dimension of history and local context in understanding the Karamoja Question. Invested in decolonization discourses, Olive's research vision is to contribute to studies on violence, power and the state in postcolonial Africa. Olive holds an interdisciplinary MPhil in Social Studies from Makerere University, a Master of Peace and Conflict, and a Bachelor of Arts in Ethics and Development Studies from Uganda Martyrs University.



Silindile Nanzile Mlilo | Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Project Title: *Political subjectivities in post-colonial States: Identity and Belonging of Second-Generation Migrants in Botswana*

Silindile Nanzile Mlilo is a migration scholar, practitioner, and consultant with extensive experience in research and project management at the intersection of migration and mobility governance, xenophobia (social cohesion), youth, and policy development in Africa and Asia where she has worked. She is also a part-time content creator, producer, and interviewer. Currently serving as a Project Manager and Doctoral Researcher at the African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS), University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, Silindile is responsible for researching and monitoring xenophobic discrimination in the country. An alumna of the Young African

Leaders Programme of the European University Institute's School of Transnational Governance, an Erasmus Mundus Scholar and a CODESRIA College of Academic Mentors Institute scholar, she holds a Bachelor of Social Work and an MA in Human Rights from the University of Fort Hare in South Africa. Subsequently, she completed a two-year Erasmus Mundus MA in Advanced Development in Social Work from the University of Lincoln, Aalborg University, Instituto Superior Ciências Sociais Políticas-Universidade De Lisboa, and Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Defense. Silindile is a PhD candidate at Stellenbosch University, South Africa.



Medina Moosa | University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Project Title: *Visions of Jihad: South African liberation and apartheid counterinsurgency through the movement of the Afghan Mujahideen in southern Africa in the 1980s*

Medina Moosa was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and currently resides in Cape Town. She was a recipient of the SSRC's 2023 Next Gen Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship. She is completing a joint PhD in Political Science and History through a Strategic International partnership between the Centre for Humanities Research at the University of the

Western Cape (UWC) in South Africa and the Department of Conflict and Development at Ghent University in Belgium. Her research focuses on examining the implications of the Afghan Mujahideen's movement to Southern Africa in the 1980s for understanding Muslim political subjectivity in the anti-apartheid struggle and the apartheid regime's counterinsurgency strategies. Her work explores how these dynamics animate visions of Jihad as a fluid and polysemic field of meaning.



Matseliso Motsoane | University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
Project Title: *The making of Mohloua Ramakatane's photographic archive, 1950s-present*

Matseliso Motsoane is a historian, writer and cultural practitioner. Her research interests are in African liberation and cultural history, focusing on visual archives and The Everyday. In her work, she addresses (post)coloniality, transnationalism and the politics of archives. Her ongoing PhD project has been an opportunity to engage with the question of agency and Black subjectivity in African photographic collections. As a cultural worker, Matseliso's practice traverses the realms of post-colonial and decolonial praxis. Archives, documentation and cultural preservation are dominant themes in her work. Besides her PhD work, Matseliso is also involved in the provenance research of southern African cultural objects and archives in Western Museums. Matseliso is completing her PhD at the Wits History Department/Wits History Workshop. She was a fellow in the 2023 Museums Lab, and a SSRC 2023 Next Gen Doctoral Research fellow. Matseliso's recent

publications include a co-authored article titled '[The Role of CASSAS in the liberation struggle of the southern African region, 1976 to the early 1980s](#)', [Mohloua T. Ramakatane: Resilience, Affluence and Collective Empowerment](#) in Portraits of A Nation and a short-story titled '[Beneath The Riverbed](#)' in *Ubwali* Literary Magazine.



Mary Kajumba Muhuruzi | Makerere University, Uganda
Project Title: *An Analysis Of History Writing: Political Imagination Of Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom And Its Cumulative Impact On The Formation Of The National Project*

Muhuruzi Mary Kajumba is a PhD Candidate at the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR), Makerere University. She was a recipient of the SSRC's Next Gen Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship and is now a Doctoral Dissertation Completion fellow. Mary holds a Master of Philosophy and a Bachelor of Arts with Education and she has facilitated tutorial classes in Classical and Modern Political Thought. Her research interests are in political studies, political violence, political economy, decolonisation and, post-colonial studies. Her doctoral research project seeks to revisit the history of Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom with particular interest in understanding the process of state formation in Bunyoro, looking at the social, political, and cultural setup of Bunyoro as well as historicizing the contemporary political violence. She seeks to investigate how the contemporary crises in Bunyoro reflect a specific type of social governance and political management inherited from successive governments in Uganda's history. Using the decolonisation discourse, Mary historicizes and theorizes the writing of Bunyoro Kitara's history during the precolonial, colonial, and post-colonial period. She further interrogates how the political imaginations have impacted the formation of the national project.



Japhet Elisante Ringo | Ardhi University, Tanzania

Project Title: *Effectiveness of Preparedness Measures in Mitigation of Flood Effects in the face of Peace and Security. The Role of Early Warning Systems: A Case Study of Kilosa District in Morogoro Region.*

Japhet Ringo is a lecturer at the University of Dodoma, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. He lectures on disaster risk management courses. He has a Master's of Science in Natural Resources Management and a Bachelor of Geography and Environmental Studies. He was a recipient of the SSRC's 2022 Next Gen Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Fellowship. His research interests focus on hydrological and atmospheric disaster risk management in relation to peace, security, and livelihood facets. He has published widely in international and local peer-reviewed journals in those areas. He is currently doing a PhD in Disaster Risk Management at Ardhi University, Tanzania, focusing on the performance of early warning systems in the mitigation of flood effects in the face of peace and security aspects.



Tyne Williams | University of Pretoria, South Africa

Project Title: *Local Conceptions of Child Agency in Post-Conflict Reintegration*

Ms. Tyne Williams is a Researcher at the Centre for Mediation in Africa and fourth-year PhD Candidate in International Relations at the University of Pretoria. Her research explores local conceptions of child agency and resilience in post-conflict reintegration. She aims to capture the nuanced, everyday realities and participatory avenues of returnees beyond wartime narratives, and critically engages the evolving conceptualisation of the 'child' and childhood following decades of conflict. Conducting fieldwork in Gulu, northern Uganda, she engaged with over 150 individuals, including former child soldiers, communities, child mothers, children born in captivity, and organizations in the field of children's rights and post-conflict reconciliation/reintegration. Currently, her objective is to cultivate communication and collaborative networks among local organizations in Gulu, leveraging both the findings and conceptual framework derived from the field. This endeavor seeks to facilitate collaboration with organizations to identify and establish effective pathways, ensuring that the programs and services provided effectively address the post-conflict challenges identified by returnees and communities.