

## *Miss Angelique Thomas*

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### **Summary:**

I am a social science researcher with a background in Political Studies and English Studies and a PhD candidate in the Dept of Anthropology at UCT where my research focus is on the sexual and reproductive health resilience of young women living with HIV in South Africa. I have worked in a wide range of research settings which includes my current role as a Senior Research Assistant at the Centre for Social Science Research at UCT on the HEY BABY study (Helping Empower Youth Brought up in Adversity with their Babies and Young children). Here, my focus is on how young mothers living with HIV come to understand and use resilience in their everyday lives. Additionally, one of my most recent roles as social science researcher included co-managing a qualitative cohort of  $\pm$  100 families which included key populations such as transgender persons, young people, cis-gender female sex workers, people living with disabilities, men who have sex with men, and migrants. I am skilled in qualitative research, storytelling methods and policy analysis.

### **Expertise and research interests:**

- Key population groups including sex workers, transgender persons, and young people (particularly adolescent girls and young women)
- Participatory and arts-based methodologies
- Crime and violence reduction
- HIV/AIDS
- Stigma and intersectionality
- Mental Health
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Gender inequalities
- Discourse and Ideology
- Creative Writing

### **Personal Information:**

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## **Qualifications:**

2021- 2023

**PhD: Medical Anthropology**, University of Cape Town

Jan 2019- July 2019

**PhD: Medical Anthropology**, University of Cape Town.

Deregistration due to funding constraints

**Courses formally audited and completed at University of Cape Town:**

AXL5409S Ethnographic Problematiques

AXL 4403F Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality

AXL4407F Medical Anthropologies

**Courses formally audited and completed at Stellenbosch University:**

History, Politics and Ethics of Health and Development in Africa

2018

**Short course: Conceptual introduction to research methods for transdisciplinary health and development Studies**, Stellenbosch University.

2017

**MA in Political Studies**, University of the Western Cape, Thesis title: 'The role of FBOs in reducing crime and violence in socio-economically disadvantaged communities' which included courses such as Advanced Research Methodology, The Politics of Mass Communication and Creative Writing

2014

**Development Studies Masters course**, International Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands. Course centered on poverty alleviation and youth, policy and practice.

2013

**BA Honours in Political Studies and Critical Media Studies**, University of the Western Cape

2012

**BA with majors in Political Studies, English Studies and Language and Communication Studies**, University of the Western Cape

**Country Experience:** South Africa, the Netherlands, Zambia

**Languages:** English (native speaker); Afrikaans (native speaker); isiXhosa (basic, certified level 1 speaker)

## **Employment history:**

**August 2020 – present** **Senior Research Assistant**, Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town  
Working on the HEY BABY study as part of the resilience sub-component. My responsibilities include providing research and programmatic support by writing literature reviews, supporting the design, drafting, and editing of protocols, and the write-up of research publications. I support creative components of the study which includes involvement in the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) as well as providing support for the coordination of a critical reading group and complete reports related to the organizing of sessions.

**October 2019 – December 2020** **Independent Consultant**, Pivot Collective  
Working concurrently on 3 projects: 1) Co- managing and facilitating a programme for young people on mental health and emotional wellbeing, tasks include creating programs, facilitating sessions, managing administration (finances, budgets, daily activities) and contributing to a large proposal for the Wellcome Trust in the form of an annotated bibliography and administration tasks related to the proposal. 2) Working on an online forum on Critical Global Health for the Wellcome Trust 3) Working on a project for Population International Services (PSI) editing and copy-editing abstracts for an upcoming conference

