

Curriculum Vitae Alexander Rödlach

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Current Research Interests:

- Dr. Riitta Dlodlo (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 my study is to generate suggestions for health policy makers in Bulawayo and beyond regarding integrated programs for both HIV/AIDS and TB.
- Dr. Dianne Travers Gustafson (RN, PhD), a medical anthropologist at Creighton's School of Nursing, and I are currently preparing a qualitative study assessing services provided by the International Center of the Heartland for migrants with a refugee background that are resettled in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Dr. Renzo Rosales (MBA, PhD), Dr. John Stone (MD, PhD), and I were requested by Mayan leaders in Omaha to assist their community with preparing and implementing a health assessment study.

Education:

- 2005: Ph. D. in Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 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: M. A. in Anthropology, Catholic University, Washington, DC. 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. Thesis title: *Der Weg der Kirche Tansanias zu den Kleinen Christlichen Gemeinschaften und deren Spezifische Prägung durch den Tansanischen Sozialismus*.
- 1990: Baccalaureatus Theologiae (M. A. in Theology – no thesis requirement), Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome, Italy.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

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

Appointments:

- 2009 –: African Studies Quarterly Advisory Board Member.
- 2007 – : Assistant professor in anthropology at Creighton University with a secondary appointment as assistant professor in psychiatry at Creighton University Medical School.
- 2006 – 2007: Member of the editorial team of *Anthropos*, Anthropos Institute, Arnold Janssen Str. 20, D-53754 Sankt Augustin, Germany.
- 2006 – 2007: Lector for cultural anthropology, Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Arnold Janssen Str. 30, D-53754 Sankt Augustin, Germany.

Languages:

- German: mother tongue.
- English: fluent in reading, writing, and speaking.
- Ndebele (Zimbabwean Bantu language): fluent in reading, writing, and speaking.
- French: basic knowledge in reading, writing, and speaking.
- Latin: basic knowledge of reading.

Recent 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.
- 2005: OBT Graduate Travel Award, OBT Book Store – Gainesville.
- 2004: European Union Conference Grant of the European Association of Social Anthropologists.
- 2004: John Goggin Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida.
- 2004: Conference Travel Grant of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida.
- 2003: Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Zimbabwe
- 2003: Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, National Science Foundation
- 2001: David Niddrie Award, Center for African Studies, University of Florida
- 2001: Certificate of Achievement, International Center, University of Florida

Publications:Book:

- Rödlach, A. (2006). *Witches, Westerners, and HIV: AIDS and Cultures of Blame in Africa*. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press. 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.
 - 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.
 - Anthony Billaud in *Sciences Sociales et Santé*, 2007, 25:1, 103-107.
 - 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>

Articles:

- Rödlach, A. (2010). Popular Images of the AIDS Epidemic. Contemporary Wood Sculptures from Southern Zimbabwe. *African Arts* 43(2):54-67.
- Rödlach, A. and David Turkon (2009). Preface – Interdisciplinarity and Collaboration in Responding to HIV and AIDS in Africa: Anthropological Perspectives. *African Journal for AIDS Research* 8(4):378.
- 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. and G. Maynard-Tucker (2008). Introduction – Understanding and Responding to HIV/AIDS on the African Continent. *Practicing Anthropology* 30(4):2-3.
- 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. In Mensen, Bernhard (Hg.). *Identität und Integration. Akademie Völker und Kulturen*. Band 29. Nettetal: Steyler Verlag. Pp. 206-229.
- 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. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Pp. 206-229
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Gemeinnützige Gesellschaften und die Entwicklung von Konspirationstheorien in der Dritten Welt. *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.
 - Rödlach, A. (2001). Religious Beliefs at the Service of Nationalist Politics in Joshua Nkomo's Writings. *Verbum* (42)1: 49-79. 4

Reviews:

- Rödlach, A. (2010). Review of Leslie Butt and Richard Eves (2008) "Making Sense of AIDS. Culture, Sexuality, and Power in Melanesia. 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. Berlin: LIT Verlag (2008)." (*Anthropos* 105[2]:282-284).
- Rödlach, A. (2009). Review of Marc Epprecht's (2008) *Heterosexual Africa? The History of an Idea from the Age of Exploration to the Age of AIDS*. Athens: Ohio University Press." (*Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 23[2]:185-187).
- Rödlach, A. (2007). Review of: Westerlund, David (2006). "African Indigenous Religions and Disease Causation: From Spiritual Beings to Living Humans. Studies of Religion in Africa. Vol. 28." Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers. (*Anthropos* 102[2]:655-656).
- Rödlach, A. (2006). Review of: Schoormann, Matthias (2005). „Sozialer und religiöser Wandel in Afrika: Die Tonga in Zimbabwe“. Kulturelle Identität und politische Selbstbestimmung in der Weltgesellschaft. Vol. 11. Lit Verlag: Münster (*Anthropos* 101[2]: 651-652).
- Rödlach, A. (2006). Review of: Dilger, Hansjörg (2005). „Leben mit AIDS: Krankheit, Tod und soziale Beziehungen in Afrika“. Campus Verlag: Frankfurt am Main (*Anthropos* 101[1]: 263-264).
- Rödlach, A. (2005). Review of: Philipus Tule (2004). "Longing for the House of God, Dwelling in the House of the Ancestors: Local Belief, Christianity, and Islam among the Keo of Central Flores." *Studia Instituti Anthropos* Vol. 50. Fribourg: Academic Press (*Verbum* 46[3]: 361-364).
- Rödlach, A. (2005). Review of: Kistner, Ulrike (2003). "Commissioning and Contesting Post-Apartheid's Human Rights: HIV/AIDS - Racism - Truth and Reconciliation." *African Connections in Post-Colonial Theory and Literatures Series* Vol. 2. Lit Verlag. Münster (*Anthropos* 100[2]:620-622).
- Rödlach, A. (2004). Review of: Wijzen, Frans and Peter Nissen (2002). "Mission is a Must: Intercultural Theology and the Mission of the Church." *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: Leclair, Stefaan (2002). „Simeon Francois Berneux: Missionsbischof and Märtyrer in Korea”. Köln: Böhlau Verlag (*Verbum* 43[1]: 135-138).
- Rödlach, A. (2002). Review of: Ott, Martin (2002). “African Theology in Images.” Kachere Monograph Vol. 12. Blantyre: CLAIM (*Verbum* 43[1]: 129-133).
- Rödlach, A. (2001). Review of: Onwubiko, Oliver Alozie (2001). “Missionary Ecclesiology: An Introduction.” Enugu: Snaap Press (*Verbum* 42[2]: 247-248).

Recent Invited Presentations:

- 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).
- 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 (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms- Universität, Bonn – June).
- 2007: Ethnic Identity and National Integration (Akademie Völker u. Kulturen – Februar)
- 2006: Traditionelle Religionen in Afrika (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 (St. Augustin – June).

Recent Presentations:

- 2010: Hiding an HIV-Infection – Zimbabweans’ Fears of People Living with HIV and AIDS on Antiretroviral Treatment (Society of 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: Making a Killing in Zimbabwe: HIV/AIDS Conspiracy Suspicions and the Healthcare System (European Conference on African Studies, Leipzig – June).
- 2009: Migration and Stress: The Sudanese in Omaha (Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe – March).
- 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).