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## Research Interests

Archival theory and history; health information management; electronic and medical health records standards and policies; records and archives management training and education; professional issues in records and archives; archival science discourses; research methods, indigenous knowledge systems

## Research Collaborations

2021-2026: International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems (InterPARES Trust) AI, Appraisal and Acquisition Working Group

[https://interparestrustai.org/trust/about\\_research/workinggroups#aa](https://interparestrustai.org/trust/about_research/workinggroups#aa)

2016-date: Documentation of the contribution of the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZPRA) to the liberation struggle of Zimbabwe. The Project is conducted in collaboration with the ZPRA War Veterans Trust

2012-2019: Part of Team Africa in the International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems (InterPARES Trust) 4 Project. <https://interparestrust.org/>

## Seminars and workshops

2018: Workshop on the drafting of the Public Sector Digital Records Management Framework, First Draft/V1.0 organised by the National Archives of Zimbabwe and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Post and Courier Services, 12 January 2018, Rainbow Hotel, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

2017: Seminar for the International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems (InterPARES4) Project (Team Africa), 4-8 December 2017, Cape Town, South Africa

2016: Seminar on retention and disposal of medical records that was organised by the National Archives of Zimbabwe, 16 December, 2016. Rainbow Hotel, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

2013: Workshop on retention and disposal of medical records that was organised by the National Archives of Zimbabwe, 9-10 November, 2016. Ambassador Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe

Invited and attended an all stakeholder consultative meeting on the retention and disposal of hospital patient notes and personnel files that was organised by the National Archives of Zimbabwe in Harare, 18 December 2013

## Conference organisation

2017: Member of the Abstracts and Publication Committee for the Annual International Conference on Communication and Information Science (ICCIS) hosted by the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, responsible for reviewing abstracts and full papers for the 2017 conference

## Publications

### Book chapters

2017: Indigenous knowledge discourses in Africa: at the intersection of culture, politics and information science. Mehluli Masuku

2012: Archival development in Zimbabwe 1935-2010: setting the scene. Murambiwa, I., Ngulube, P., Masuku, M and Sigauke, D. T.

## **Journal Articles**

- 2019: Worthiness of marketing public archives, *New Review of Information Networking* 24(2):105-120. Bhebhe, S., Khumalo, N.B and Masuku, M.
- 2019: Managing health records in the Bulawayo and Matabeleland South Provinces Hospitals, Zimbabwe, *Information Development*. 36(2):240-256. Masuku, M and Ngulube, P.
- 2018: The self-worth of records and archives management students at the National University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, *African Journal of Library, Archives and Information Science (AJLAIS)* 1(2018):49-60. Khumalo, N. B and Masuku, M.
- 2017: An information management framework for the support of e-government in Zimbabwe, *Tidsskriftet Arkiv* 8(1:2017). Masuku, M., Bhebhe, S and Khumalo, N. B.
- 2016: African traditional views on divorce: a case of the Ndebele in the Vukuzenzele Ward at Esikhoveni, Esigodini, *Oral History Journal of South Africa* 4(1):1-4. Makwanise, N and Masuku, M.
- 2014: The impact of the 2000 land reform programme on the capital block, popularly known as the "New Malawi", *Oral History Journal of South Africa* 2(1). Phiri, C., Khumalo, J. B and Masuku, M.
- 2014: Going against the grain: questioning the role of archivists and librarians in the documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge, *ESARBICA Journal* 33(2014):117-130. Masuku, M and Pasipamire, N.
- 2014: Gender and land dispossession in Zimbabwe: a case of the Ndebele at Esigodini area 1893-2003, *Oral History Journal of South Africa* 2(1). Makwanise, N and Masuku, M.
- 2013: The impact of infrastructural challenges on archives and recordkeeping at the National Archives of Zimbabwe, *Journal of the South African Society of Archivists* 47(2013):47-62. Bhebhe, S., Masuku, M and Ngulube, P.
- 2012: Archives, accountability, human rights and good governance: where is the nexus?, *MOUSAION South African Journal of Information Studies* 30(2):187-200. Masuku, M and Makwanise, N.
- 2011: The role of archives in preserving indigenous knowledge systems in Zimbabwe: (re)inventing themselves the answer?, *ESARBICA Journal* 30:261-278. Ngulube, P., Masuku, M and Sigauke, D. T.

