

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Name:** Anton Ehlers
2. **Date of Birth:** 5 March 1956
3. **Marital status:** Married
4. **Academic qualifications:**
 - BA, US 1977
 - HED, US 1978
 - Honours (History), US 1979
 - MA (History), US 1986
 - D Phil (History) US 2002
5. **Title of MA thesis:** Die Helpmekaarbeweging in Suid-Afrika: die Storm- en Drangjare, 1915-1920
6. **Title of Doctorate:** Die geskiedenis van die trustmaatskappye en eksekuteurskamers van Boland Bank tot 1971
7. **Career history:** 1980-1984: Teacher Hottentots Holland High School; 1985-2005: Lecturer History Department, US
8. **Membership professional societies:**
 - South African Historical Society
 - South African Historical Association
 - Business History Conference
9. **Areas of specialization:**
 - (a) **Teaching:** 20th Century South African history; 20th Century South African black protest politics; Wealth and poverty as historical factors in European history; The methodology of history
 - (b) **Research:** South African Economic History with focus on Business History: (i) The development of trust companies and boards of executors into general banks in South Africa: (ii) Currently focusing on the history of clothing retailing in South Africa with special reference to Pep Stores
10. **Publications**
 - Books**

Die Helpmekaarbeweging in Suid-Afrika. Die storm-en drangjare, 1915-1920. (**Argiefjaarboek vir Suid-Afrikaanse Geskiedenis**, 1991, deel I)

Journals

Die invloed van die Helpmekaarbeweging in Suid-Afrika 1915-1920 (**Historia**, May 1990, Vol 35 No 1).

Weerstand teen Apartheid (**Gister en Vandag**, nr.31 Mei 1996).

Die Anglo-Boereoorlog as stimulus vir die stigting van Afrikaanse Plattelandse Trustmaatskappye en Eksekuteurskamers (**Historia** vol 45(1), Mei 2000)

Trust Companies and Boards of Executors versus Country Attorneys: The history of symbiotic “bastard relationships” in the battle for trust and estate business in South Africa to c.1920 (**Fundamina**, 2003)

Apartheid mythology and symbolism. Desegregated and re-invented in the service of the New South Africa: The Covenant and the Battle of Blood/Ncome river. (**Alizés, Revue angliciste de La Réunion**, no 24: “Founding Myths of the New South Africa – Les Mythes fondateurs de la nouvelle Afrique du Sud” [5e colloque international. Saint-Denis de La Réunion, 25-29 mars 2003])

Newspapers

Forum-articles in Die Burger

Die Burger, Oktober 1996 (Helpmekaar en Reddingsdaad: Skoenrieme of Dinosourusse ?)

Die Burger, 10.12.1997 (Krisisse en druk spoor Afrikaner aan tot selfbemagtiging)

Die Burger, 30.11.1998 (Grepe uit die evolusie van 'n Afrikaner identiteit)

Die Burger, 4.11.1999 (Van Bloedrivier tot de Beer: historiese perspektief oor die rol van God se hand)

Die Burger, 7.12.1999 (Historiese perspektief oor Christus en die kommunisme)

Die Burger, 12.12.2000 (16 Desember: Dag vir versoening)

Die Burger, 18.9.2004 (Wetsgenootskap het ondersteuning nodig)

11. Papers delivered at conferences:

Rethinking the South African War 1899–1902. Unisa Library Conference, 3-5 Augustus 1998.

Paper: *The Anglo-Boer War: Stimulus for the formation of Afrikaans rural Trust Companies and Boards of Executors. From PAT to BOE 1900–1998.*

Australian Historical Association Conference, 5-9 Julie 2000, Adelaide, Australië.

Paper: *Boland PKS 1900-2000: From Trust Company to Commercial Bank. A History of Changing Financial Identities over a Century.*

South Africa-Denmark History for Democracy Exchange, 25-29 September 2000

Paper: *Desegregating history in South Africa: The case of the Covenant and the Battle of Blood River/Ncome.*

Southern African Society of Legal Historians International Conference held at Stellenbosch from 15-17 January 2003: *Freedom, Justice and Equality: Three Pillars of Legal History*

Paper: *Trust Companies and Boards of Executors versus Country Attorneys: The history of symbiotic “bastard relationships” in the battle for trust and estate business in South Africa to c.1920*

The GRAS (Research Group on South Africa) “Founding Myths of the New South Africa” conference held at the University of Reunion, 29-31 March 2003.

