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### Employment

Fall 2018-Present: Associate Professor, Rhetoric and Media Studies; Director of General Education; Director, Ethnic Studies; and Teaching Fellow, Teaching Excellence Program, Lewis & Clark College

Fall 2012-Summer 2018: Assistant Professor, Rhetoric and Media Studies Lewis & Clark College

Fall 2008-Summer 2012: Graduate Teaching Assistant, The University of Kansas

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### Education

- Ph.D.**                    **Communication, University of Kansas**                    **December, 2012**  
Emphasis: Rhetoric, African and African-American Studies  
Dissertation Title: *Barack Obama and the African Idea: Topology, Tropology & Stasis in Spatial Counter Narratives*  
Advisor: Dr. Dave Tell
- M.A.**                    **Communication, Bethel University**                    **May, 2008**  
Emphasis: Rhetoric  
Thesis Title: *The Rhetorical Function of 'Ngano' (Shona Folktales)*.  
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Gess
- B.A.**                    **Communication, Bethel University**                    **May, 2004**  
Communication Studies (major), Media Communication (minor), and Economics (minor)
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### Research

#### Publications

- Chirindo, K., Robert Gutierrez-Perez, Matthew Houdek, Louis Maraj, Ersula J. Ore, Kendall R. Phillips, Lee Pierce, and G. Mitchell Reyes. "Coda: Rapture in Time" forthcoming in a *Women's Studies in Communication* Special Issue on Race, Gender, and Temporalities.
- Reyes, G. & Chirindo, K. "Theorizing Race in the Anthropocene" forthcoming in a *Women's Studies in Communication* Special Issue on Race, Gender, and Temporalities.
- Chirindo, K. "Rhetoric and Integrationism" forthcoming in a volume edited by Anna Kaiper, Sinfree Makoni, and Deryn Phillips Verity.
- Chirindo, K. (2020). "Invisible In/Humanity: Feminist Epistemic Ethics and Rhetorical Studies" in Bryant Keith Alexander, Niles Goins, M. & McAlister, J. (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Gender and Communication*. New York, New York; Routledge.

- Edwards, J (L&C '18) & Chirindo, K. (2020) "Re-Imagining Rhetorical Reconciliation in Australian Public Address" in Storm-Villadsen, L. & J. Edwards (Eds.), *The Rhetoric of Official Apologies*. New York, New York; Rowman & Littlefield.
- Chirindo, K. "Micro-Nations and Post-National Rhetorics" forthcoming, *Women's Studies in Communication* 41.4 (2018): 383-393. doi: 10.1080/07491409.2018.1551686.
- Bizup, J., Cherry, M., Chirindo, K., Gray, R. V., Haag, A., Halasek, K., . . . Rubick, K. (2018). Using BEAM to Intergrate Information Literacy and Writing: A Framework With Case Studies. In G. Veach (Ed.), *Teaching information literacy and writing studies* (Vol. 2). West Lafayette, Indiana: West Lafayette, Indiana : Purdue University Press.
- Chirindo, K. (2018). Barack Obama, Tropology, and Ideas of Africa. In J. Rice, C. Graham, & E. Detweiler (Eds.), *Rhetorics Change/Rhetoric's Change* (pp. 214-223). Anderson, South Carolina: Parlor Press.
- Chirindo, K. "Bantu Sociolinguistics in Wangari Maathai's Peacebuilding Rhetoric." *Women's Studies in Communication*. 39.4 (2016): 442-459. doi: 10.1080/07491409.2016.1228552  
\*Reprinted in In Mutua, E. M., González, A., & Wolbert, A. T. (2018). *The rhetorical legacy of Wangari Maathai: Planting the future*. Lead chapter.
- Chirindo, K. "Rhetorical Places: From Classical Topologies to Prospects for Post-Westphalian Spatialities." *Women's Studies in Communication* 39.2 (2016): 127-31. doi: 10.1080/07491409.2016.1176787
- Chirindo, K. "A (Hetero)Topology of Rhetoric and Obama's African Dreams." *Advances in the History of Rhetoric* 19.1 (2016): 1-21. doi:10.1080/15362426.2016.1137251.
- Chirindo, K. & Neville-Shepard, R. M. "Obama's "New Beginning": U.S. Foreign Policy and Comic Exceptionalism." *Argumentation and Advocacy* 51.4 (2015): 215-230. doi: 10.1080/00028533.2015.11821851. Lead essay.

