

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Research Interests:

- Dr. Riitta Dlodlo (MD, MPH), Dr. Zanele Hwalima (MD, MPH) and I collaborate with individuals involved in health care in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, exploring local meanings of HIV/AIDS and TB as well as of diagnostic procedures and treatment regimens for both diseases. Knowledge of such meanings is crucial for developing a culturally sensitive integrated approach addressing both diseases. Tailoring programs to patients' perceptions and beliefs about the diseases and their respective treatments will increase acceptance of these programs, treatment adherence, and patients' quality of life. The ultimate aim of our study is to generate suggestions for health policy makers in Bulawayo and beyond regarding integrated programs for both HIV/AIDS and TB.
- Dr. Laura Heinemann (PhD, MSW), Dr. Laeth Nasir (MD), Dr. Dianne Travers Gustafson (RN, PhD), and I are currently preparing a qualitative study exploring the needs and concerns of patients visiting the Florence Clinic in Omaha, particularly those with a migration and refugee background. The ultimate goal of the study is to contribute to an evaluation of the existing services provided by the Florence Clinic.

### Degrees:

- 2005: Ph. D. in Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2000-2005).  
Dissertation title: *Blaming Others for HIV/AIDS in an Urban Township in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe: Witchcraft Beliefs and Sorcery Suspicions.*
- 2005: Certificate in African Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2000-2005).

- 2000: M. A. in Anthropology, Catholic University, Washington, DC (2000-2005). Thesis-paper title: *Religious Beliefs at the Service of Nationalist Politics in Joshua Nkomo's Writings*.
- 1990: Magister der Theologie (M. A. in Theology), Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Mödling, Austria (1982-1990). Thesis title: *Der Weg der Kirche Tansanias zu den Kleinen Christlichen Gemeinschaften und deren Spezifische Prägung durch den Tansanischen Sozialismus [The Pathway of the Tanzanian Church towards Small Christian Communities and their Specific Character Due to the Influence of the Tanzanian Socialism]*.
- 1990: Baccalaureatus Theologiae (M. A. in Theology – no thesis requirement), Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome, Italy.

### Languages:

- German: mother tongue.
- English: fluency in reading, writing, and speaking.
- Ndebele (Zimbabwean Bantu language): fluency in reading, writing, and speaking.

### Appointments:

- 2012 – : Tenured associate professor at Creighton University.
- 2009 –: African Studies Quarterly Advisory Board Member.
- 2007 – 2012 : Assistant professor in anthropology at Creighton University with a secondary appointment as assistant professor in psychiatry at the Creighton University Medical School.
- 2006 – 2007: Member of the editorial team of *Anthropos*, Anthropos Institute, Sankt Augustin, Germany.
- 2006 – 2007: Lector for cultural anthropology, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Sankt Augustin, Germany.

### Membership in Professional Organizations:

- AIDS and Anthropology Research Group
- American Anthropological Association
- Anthropos International
- Sacral Communication and Healing Network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- Society for Medical Anthropology

### Selected Awards and Honors:

- 2010: Elected as Fellow in the Society for Applied Anthropology
- 2010: E-Fellowship for the 2010/11 academic year, Creighton University, Omaha
- 2009: Summer Faculty Fellowship Research Grant, Creighton University, Omaha
- 2009: Extended Faculty Immersion, Creighton University, Omaha
- 2008: Selected to participate in the Undergraduate Curriculum Development Institute, Crystal City
- 2004: European Union Conference Grant of the European Association of Social Anthropologists
- 2004: John Goggin Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of

Florida

- 2003: Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Zimbabwe
- 2003: Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, National Science Foundation
- 2003: David Niddrie Award of the Center for African Studies, University of Florida

### Teaching:

ANT 111 – Introduction to Anthropology  
ANT 315 – Health Care, Society, and Culture  
ANT 316 – Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences  
ANT 317 – Global Health Issues  
ANT 342 – Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa  
ANT 363 – Medical Anthropology  
ANT 383 – Cultural Epidemiology