Paper: *Apartheid mythology and symbolism. Desegregated and re-invented in the service of the New South Africa: The Covenant and the Battle of Blood/Ncome river.*

Biennial Conference of the South African Historical Society, University of the Free State, 29 June-1 July 2003: Southern Africa: Yesterday and Today.

Paper: *From Peptanic to Peptonic. A retailers response to the challenges of the New South Africa*

Biennial Conference of the Historical Association of South Africa, Stellenbosch University, 5-7 April 2004: The South African Past in the 21st Century.

Paper: *Trust Companies and Boards of Executors versus Banks: Aspects of the battle for estate business in South Africa to c.1940.*

African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific Annual Conference, 26-28 November 2004, University of Western Australia, Perth: *“African Renewal, African Renaissance”: New Perspectives on Africa’s Past and Africa’s Present.*

Paper: *From Peptanic to Peptonic. A retailers response to the challenges of the New South Africa*

2005 CHORD CONFERENCE. 14-15 September 2005, University of Wolverhampton. *Commercial Histories. Perspectives on Retailing and Distribution History*.

Paper: *“Rainbow medicine”: people, passion and politics – ingredients of a post-apartheid company-turnaround in South Africa.*

2006 HASA CONFERENCE. Jubileumkonferensie van die Historiese Genootskap van Suid-Afrika. Behoort en nie behoort nie: `n historiese perspektief. 26-28 Junie.

Paper: *Plattelandse Afrikaanse trustmaatskappye en eksekuteurskamers - “deposit-receiving institutions of a special kind – a species of a genus having a peculiarly Cape flavour”.* `n Evaluering van hulle kenmerke, bydraes en verval.

12. Conferences attended

Rethinking the South African War 1899-1902. Unisa Library Conference, 3-5 August 1998.

The Anglo-Boer War a reappraisal. UOFS Bloemfontein 12-14 October 1999.

South Africa/Denmark History for Democracy Symposium, 23.2- 1.3 2000. Cape Town.

Australian Historical Association Conference, 5-9 July 2000, Adelaide , Australia.

South Africa-Denmark History for Democracy Exchange, 25-29 September 2000.

Southern African Society of Legal Historians International Conference held at Stellenbosch from 15-17 January 2003: *Freedom, Justice and Equality: Three Pillars of Legal History*

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Biennial Conference of the Historical Association of South Africa, Stellenbosch University, 5-7 April 2004: *The South African Past in the 21st Century*.

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Renewal, African Renaissance”: New Perspectives on Africa’s Past and Africa’s Present.

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13. Current research

Contracted by the Helpmekaar Studiefonds to write their history. To be completed by the end of 2007.

The history of clothing and food retailing in South Africa.

14. Post Graduate students

Supervisor (completed)

MA-candidate N Lorenz: Aspects of a rising consciousness: Black women’s responses to race and gender dynamics under South African Apartheid up to 1976.

MA-candidate M Baard: Die amptelike standpunt van Die Burger teenoor die Suid-Afrikaanse Waarheids-en Versoeningskommissie, 1990-2003

MA-candidate s van Eeden: “Almal kom na Lubbe”: Die skoenmakerverhaal van A.P. Lubbe en Seun (Edms) Bpk., 1918-2001

Examiner

MA-candidate R A Willis: A critical analysis of the development and administration of coloured education with specific reference to the Coloured Education Commission (1953-1956).

MA-candidate M Botha: Die internasionale reaksie op die Israel-Arabiese Oorlog van 1973

MA-candidate T Baderoen: Die Geskiedenis van die Stellenbosch Hospitaal (1942-2001).

MA-candidate N Lorenz: Aspects of a rising consciousness: Black women’s responses to race and gender dynamics under South African Apartheid up to 1976.

MA-candidate R Slater: Die Maatskappy vir Europese Immigrasie: A study of the cultural assimilation of European immigrants to South Africa 1949 -1994.

15. **Reviews**

Review for Koers. Bulletin for Christian Scholarship: Van Schoor, M.C.E. 2006. **Generaal J.C.G. Kemp en die epiëse woestyntog.** Pretoria: Protea Boekhuis. 376pp. Prys R180.00. ISBN 1-919825-43-6.

16. **Other**

University service

Member of the Research Committee of the Faculty of Arts

Community service

Member of the Governing Body of Hottentots-Holland High School

Member of the Hottentots-Holland Trust