### **Book Review Essays & Book Reviews**

- Chirindo, K. Commissioned review of *Groundwork for the Practice of the Good Life: Politics and Ethics at the Intersection of African and North Atlantic Philosophy* by Omedi Ochieng forthcoming in *Philosophy & Rhetoric*
- Chirindo, K. Commissioned review of *Peculiar Rhetoric: Slavery, Freedom, and the African Colonization Movement* by Bjørn F. Stillion Southard forthcoming in the *Journal for the History of Rhetoric* (formerly *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*)
- Chirindo, K. (review essay) "Paradigmatic and Syntagmatic Approaches to the Obama Presidency." *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*. 19.3 (2016): 491-504. DOI: 10.14321/rhetpublaffa.19.3.0491
- Chirindo, K. Review of *Moved by the Past: Discontinuity and Historical Mutation* by Eelco Runia. *Quarterly Journal of Speech*. 102.04 (2016): 425-29. doi:10.1080/00335630.2016.1209814.
- Chirindo, K. Review of *Confessional Crisis and Cultural Politics in Twentieth-Century America* by Dave Tell. *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*. 19.2 (2016): 228-230. doi:10.1080/15362426.2016.1187526.

### **Competitively Selected Conference Presentations**

- Chirindo, K. "Rhetoric and Integrationism: In Search of Rapprochement" International Association for the Integrational Study of Language and Communication (IAISLC) biennial conference, State College, PA, September, 2019
- Chirindo, K. "Argument and Epistemic Justice" International Society for the Study of Argumentation Biennial Conference, Amsterdam, July, 2018

- Chirindo, K., "The Elusive Quest: National Identity and Politics of the Belly in the Postcolony" Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Minneapolis, MN, May 2018.
- Chirindo, K. "Response to 'Dialectical Distributions.'" National Communication Association Annual Convention, Dallas, TX, November 2017. Panel respondent.
- Chirindo, K., "Response to 'Writing and/vs. Research: Disciplinary Tensions in the Teaching of Researched Writing.'" Annual Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, Portland, OR, March 2017. Panel respondent.
- Chirindo, K., "Politics, Presence, and Representation." Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, May 2016.
- Chirindo, K., "Heterotopology, Space, and Rhetoric." National Communication Association Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.
- Chirindo, K., & Jaclyn Nolan. "Of Rhetorical Science/Scientific Rhetoric: Burke and Latour on the Parliament of Things." National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 2014.
- Chirindo, K. "An African Imperative for Environmentalism: The Case of Wangari Maathai's Nobel Lecture." National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 2014.
- Chirindo, K. "*Aluta Continua*: Wangari Maathai's Survival Rhetoric." 16<sup>th</sup> Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2014
- Chirindo, K. "Tropology and the Representations of Africa in the 2008 Campaign" Presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, Kansas City, MO, April 2013.  
Karlynn Kohrs Campbell Award for the Top Paper in Rhetorical Criticism
- Chirindo, K. "Dreams from Himself: Barack Obama and the African Heterotopia" Presented at in the Placemaking: Rhetorical Studies and Critical Geography Workshop at the 2013 Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, Lawrence, KS, June 2013.
- Chirindo, K. "Tropology and the Discourse on Africa in the 2008 Campaign" presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL, November 2012.
- Chirindo, K. "The Consummatory, Epistemological, and National Security Functions of the Pirate Narrative" Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 2012
- Chirindo, K. "The African Influences of Obama's Politics" Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 2012
- Chirindo, K. "Toward a Diunital Politics: Identity, Ideology, and Ethics in Barack Obama" Presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH, March 2012.  
Top Student Paper Panel in Rhetorical Criticism
- Chirindo, K. "*Via Negativa*: Kenneth Burke, Henri Bergson, and the Nature of Language" Presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH, March 2012.  
Awarded Top Paper by the Kenneth Burke Society
- Chirindo, K. "Toward a Diunital Vision of the Environment: African Cosmology in Wangari Maathai's Nobel Prize Lecture." Presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, Cleveland, OH, March 2012.
- Chirindo, K. "Toward Diunital politics: Identity, ideology, and ethics in Barack Obama"

- Presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, St. Louis, MO, March 2012.
- Chirindo, K. "Toward Diunital politics: Identity, ideology, and ethics in Barack Obama" Presented at the National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar, Fargo, ND, July 2011.
- Chirindo, K. "Obama, rhetoric, and the problem of agency." Presented at the Kansas African Studies Center Graduate Student Workshop, Lawrence, KS, February 2011
- Shepard, R. M. & Chirindo, K. "Rhetoric with an unclenched fist: Obama's 'New Beginning' as a shift toward a comic frame in US foreign policy discourse." Presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.
- Chirindo, K. "Reflections on Zimbabwe's patriotic history." Presented at the Mid-American Alliance for African Studies Annual Conference, Lawrence, KS, October 2010.
- Chirindo, K. "Michel Foucault and the economy of rhetoric" Presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 2010.
- Chirindo, K. "Myth and legend in the rhetoric of Barack Obama: A distinction" Presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 2009.
- \*Featured on the National Communication Association *The oratory and rhetoric of Barack Obama* webpage.
- Chirindo, K. "The rhetorical function of *ngano*." Presented at the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO, March 2009
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## Teaching

### Lewis & Clark College

- CORE 120: Communication and "the Environment" (Fall 2020,)
- RHMS 406: Race, Rhetoric, and Resistance (Spring, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- RHMS 315: Comparative Rhetoric (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
- RHMS 301: Rhetorical Criticism (Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)
- RHMS 203: Rhetorical Theory (Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 Fall 2016, 2018)
- RHMS 210: Public Discourse (Fall 2012, 2014, 2015)
- RHMS 100: Introduction to Rhetoric and Media Studies (Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, 2017 Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

### University of Kansas

- COMS 332: The Rhetorical Tradition  
(Teaching Assistant, Spring 2011; Spring 2012)
- COMS 331: Persuasive Speaking  
(Instructor on record, Fall 2009; Fall 2009; Summer 2011)
- COMS 235: Introduction to Rhetoric and Social Influence  
(Teaching Assistant/Discussion Leader, Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2011)
- COMS 131: Honors Speaker-Audience Communication  
(Instructor on record, Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

COMS 130: Speaker-Audience Communication  
(Instructor on record, Fall 2008-Spring 2009; Fall 2011)

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### Public Appearances & Invited Lectures

*2021 Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute* (held virtually), Workshop convener, Institute hosted by Syracuse University, May 2021

*OID/OBSA Webinar*, Panelist, Harvey Mudd College, June 2020

*Spiderwebs, Symmetry, & Spirituality: An Agnostic & a Christian Discuss Science & God*, Moderator, Lewis & Clark College, September 2019. Moderator.

*Staging Africa: Perceptions of Africa in American Public Life*, Invited talk at Terwilliger Plaza, May 2019

*Obama and the idea(s) of Africa: Epistemic In/justice in Rhetorical Scholarship*, Invited Plenary talk at the 2018 Public Address Conference, Boulder, September, 2018

*The Marketplace of Ideas: the Ideal and the Reality*, Plenary Panelist, Lewis & Clark College Annual Free Speech Symposium, Portland, October 2018

*Africa and Diversifying the History of Rhetoric* Plenary Session participant at the American Society for History of Rhetoric Bi-Annual conferences, Minneapolis, May, 2018

*Staging Africa*, presented at Profile Theatre's "In Dialogue" Series, Portland, OR, February 2016.

