

## Curriculum Vitae

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Born 5 July 1953, in Paarl, South Africa.  
Married to: Delecia Forbes.  
Daughters: Isabella (15 yrs) and Gabriele (26 yrs).

### **Positions (Current):**

Visiting Professor of (non-clinical) paediatrics (College of Physicians and Surgeons) and international affairs (School of International and Public Affairs), Columbia University.

### **Formal Education:**

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. 1982. Sociology. Minor: African History.  
M.S. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. 1978. Sociology.  
B.A.Hons. University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa. 1977. Majors: Sociology & History.

### **Appointments, Honorary Appointments, Honours and Awards (Current):**

Expert Panel Member, Global Health Security Index, Economist Intelligence Unit, Nuclear Threat Initiative & Johns Hopkins University.  
Selection Committee Member: Fulbright Peace Prize, 2015 & 2016.  
Senior Fellow (non-residential), Hannah Arendt Centre, Bard College, New York. 2014 – 2016.  
Honorary Professor, Division of Human Genetics, University of Cape Town. 2005 – 2016.  
Member: Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF). Current.  
Trustee: Jakes Gerwel Foundation. 2015 -

### **Appointments, Honorary Appointments, Honours and Awards (Past):**

Honorary Professor: Department of Sociology, University of Pretoria, 2002-2011  
ESRC Genomics Research & Policy Visiting Fellow: University of Edinburgh, (July 2007).  
Gordon Moore Visiting Professor of History & Sociology, California Institute of Technology, (September 2003 - May 2004).  
Honorary Professor: Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town, (1994-1999).  
Visiting Research Scholar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, (August - December 1992).  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Indiana University, (Jan - May 1990).  
Post Doctoral Fellow, Southern African Research Program, Yale University, (Jan 1985 - May 1986).  
Fulbright Award for graduate study, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (1977 – 1978).  
BA.Hons, University of the Western Cape, received with cum laude. (1977).

### **Executive & Professional:**

Member of Parliament, Republic of South Africa, (April 2009 – June 2017 ). Portfolios: Health, Trade and Industry, Basic Education, Higher Education and Training and Science and Technology.

Founder & Executive Chairperson, Africa Genome Education Institute (2005 - 2012).

Executive Director, Human Sciences Research Council, Social Cohesion & Integration Research Programme. (2001 – 2004).

Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town, (1999 – 2000).

Executive-Director, Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), (1994 - 1998).

Lecturer to Professor of Sociology, University of Cape Town, (1986 - 1994).

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of the Western Cape, (1983 - 1984)

Chairperson, Democratic Alliance, Official Opposition, (July 2010 – May 2015).

Chairperson, Immigration Advisory Board of South Africa (2003 - 2006).

Member: White Paper Task Team on Immigration, Department of Home Affairs. (1997).

Chairperson: Green Paper Task Team on International Migration, Department of Home Affairs. (1995 – 1996).

Member, Electoral Task Team, Department of Home Affairs, (2002-2003).

Chairperson of the Working Group on Values in Education, Ministry of Education, (2000).

Associate Editor, The Cape Argus, (2001).

### **Non-Executive (for profit):**

Director, Sanlam Limited. (2004-2009).

Director, Sanlam Life Limited. (2004-2009).

Director, Media24. (2004-2009).

Director, Independent Newspapers Cape, (1995-1998).

### **Non-Executive (not-for-profit):**

Trustee, Ford Foundation, New York, USA. (1996-2008).

Co-Trustee (with Ambassador James Joseph), US-SA Centre for Leadership & Public Values. (late 1990s to early 2000s).

Trustee, Cape Times Bursary Trust. (late 1990s).

Trustee, Impumelelo Innovations Awards Programme (1999-2006).

Chairperson, Cape Philharmonic Orchestra. (2006-2009).

Member, International Working and Advisory Group: Comparative Human Relations Initiative, South Africa, Brazil and USA (Southern Education Foundation, Atlanta). (1997-2001).

Member of Advisory Board; Comparative Study of Peacemaking in South Africa, Israel and Northern Ireland (Aspen Institute). (1996-1998).

Member and Vice-President of the Board, Research Committee on Racial and Ethnic Relations, International Sociological Association. (late 1980s).

Member of Council, Human Sciences Research Council (late 1990s).

Head of Department of Information Analysis (Monitoring Directorate) Independent Electoral Commission (Western Cape), March-April 1994 (South Africa's Founding Democratic Elections).

President and Vice-President of the Association for Sociology in South Africa. (1980s).

Vice-chairman, Cape Educational Trust, Athlone. (early 1990s).