### Publications:

#### **Book:**

- Rödlach, A. (2006). *Witches, Westerners, and HIV: AIDS and Cultures of Blame in Africa*. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press.  
*The book was reviewed by:*
  - Kearsley A. Stewart in *AIDS Research and Therapy*, 2007, 4:5, doi:10.1186/1742-6405-4-5.
  - Anne Marie Martindale in *Medical Sociology*, 2007, July, 33-34.
  - Anthony Billaud in *Sciences Sociales et Santé*, 2007, 25:1, 103-107.
  - Hanne O. Morgensen in *Anthropos*, 2007, 102, 643-644.
  - Sharon Billon in *Ethics and Medicine*, 2007, 23:2, 190.
  - Brooke Grundfest Schoepf in *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 2008, 197-199.
  - Katherine Luongo in *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*, 2008, Summer, 101- 104.
  - Mary Moran in *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 2008, 64, 306-307.
  - Gary Linn in *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 2008, 1008-1010.
  - Colita Nichols Fairfax in *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 2008, 18:4, 500-502.
  - Diana Espirito-Santo in *Anthropology & Medicine*, 2008, 15:3, 271-272.
  - Joseph Hellweg in *American Anthropologist*, 2008, 110:4, 528-529.
  - Allison Goebel in *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 2009, 43:1, 208-211.
  - Melissa Graboyes in *H-Net Reviews*, 2009, April, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=24594>
  - Preston-Whyte, E. in *Global Public Health*, 2010, 5:1, 102-104.

#### **Co-edited journal issues:**

- Dilly, B. and Rödlach, A. (2011). *Religion, Health, and Healing: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry*. Journal of Religion and Society Supplement Series 7. Omaha: The Kripke Center.
- Brenton, B. P., Mazzeo, J., and Rödlach, A. (2011). HIV/AIDS and Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Solutions. *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 35(1). Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Rödlach, A. and Turkon, D. (2009). Interdisciplinarity and Collaboration in Responding to HIV and AIDS in Africa: Anthropological Perspectives. *African Journal for AIDS Research* 8(4).
- Rödlach, A. and Maynard-Tucker, G. (2008). Understanding and Responding to HIV/AIDS on the African Continent. *Practicing Anthropology* 30(4).

### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals/Volumes:**

- Rödlach, A., Dlodlo, R., and Hwalima, Z. (under review). Perceptions of HIV, AIDS, and Tuberculosis among Patients on Antiretroviral Therapy in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe: Implications for the Provision of HIV and TB Care. *African Journal for AIDS Research*.
- Frank, E. and Rödlach, A. (under review). To Disclose or Not to Disclose, That is the Question! Antiretroviral Therapy, Access to Resources, and Stigma in Southern Africa. *Journal of Southern African Studies*.
- Rödlach, A. (accepted for publication). Child-Witches and the AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa. Preliminary title of edited volume: *Hexenkinder – Kinderbanden – Strassenkinder [Child-witches – Gangs of Children – Street Children]*. Wolfgang Behringer and Claudia Opitz-Belakhal (eds.).
- Marcos, L., Rosales, M. R., Rödlach, A., and Stone, J. (2012). Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim and University Researchers: Partnering in Community Health Development. *Practicing Anthropology* 34(1):37-40.
- Rödlach, A. (2011). Reflections of a Missionary-Anthropologist on the Response of the Society of the Divine Word to HIV/AIDS. *Verbum* 52(3): 287-305.
- Rödlach, A. (2011). Religious Institutions and Volunteering to Provide Care to People Living with HIV and AIDS in Zimbabwe. *Religion, Health, and Healing: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry. Journal of Religion and Society Supplement Series 7*. Edited by Alexander Rödlach and Barbara Dilly. Omaha: The Kripke Center.
- Rödlach, A. (2011). “AIDS is in the Food”: Zimbabweans’ Associations Between Nutrition and HIV/AIDS and Their Potential for Addressing Food Insecurity and HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS and Food Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Solutions. *Annals of Anthropological Practice* 35(1):219-238. Barrett Brenton, John Mazzeo, and Alexander Rödlach (eds.). Malden: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Rödlach, A. (2010). Popular Images of the AIDS Epidemic. Contemporary Wood Sculptures from Southern Zimbabwe. *African Arts* 43(2):54-67.
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Home-Based Care for People Living with AIDS in Zimbabwe: Voluntary Caregivers’ Concerns and Motivations. *African Journal for AIDS Research* 8(4):423-431.
- Rödlach, A. (2008). HIV/AIDS Prevention in Zimbabwe – Local Views and Adaptations. *Practicing Anthropology* 30(4):17-20.
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Kulturelle Identität: Zwischen Beharren und Wandel. Ethnologische Perspektiven [Between Continuity and Change. Ethnological Perspectives]. In Mensen, Bernhard (Hg.). *Identität und Integration [Identity and Integration]*. Akademie Völker und Kulturen. Band 29. Nettetal: Steyler Verlag. Pp. 57-83.
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Apocalypse Now – Interpretations of HIV/AIDS in an Urban Township in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. In Lüse, Agita and Imre Lázár (eds.). *Cosmologies of Suffering – Post-communist Transformations, Sacral Communication, and Healing*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Pp. 206-229.
- Rödlach, A. (2001). Religious Beliefs at the Service of Nationalist Politics in Joshua Nkomo’s Writings. *Verbum* (42)1: 49-79. 4

### **Articles in Journals/Volumes That Are Not Peer-Reviewed:**

- Marcos, L, R. Rosales, A. Rödlach, and J. Stone (2011). Maya Languages, Health, and Ethics: Issues in Health Needs Assessment Study in Omaha. Focus, Fall Issue. Electronic document: <http://chpe.creighton.edu/publications/focus/fall-2011/maya.htm> . Omaha: Center for Health Policy and Ethics.
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Gemeinnützige Gesellschaften und die Entwicklung von

Konspirationstheorien in der Dritten Welt [Non-Profit Organizations and the Development of Conspiracy Theories in the Third World]. *GGRG* (01):24-35.

- Rödlach, A. (2005). Condom Beliefs in Zimbabwe. *AIDS and Anthropology Bulletin* (17)1: 3-5.
- Rödlach, A. (2004). Women, Dogs, and Sex: How to Make Sense of Statements on HIV/AIDS in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. *Aids and Anthropology Bulletin* (16)1: 4-7.