*Douglass, the Cultural Politics of Confession, and Rhetoric*, presented at the Lewis & Clark College Exploration & Discovery Fall Colloquium Series: "Frederick Douglass' Narrative," September 2015.

*Understanding the #BlackLivesMatter Movement: A Discourse Theory of Citizenship Approach*, presented at the Lewis & Clark College Ethnic Studies Panel on the Black Lives Matter Series: "Politics, Identity, and Intersectionality," October 2015.

*Succeeding in a Liberal Arts Environment*, presented at the International Student/TCK Orientation, Lewis & College, August 2014; August 2015

*What I Wish I had Known Last August that I Know now*, presented during 2013 Lewis & Clark College New Faculty Orientation, August 2013.

Faculty Last Lecture: *Dreams from himself: Barack Obama and the African Heterotopia*, presented during 2013 Lewis & Clark College Senior Experience, May 2013.

Panel Presentation: *Whither African?: the Colonial Legacies of Symbolic Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa*, presented at the International Students of Lewis & Clark (ISLC) Peace Day, April 2013.

Guest Lecture: AES 250 Advanced Readings in Academic English Studies: *The Politics of Southern Africa*, September 2012.

Guest lecture: COMS 332 The Rhetorical Tradition: *Kenneth Burke and language's attitudinizing function*, April 2011.

Guest lecture: COMS 332 The Rhetorical Tradition: *Hugh Blair*, April 2011.

Guest lecture: COMS 235: Introduction to Rhetoric and Social Influence: *Eulogies*, November 2010.

Guest lecture: ARCH 108: Architectural Foundations: *Presenting for Effect*, May 2010.

University of Kansas Communication Studies New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation: *Sample Teaching Presentation*, August 2009; August 2010; January 2011.

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### Grants, Honors, and Awards

2016-17 Lewis & Clark Lorry Lokey Faculty Excellence Award. First junior faculty recipient

2015-16 Lewis & Clark President's Strategic Initiative Fund: Student Research Program.  
Awarded \$600.

Participant: 2013 Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute. Selected to workshop two essays in progress at a competitive research intense summer retreat.

Applied for the Existing Course Modification Stipend. Spring 2013.

University of Kansas Communication Studies Graduate Student Grant. Awarded \$500. April 2012.

University of Kansas Graduate Student Travel Grant. Awarded \$400. March 2012.

Participant: 2011 National Communication Association (NCA) Doctoral Honors Seminar, Fargo, ND. (Travel and accommodation funded by NCA)

University of Kansas Graduate Studies Scholarship. Awarded \$4,000/year 2008-2011

Bethel University Communication Studies Best Research Project, 2004.

## Service

### Institutional Service

2020	Lewis & Clark College Team Lead for the American Association of Colleges & Universities' Institute on General Education and Assessment (IGEA)
2019-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fulbright Committee</li> <li>Fall Faculty Retreat Planning Committee</li> <li>Director, Ethnic Studies Program</li> <li>Teaching Fellow, Teaching Excellence Program</li> <li>Committee on Enrolment</li> <li>General Education Steering Committee</li> <li>Athletics Strategic Direction Planning Committee</li> <li>Ethnic/Gender Studies Administrative Assistant Search Committee</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director, Ethnic Studies Program</li> <li>Teaching Fellow, Teaching Excellence Program</li> <li>Committee on Enrolment</li> <li>General Education Steering Committee</li> <li>Strategic Enrolment Management: Marketing &amp; Recruitment Working Group</li> <li>Athletics Strategic Planning Committee</li> <li>Free Speech Symposium Planning Committee</li> <li>Convener and Planner for the 2019 Race, Rhetoric, and Media Symposium</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration and Discovery Steering Committee</li> <li>Ethnic Studies Steering Committee</li> </ul>