**Research Experience:**

Political Economy of Labour in Southern Africa.  
Building Democracy in South Africa.  
Public Understanding of Biological Science.  
Public Health in Africa.  
Health Security.

**Research Interests:**

Global Health Security and Diplomacy.

**Teaching Experience:**

Undergraduate: Taught courses in introductory sociology, demography, race and ethnic relations, human variation, human origins and South African politics.

Graduate: Taught courses in comparative race and ethnic relations, studies of labour repressive systems, and new directions in sociological theory.

**Publications:**

## BOOKS

1. James, W. Moments with Mandela (Cape Town, Tafelberg, 2012, e-book [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)).
2. James, W. & Jeanne Viall & Jakes Gerwel, Grape: Stories of the Vineyards in South Africa (Cape Town, Tafelberg, 2011).
3. James, W. Nature's Gifts: Why we are the way we are (WITS University Press, 2010).
4. James, W & J Chataway Eds. Biotechnology & Health: South Africa's Aspirations in Health-Related Biotechnology (Pretoria, Van Schaik Publishers, 2007).
5. James, W & D Chidester, K Asmal Eds. South Africa's Nobel Laureates (Johannesburg, Jonathan Ball, 2004).
6. James, W & D Chidester, P Dexter, Eds., What Holds Us Together: Social Cohesion in South Africa (Cape Town, HSRC, 2003).
7. James, W & K Asmal, D Chidester, Eds., Nelson Mandela: From Freedom to the Future (Johannesburg & London, Jonathan Ball & Little Brown, 2003).
8. James, W & L Wilson, Eds., The Architect and the Scaffold: Evolution and Education in South Africa (Cape Town, HSRC & New Africa Books, 2002).
9. James, W & K Asmal, Eds., Spirit of the Nation: Reflections on South Africa's Educational Ethos (Cape Town, New Africa Books & HSRC, 2002).
10. James, Wilmot G. & Charles Hamilton, Neville Alexander & Antonio Sergio Guimenes, Eds., Beyond Racism: Race and Inequality in Brazil, South Africa and the United States (Boulder, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2001)
11. James, & L. van de Vijver Eds., After the TRC: Reflections on truth and reconciliation in South Africa (Cape Town & Athens USA, David Philip Publishers & Ohio University Press, 2000).
12. James, Wilmot G. & M. Levy, Eds., Pulse: Passages in South African Nation-Building (Cape Town, Idasa, 1998).

13. James, & D. Caliguire, K. Cullinan, Eds., *Now That We are Free: Coloured Communities in a Democratic South Africa* (Cape Town & Boulder: Idasa & Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1996).
14. James, & J. Crush Eds. *Crossing Boundaries: Mine Migrancy in a Democratic South Africa* (Cape Town & Ottawa: Idasa & IDRC, 1995).
15. James, *Our Precious Metal: African Labour in South Africa's Gold Industry, 1970-1990* (Cape Town, London and Bloomington: David Philip, James Currey and Indiana University Press, 1992).
16. James, and Mary Simons (Eds.) *Angry Divide: Social and Economic History of the Western Cape* (Cape Town and New Jersey: David Philip and Transaction Press, 1989 and 1992).
17. James (Ed.), *The State of Apartheid* (Boulder, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1987).

#### MONOGRAPHS & OCCASIONAL PAPERS

18. James, *The Colour of our Skins* (Cape Town, AGEI, 2005)
19. James, *Africa in the Age of Biology* (Cape Town, HSRC & Africa Genome Initiative, 2004).
20. James, Ed., *Manifesto on Values, Education and Democracy* (Cape Town, Ministry of Education, 2001).
21. James, (principal author), *Values, Education and Democracy: Report of the Working Group on Values in Education* (Cape Town, Ministry of Education, 2000).
22. James, and J. Crush, 'Mine Migrancy in a Democratic South Africa' in Ed. Jenny Boberg, *Labour Migrancy in Southern Africa* (University of Cape Town, Southern African Labour Monographs 3/95, 1995).
23. James, and Jeffrey Lever, *Towards a Deracialised Labour Force: Industrial Relations and the Abolition of the Colour Bar in South Africa's gold industry* (University of Stellenbosch: Unit for the Sociology of Development, Paper no.12, 1987).

#### CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

24. James, 'Van Zyl Slabbert: sociologist at work in advancing democratic politics' in *The Passion for Reason: Essays in honour of Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert* Eds. Alfred LeMaitre & Michael Savage (Johannesburg, Jonathan Ball, 2010).
25. James, 'Art and the Evolution of Human Imagination' in Ed. Janette Deacon, *African Rock Art: The Future of Africa's Past* (Nairobi, Trust for African Rock Art, 2007).
26. James, 'Nature's Gift to Science: Sydney Brenner', in *South Africa's Nobel Laureates*.
27. James, 'A Spirit of Liberation' in *Nelson Mandela: From Freedom to the Future*. (2003).
28. James and Jeffrey Lever, 'The Second Republic: Race, Inequality and Democracy in South Africa', in *Beyond Racism*. (2001).
29. James, and Daria Caliguire, 'The New South Africa: Renewing Civil Society' in Eds. Larry Diamond & Marc F. Plattner, *Democratization in Africa* (Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999).
30. James, 'The Devil who keeps Promises' in *Now That We are Free*. (1996).
31. James, and J. Crush, 'The Politics of Normalisation: Mine Migrancy in a Democratic South Africa' in *Crossing Boundaries*. (1995).
32. James, 'Class Conflict, Mine Hostels, and the Reproduction of a Labour Force in the 1980s' in Eds. Abebe Zegeye, Robin Cohen & Yvonne Muthien, *Resistance and Repression: Insider Accounts of Apartheid* (London: Hans Zell, 1989).
33. James, 'Reinforcing Ethnic Boundaries: South Africa in the 1980s' in Eds. Susan Olzak & Joane Nagel, *Competitive Ethnic Relations* (New York: Academic Press, 1986).

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

34. James & Greg Mills, 'South Africa and the World' Focus 59 (2016). Helen Suzman Foundation.
35. James, 'The Meaning of Race in Modern South Africa', Focus, Journal of the Helen Suzman Foundation (Issue 67, November 2012).
36. James, 'Charles Darwin at the Cape: notes on his sociological observations' in South African Journal of Science 105 (Nov/Dec 2009) pp. 395-6.
37. James, and K. Asmal, 'Education and democracy in South Africa today', Daedalus, Journal of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences 30 no.1 (2001).
38. James, and D. Caliguire 'Renewing civil society', Journal of Democracy 7 no.1 (1996).
39. James, and Michael MacDonald, 'The hand on the tiller: The politics of state and class in South Africa', Journal of Modern African Studies 31 no.3 (1993).
40. James, 'Group areas and the nature of apartheid', South African Sociological Review 5 no.1 (1992).
41. James, 'Capital, African labour and housing at South Africa's gold mines', Labour, Capital & Society 25 no.1 (1992).
42. James, 'The erosion of paternalism on South African gold mines', Industrial Relations Journal of South Africa 12, nos 1&2 (1992).
43. James, and Jonathan Crush, 'Depopulating the compounds: Migrant labour and mine housing in contemporary South Africa, World Development 19, no.4 (1991).
44. James, 'The future of migrant labour in the gold mining industry', Industrial Relations Journal of South Africa 9, no.4 (1989).
45. James, 'Urban Labour and the Gold Industry', Industrial Relations Journal of South Africa 8, no.4, (1988).
46. James, 'Grounds for a strike; South African gold mining in the 1940s', African Economic History no.17 (1987).
47. James, and Lieb Loots, 'Class structure and income inequality: South Africa 1980' Social Dynamics 11, no.1 (1985).

## REVIEW ESSAYS

48. James, 'Nolutshungu's South Africa', Social Dynamics 12, no.1 (1986).
49. James, 'Racial Segregation in South Africa', Queen's Quarterly October (1986).
50. James, 'Materialist History, Materialist Theory: A Response to Charles van Onselen', Social Dynamics 9, no.1 (1983).
51. James, 'Beyond Musical Chairs in the Power Bloc', Social Dynamics 8, no.1 (1982).

## NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS

Over 500 opinion/education and feature articles in South African newspapers.  
Biweekly science column Inside Out, Independent Newspapers, (2005-2009).

## EDITORIAL WORK

Editor (Founding), SIYAYA!

Editor (Founding), South African Sociological Review, (1988 - 1991).

Editor (with Jonathan Crush and Alan Jeeves) of special issue of Labour, Capital & Society 5 no.1 (1992).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers and presentations at more than 100 conferences.

## RECENT PUBLIC LECTURES

*Why Courageous Journalism Matters in South Africa Today?* Newseum. Washington D.C. 9 October 2015.

*What is Built in Building Democracies? The Case of South Africa.* John F. Kennedy School of Government. Harvard University. 22 October 2015.

*How Jacob Zuma Will Go,* Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania. September 2016.

*Zika and the Global Health Security Agenda,* College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. 2 April 2017.

## REFERENCES

David Baltimore  
Nobel Laureate in Physiology & Medicine

Susan Berresford  
Former President: The Ford Foundation, New York

Andrew Weber  
Former US Assistant Secretary of Defence

Greg Mills  
Director: Brenthurst Foundation

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