

ISG NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2025

The year might be drawing to a close, but your academic activity shows no signs of slackening – books, articles, conference and seminar presentations, tokens of esteem, and doctoral thesis submissions all find a place in what follows below

First of all, congratulations to **Keabaka Tsholo**, **Nyasha Bushu**, **Nicola Yon**, and **Belinda Makare** on submitting their PhD theses for examination, and this in just over three years since they started research.

Drs Rebecca Swartz, **Henry Dee**, and **Michael Glover**, the latter previously flagged but now actually in print, all have books published; indeed, **Dr Dee's** will be launched in February at next semester's first Stanley Trapido seminar. Respective details of each of the books can be accessed here: [*Children and Freedom in the Cape Colony: Age, Labour and Apprenticeship in the post-Emancipation British Empire*](#); [*Militant Migrants: Clements Kadalie, the ICU and the Mass Movement of Black Workers in Southern Africa*](#); and [*Cattle's Experiences of Colonialism: and Animal History of Southern Africa*](#). Very well done, all three of you.

Congratulations, too, to **Shalot Nhete**, **Dr Philipp Hofmann**, **Dr Priscillah Machinga**, **Titus Chideme**, **Dr Sam Chikowero**, **Nyasha Bushu**, **Denice Banda** and **Keabaka Tsholo**, all of whom delivered seminar papers or attended or received invitations to attend conferences: this impressive variety of achievements encompassed presentations at the Regional Historical Society of Southern Africa Conference in Maputo, where the ISG was well represented; a *Journal of Southern African Studies*-hosted writing workshop in Zimbabwe; a conference early next year at the University of Ghent; plus our own Ramblers seminar.



From left to right: *Sam Chikowero, Titus Chideme, Keabaka Tsholo and Denice Banda.*

Dr Chama Kaluba's chapter, 'Sources for the Study of History of Childhood and Youth in Pre-colonial Zambia' will appear in a forthcoming volume, *Histories of Childhood and Youth in Southern Africa*, under the imprint of Wits University Press, and edited by **Dr Rebecca Swartz** with two other colleagues; and **Saneze Tshayana's** article, 'Gendered Histories: The Past, the Present, and Power in Niq Mhlongo's Way Back', has been published in the [*South African Historical Journal*](#).

Jennifer Chansa was appointed as an associate editor for the Southern Journal for Contemporary History; **Audrey Maringa's** CODESRIA Indigenous and Alternative Knowledge Fellowship award featured in [*Dumela*](#) [see p40:]; **Dr Saima Ashipala** has been appointed as a Lecturer in History at the University of Namibia; and **Drs Geraldine Sibanda, Alfred Tembo, and Tinashe Nyamunda** will shortly host a Symposium on 'Money and Economy in Southern African History'. Together with **Dr Mutale Mazimba, Dr Sibanda** has also won additional external funding for a Bootcamp towards the end of next year on the theme of 'Contours of Conflict in Africa: Economics and the Contradictions of Liberation in Southern and Central Africa'. These impressive achievements and initiatives by all of you bring great credit to our small Group.

The UFS will be closed from 19 December 2025 until 2 January 2026. Tari will be back in the office on the 12 of January and Ilse on 13 January.

Ilse, Tari, and I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Prof Ian Phimister,

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