- Planning Committee, 2017 Symposium on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Free Speech  
Chapter Advisor, *Lambda Pi Eta*
- 2016 Exploration and Discovery Steering Committee  
Ethnic Studies Steering Committee  
Speaker, 2016 International Student Orientation  
Chapter Advisor, *Lambda Pi Eta*
- 2015 Exploration and Discovery Steering Committee  
Ethnic Studies Steering Committee  
MLK Jr. Week Planning Committee  
Panel Chair, Ray Warren Symposium on Race & Ethnic Studies
- 2014 Exploration and Discovery Steering Committee  
Speaker, 2014 International Student Orientation  
Speaker, Great Expectations Retreat for First Generation Students
- 2013 Department of Sociology & Anthropology Tenure Track Search Committee  
Faculty Forum for the Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement Director Search  
Panelist: Fall Student Life “Kick-off”  
Panelist: November Open House Faculty Panel for Lewis & Clark Admissions Office  
Moderator: 2013 MLK Week Faculty Panel  
Senior Thesis Committee for Karen White (Ethnic Studies)
- 2012 Ethnic Studies Minor Steering Committee-present
- 2011 Executive Board Member, Kansas African Studies Center (KASC)  
African/African-American Studies Department, University of Kansas
- 2010-1 Vice-President, Graduate Student Organization  
Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas
- 2010-1 Graduate Student Mentor, Graduate Student Organization  
Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas
- 2010 (Spring) Faculty Meeting Representative, Graduate Student Organization  
Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas

### Editorial Contributions

- 2019- Editorial Board for *Quarterly Journal of Speech*  
2018- Editorial Board for *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*  
2020- Founding Editorial Board for *Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture*

### Peer and Manuscript Reviewing

- 2020- Ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of the History of Rhetoric*  
2020- Ad hoc reviewer for *Environmental Communication*  
2020- Ad hoc reviewer for *Dialogues in Human Geography*  
2020- Manuscript Reviewer for Strata Publishing  
2019- Manuscript Reviewer for the University of California Press  
2018- Ad hoc reviewer for *Western Journal of Communication*  
2016- Ad hoc reviewer for *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*  
2016- Ad hoc reviewer for *The Howard Journal of Communication*

### **Disciplinary Service**

- 2020 Decoloniality sub-Committee of the Rhetoric Society of America's Inclusivity Diversity Equity and Access committee
- 2020 *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* Editor search committee
- 2019-20 Vice-President Elect of the Environmental Communication Division of the National Communication Association
- 2019- Steering Committee for the Association for the History of Rhetoric
- 2019 Reviewer for the James L. Golden Award for the Outstanding Student Essay in Rhetoric for the National Communication Association
- 2019-22 Nominating Committee for the Public Address Division of the National Communication Association
- 2018-21 Awards Committee for the Rhetorical and Communication Theory division of the National Communication Association
- 2016 Reviewer: 2016 Top Article Award for the American Studies Division of the National Communication Association (NCA)
- 2014 Nominee for the Nominating Committee of the National Communication Association Public Address Division
- 2012 Paper Reviewer, Rhetorical Theory and Criticism Group for the Central States Communication Association Annual Convention
- 2011 Paper Reviewer, American Society for the History of Rhetoric Interest Group, National Communication Association Annual Convention
- 2011 (Spring) Founding Secretary-Treasurer, KU Ars Rhetorica University of Kansas
- 2011- Vice-Chair, KU Ars Rhetorica University of Kansas
- 2010 Paper Reviewer, Graduate Student Division National Communication Association Annual Convention
- 2010 Paper Reviewer, First Amendment Interest Group Central States Communication Association Annual Convention

### **Community Service**

- 2019- Board member, Solar Oregon
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### **Academic Memberships**

- 2004-present National Communication Association
- 2009-present Rhetoric Society of America
- 2015-present American Society for the History of Rhetoric
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### **References**

Available on request.

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