#### **Book Reviews:**

- Rödlach, A. (2011). Review of Dilger, Hansjörg and Ute Luig's "Morality, Hope and Grief – Anthropologies of AIDS in Africa," (2010). Epistemologies of Healing Series, Volume 7. New York: Berghahn Books. (*Anthropos* 106[2]:654-656).
- Rödlach, A. (2010). Review of Patricia Whelehan's "The Anthropology of AIDS. A Global Perspective," (2009). Gainesville: University Press of Florida. (*Anthropos* 105[2]:693-694).
- Rödlach, A. (2010). Review of Leslie Butt and Richard Eves's "Making Sense of AIDS. Culture, Sexuality, and Power in Melanesia," (2008). Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. (*American Ethnologist* 37[1]:193-194).
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Review of Helga Jockenhövel-Schieke's "Soziale Reproduktion in den Zeiten von AIDS. Waisen und ihre Familien im ländlichen Tansania," [Social Reproduction in Times of AIDS. Orphans and Their Families in Rural Tanzania] (2008). Berlin: LIT Verlag. (*Anthropos* 105[2]:282-284).
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Review of Marc Epprecht's "Heterosexual Africa? The History of an Idea from the Age of Exploration to the Age of AIDS," (2008). Athens: Ohio University Press. (*Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 23[2]:185-187).
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Review of: David Westerlund's "African Indigenous Religions and Disease Causation: From Spiritual Beings to Living Humans," (2006). Studies of Religion in Africa. Vol. 28. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers. (*Anthropos* 102[2]:655-656).
- Rödlach, A. (2006). Review of: Matthias Schoormann's „Sozialer und religiöser Wandel in Afrika: Die Tonga in Zimbabwe,“ [Social and Religious Change in Africa: The Tonga in Zimbabwe] (2005). Serie Kulturelle Identität und politische Selbstbestimmung in der Weltgesellschaft. Vol. 11. Lit Verlag: Münster (*Anthropos* 101[2]: 651-652).
- Rödlach, A. (2006). Review of: Hansjörg Dilger's „Leben mit AIDS: Krankheit, Tod und soziale Beziehungen in Afrika,“ [Living with AIDS: Illness, Death, and Social Relationships in Africa] (2005). Campus Verlag: Frankfurt am Main (*Anthropos* 101[1]: 263-264).
- Rödlach, A. (2005). Review of: Philipus Tule's. "Longing for the House of God, Dwelling in the House of the Ancestors: Local Belief, Christianity, and Islam among the Keo of Central Flores," (2004). Studia Instituti Anthropos Vol. 50. Fribourg: Academic Press (*Verbum* 46[3]: 361-364).
- Rödlach, A. (2005). Review of: Ulrike Kistner's "Commissioning and Contesting Post-Apartheid's Human Rights: HIV/AIDS - Racism - Truth and Reconciliation," (2003). African Connections in Post-Colonial Theory and Literatures Series Vol. 2. Lit Verlag. Münster (*Anthropos* 100[2]:620-622).
- Rödlach, A. (2004). Review of: Frans Wijsen and Peter Nissen's "Mission is a Must: Intercultural Theology and the Mission of the Church," (2002). Church and Theology in Context Series Vol. 40. Nijmegen Institute for Missiology. Amsterdam: Editions Rodopi (*Verbum* 45[1]: 101-104).

- Rödlach, A. (2002). Review of: Stefaan Lecleir's „Simeon Francois Berneux: Missionsbischof and Märtyrer in Korea,“ [Simeon Francois Berneux: Missionary Bishop and Martyr in Korea] (2002). Köln: Böhlau Verlag (*Verbum* 43[1]: 135-138).
- Rödlach, A. (2002). Review of: Martin Ott's "African Theology in Images," (2002). Kachere Monograph Vol. 12. Blantyre: CLAIM (*Verbum* 43[1]: 129-133).
- Rödlach, A. (2001). Review of: Oliver Alozie Onwubiko's "Missionary Ecclesiology: An Introduction." (2001). Enugu: Snaap Press (*Verbum* 42[2]: 247-248).

