

## ISG Newsletter June 2023

With winter temperatures plunging here in Bloemfontein, it seems that some of you are leaving for warmer climes, and many others are finding solace in hard work!

First of all, those ISG members who are leaving. No-one needs reminding that the academic job market is extremely competitive, so all the greater congratulations, then, to Lotti on securing a lectureship at Walter Sisulu University, and to Geraldine for being offered a contract term at the University of Johannesburg.

None of this happens without hard work, and there is plenty of evidence of that during this past month. Ruhan was awarded a place at the British Academy-funded *Journal of Southern African Studies* and the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research writing workshop, to take place in Lusaka this coming August. Not content with also winning a place on this same workshop, Nyasha has been awarded a Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa Fellowship. Very well done, both of you.

Other significant tokens of external academic esteem include Innocent's appointment to the Advisory Board of *Animal History*, a new journal to be published by the University of California Press; and Sibanengi's invitation to join the Science for Africa Foundation Expert Review Committee for its Preparing Outstanding Social Sciences Investigators to Benefit Lives and Environments Programme. Service of this kind to the discipline and the academy powerfully strengthens your cvs.

Always of great importance, publications: congratulations to Karen on submitting her book mss. to Jonathan Ball Publishers – it will appear in March 2024 – and to Bryson who has had a paper accepted by the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, and an article published in *African Historical Review*. The latter, entitled "'No maize, no life': conservation, maize production and African responses in Colonial Southern Malawi, 1920-1960", can be accessed [here](#):

And lastly, Nicola, Nyasha, Keaobaka, and Belinda all successfully defended their PhD proposals. Once revisions suggested by the panel of assessors have been addressed, these proposals will be submitted to the Humanities Faculty for provisional title registration. Very well done everyone.

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