## **Conference proceedings**

- 2013: Electronic health records and their role in the revitalisation of the health delivery system in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe International Research Symposium, 9th Edition Book of Proceedings. Research Council of Zimbabwe pp406-423. ISSN: 978-797

## **Participation in Academic life**

- 2021: Member of the ESARBICA Journal Editorial Committee

Peer Reviewer for the following journals and book publishers: MOUSAION South African Journal of Information Studies, ESARBICA Journal, Journal of the South African Society of Archivists, IGI Global, Information Development Journal, Southern African Journal of Communication and Information Science

## **Conference presentations**

- Maplanga, J. P and Masuku, M. 2018. Management of health records of patients who consult African traditional medical practitioners as an integral part of health information system in Harare and Chitungwiza. Paper presented at the 8th International Conference on Communication and Information Science: safeguarding Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Development, 21-23 August 2018, Rainbow Towers Hotel, Harare International Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- Masuku, M. 2017. Neither positivism nor interpretivism in library, records and archives research? Paper presented at the International Conference on Communication and Information Science in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Environment, 22-24 August 2017, Carribea Bay Hotel, Kariba, Zimbabwe.



Masuku, M and Chabikwa, S. 2017. Big data analytics in archives and the principle of provenance. Paper presented at the Progress in Library and Information Science in Southern Africa (ProLISSA), Ninth biennial DISSAnet Conference, 13-17 March 2017, Pretoria, South Africa.

Masuku M, Bhebe Sindiso & Njabulo Khumalo. 2016. An information management framework for the support of E-Government in Zimbabwe. International Conference on Trust and Transparency in E-Government. Norway, Oslo, 26 October, 2016

Khumalo, B. N., Masuku, M and Bhebhe, S. 2016. Marketing public archives my foot! Paper presented at the 17th Information Studies Annual Conference on Information and Knowledge in a Changing Environment, Blue Marlin Guest House, Richards Bay.

Masuku, M. 2016. Archives and the Post-colonial Africa: Accountability and Good governance a Happenstance and Myth? Paper presented at the International Conference on Communication and Information Science in the Digital Era on Creative and Innovative Communication Strategies for Socio-economic Transformation. Great Zimbabwe Hotel, Masvingo, 25-26 August 2016.

Masuku, M. 2015. It's not all rosy with archives: archives as means of oppression. Paper presented at the General Conference of the Eastern and Southern Branch of the International Council on Archives, Elephant Hills, Victoria Falls, 8-12 June 2015.

Khumalo, J. B and Masuku, M. 2015. Streams today, rivers tomorrow: the self-worth of records and archives management students at the National University of Science and Technology and its impact on the future of the archiving profession. Paper presented at the Progress in Library and Information Science in Southern Africa, Eighth Biennial DISSAnet Conference, Faircity Roodevallei Hotel, Kameeldrift East, Pretoria.

Masuku, M. 2014. Indigenous knowledge discourses in Africa: at the intersection of culture, politics and information science. Paper presented at the Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Africa, Fourth Annual International Conference of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, National University of Science and Technology, Elephant Hills, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 25-28 August 2015.

Masuku, M and Pasipamire, N. 2013. Going against the grain: questioning the role of archivists and librarians in the documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge (IK). Paper presented at the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) international Conference on "Information, Records and Archives in a Knowledge Society", Third International Conference of the Faculty of Communication and Information Science, Rainbow Hotel, Victoria Falls, 6-8 August 2013.

Masuku, M., Bhebhe, S and Ngulube, P. 2013. A critical analysis of records and archival legislation in Zimbabwe. Paper presented at the Archival Conference on Archives and Records Management Continuity in sub-Saharan Africa, Durban, 10-12 July 2013.

Bhebhe, S., Masuku, M and Ngulube, P. 2013. The impact of infrastructural challenges on archives and recordkeeping at the National Archives of Zimbabwe. Paper presented at the Archival Conference on Archives and Records Management Continuity in sub-Saharan Africa, Durban, 10-12 July 2013.

Masuku, M and Ngulube, P. 2013. Electronic health records and their role in the revitalisation of the health delivery system in Zimbabwe. Paper presented at the Zimbabwe International Research Symposium, Harare International Conference Centre, 13-14 February 2013.

Ngulube, P., Bhebhe, S and Masuku, M. 2012. Documentation of the Zimbabwe People's African Union (ZAPU)'s war legacy. Paper presented at the Oral Traditions Association of Zimbabwe (OTAZI) Conference on Documentation of Dark Histories, National History Museum, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, 7-8 December 2012.

Masuku, M and Makwanise, N. 2012. Archives, accountability, human rights and good governance: where is the nexus? Paper presented at an Archival Conference on Archiving and Digital Continuity in the Context of E-government in sub-Saharan Africa, University of South Africa, Pretoria (Main Campus), 11-13 July 2012.

Ngulube, P., Masuku, M and Sigauke, D. T. 2011. The role of archives in preserving indigenous knowledge system

## **External Examination**

2021: Master of Information Science dissertations