### Invited Presentations:

- 2012: Explanations of HIV and AIDS in terms of the Witchcraft Paradigm (University of Florida – February).
- 2011: Keynote address for the official opening of an exhibition with artwork on HIV/AIDS (Divine Word College, Epworth – December).
- 2011: Disease and Sorcery Suspicions: The Example of HIV/AIDS (Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Creighton University Medical Center – March).  
*Available on the following website:*  
<http://winstream.creighton.edu/aro16607/lecture/grandrounds.wmv>
- 2010: Child-Witches and the AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa (Symposium on Hexenkinder – Kinderbanden – Strassenkinder, Interdisciplinary Working Group for the Study of Witchcraft, Weingarten, Germany – October).
- 2009: Explaining Disease through Witchcraft and Sorcery: The Example of HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe (Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University – November).
- 2009: AIDS Art in Zimbabwe (Medical Humanities Group, Omaha – November).
- 2009: Healthcare and Cultural Competency (Occupational Therapy Division, College of Saint Mary, Omaha – November).
- 2009: Zimbabwean AIDS Conspiracy Theories and the Healthcare Profession (Center for the Study of AIDS, University of Pretoria – July).
- 2009: Making a Killing in Zimbabwe: HIV/AIDS Conspiracy Suspicions and the Healthcare System (European Conference on African Studies, Leipzig).
- 2008: Panelist in the Annual Health Disparities Seminar – Focus on HIV/AIDS (Creighton University – April).
- 2008: Die HIV/AIDS Pandemie im Spiegel von Einheimischen Künstlern in Zimbabwe [The HIV/AIDS Pandemic Reflected in the Work of Indigenous Artists in Zimbabwe] (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms- Universität, Bonn – June).
- 2007: Ethnic Identity and National Integration (Akademie Völker u. Kulturen – Februar)
- 2006: Traditionelle Religionen in Afrika [Traditional Religions in Africa] (Bad Honeff – November).
- 2006: Responding to the AIDS Disaster in Southern Africa (Mainz – October).
- 2006: Hexen, Hunde, oder Huren: Verbreitete Ansichten über den Ursprung von AIDS im südlichen Afrika [Witches, Dogs, and Bitches: Common Views on the Origin of AIDS in Southern Africa] (St. Augustin – June).

### Presentations:

- 2012: Social Workers, Refugee Resettlement, and the Economic Crisis (Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore )
- 2011: Community-Based Care for People Living with HIV and AIDS: Motivations of Voluntary Caregivers in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Presented with Dr. Dlodlo, Riitta (European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, Sweden).

- 2011: A Few Lessons Learned from Preparing for Participatory Health Research with the Mayan Community in Omaha. Presented with Dr. Stone, J. (Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle).
- 2010: Religious Institutions and Volunteering to Provide Patient Care – The Example of HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe (Kripke Center Symposium, Creighton University, Omaha).
- 2010: Hiding an HIV-Infection – Zimbabweans' Fears of People Living with HIV and AIDS on Antiretroviral Treatment (Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida). Podcast made available by the Society:  
<http://sfaapodcasts.net/2010/04/04/sexual-risk-perceptions-and-behaviors-anthropologically-informed-stihiv-prevention-research-around-the-globe-sma/>
- 2009: Migration and Stress: The Sudanese in Omaha (Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe).
- 2008: AIDS in Africa: Explaining, Interpreting, and Fighting the Epidemic through Art (Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE).
- 2008: Home-Based Care for AIDS Sufferers in Zimbabwe – Patient Dumping or Successful Integration of Volunteers into the Health Care System (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA).
- 2008: No Help for Healing at Home – AIDS, Emigration, and the Search for Healing (Biannual Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Ljubljana, Slovenia).
- 2008: AIDS is in the Food: Disease, Nutrition, and Social Change in Zimbabwe (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, TN).
- 2007: Zimbabwean Women's Desires for Social and Cultural Equality and Its Association with Reducing Sexual Behavior Associated with a High Risk for an HIV-Infection (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC).
- 2007: Preventing HIV Infection in Zimbabwe: Local Controversies and Creative Adaptations (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, FL).
- 2006: Global Politics and the Attribution of Meaning to Diseases: Cold War Rhetoric and Zimbabwean AIDS Conspiracy Theories (Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Bristol, Britain).
- 2006: The "ABC"-Approach for Preventing HIV-Infection: Local Controversies and Popular Adaptations in Zimbabwe (Conference of the African Studies Association in Germany, Frankfurt am Main, Germany).
- 2005: Unfaithful Husbands, Traditional Potions, and HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe).
- 2004: Condom Beliefs in Zimbabwe (Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Dallas, TX).
- 2004: Interpreting the AIDS Epidemic and Prescribing Remedies: The Apocalyptic Metaphor among Urban Zimbabweans in Southern Zimbabwe (Biannual Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Vienna, Austria).