- December 2018 – June 2019** **Social Science Researcher**, Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Stellenbosch University  
Co-author and first-author journal articles for publication. Ensure accurate and high-quality data processing of data through transcription, translation, coding, and analysis. Work on grant proposals for further funding. Mentor junior researchers.
- September 2018 – December 2018** **iAlarm Research Co-Ordinator**, Division of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Cape Town  
Co-ordinate, support and ensure the smooth running of the Division's suite of research activities related to its Research Area: Men, Masculinity and Health. Work responsibilities include the coordination of staff and student research activities as well as coordination of workshops, conferences, and seminars for the relevant iAlarm project. Carries out secondary research in the topic area of men, masculinity and health for publications.
- July 2015–November 2018** **Social Science Research Officer**, Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Stellenbosch University  
Conceptualizing and writing a first-author journal article for publication. Assist in management of 14 research assistants. Was part of managing a qualitative cohort of ±100 families in 9 sites in the Western Cape, South Africa as part of the HPTN 071 (PopART) trial (an HIV prevention and combination prevention trial in SA and Zambia). Conducts interviews and discussions with community members. Transcribe, translate, codes and analyze data
- July 2013 – June 2015** **Research Assistant – Parliamentary Liaison Office**  
Research, writing briefing papers on issues such as youth and voting, the African Court of Justice and Human Rights and Leadership and Accountability in South Africa. Writing reports, mentoring new interns and worked on a project for the Catholic Bishops for the Year of the Family Conference Organizing roundtable discussions with Members of Parliament, prominent members of NGO NPO and FBO members.
- October 2014 – April 2015** **Research Assistant** for Prof Cherrel Africa, University of the Western Cape  
Tasks included research projects specifically related to elections and campaigns, planning social and departmental events, conducting fieldwork to generate reports for the faculty and division for life long learning and performing ad hoc duties. A big focus was on e-learning and development Furthermore, duties included assisting the head of the department with administrative tasks to help ensure the functioning of the department. These included minute-taking, writing reports and following up on various tasks
- January 2013 – December 2015** **Assistant lecturer and tutor**, University of the Western Cape  
Courses lectured: Pol 231: South Africa In Comparative Political Perspective (2015)  
Pol 312: Ideology and Politics (2013)  
Courses tutored: Pol 231: South Africa In Comparative Political Perspective (2015)  
Pol 331: Ideology and political thought (2014)  
Pol 332: Research Methodologies (2014)  
Pol 131: Introduction to Political Studies (2013)  
Assisted students with specific pre-requisite modules, broadening their knowledge and reiterating what was taught. The positions aimed at producing critical thinkers who are conscious. Based on this facilitation and teaching, responsibilities included grading assignments/essays, as well providing ethical guidance to students. Furthermore, liaising with various stakeholders was included, usually in large amounts (faculties, departments, lecturers, administrators, tutors, and students).

- Sept 2013** – **Research Assistant** for short-term consultancy for the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation (AKF) under Dr Fiona Anciano
- Feb 2014** – Conducting relevant fieldwork (desktop research) and obtaining data in order to assist the main researcher in writing a research paper for the AKF to contribute to the evaluation of the political landscape in South Africa, and race policy in political parties. Duties further included writing the background section and literature review of the paper.
- Jan 2013** – **Research Intern** –Parliamentary Liaison Office
- Dec 2013** – Research, writing briefing papers and organizing roundtable discussions with Members of Parliament and NGO, NPO and FBO members.
- Jan 2012** – **Library Assistant** -University of the Western Cape
- Apr 2012** – Customer services, assisting students with computer-related queries, managed nine (9) student assistants, oversaw the Knowledge Commons at UWC's library at night. Wrote monthly reports.

### Training and Development

- 2020 Responsible conduct of research short course
- 2020 e-learning course: Children and clinical research
- 2020 e-learning course: Ethics review of social research on health-related topics
- 2018 Data Analysis Workshop
- 2017 & 2018 Performance Management Workshop
- 2018 NIH Grant Writing Workshop
- 2017 Performance Management Training Workshop
- 2016 Journal Article Writing workshop
- 2016 Protocol Writing workshop
- 2015 Good Clinical Practice Beginners Course
- 2015 NIH Web-based training course: Protecting Human Research Participants
- 2015 Best Practice for Effective Recruitment and Selection Workshop
- 2015 Performance Management Training

### Peer-reviewed publications

de Villiers, L., **Thomas, A.**, Jivan, D., Hoddinott, G., Hargreaves, J. R., Bond, V., Stangl, A., Bock, P., Reynolds, L., & HPTN 071 (PopART) study team (2020). Stigma and HIV service access among transfeminine and gender diverse women in South Africa - a narrative analysis of longitudinal qualitative data from the HPTN 071 (PopART) trial. *BMC public health*, 20(1), 1898. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-09942-5>

Hoddinott, G., Myburgh, H., de Villiers, L., Ndubani, R., Mantantana, J., **Thomas, A.**, Ayles, H., Bock, P., Fidler, S., Hayes, R., Seeley, J., Shanaube, K., Hargreaves, J., Bond, V., and Reynolds, L on behalf of the HPTN 071 (PopART) study team. (2018). Households, fluidity, and HIV service delivery in Zambia and South Africa – an exploratory analysis of longitudinal qualitative data from the HPTN 071 (PopART) trial. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*.

Bond, V; Ngwenya, F; **Thomas, A**; Simuyaba, M; Hoddinott, G; Fidler,S; Hayes, R; Ayles, H; Seeley, J and on behalf of the HPTN 071 (PopART) study team. (2018). Spinning Plates: Livelihood mobility, household responsibility and anti-retroviral treatment in an urban Zambian community during the HPTN 071 (PopART) study. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*.

Viljoen, L; Thorne, M; **Thomas, A**; Bond, V and Hoddinott, G on behalf of the HPTN 071 (PopART) Study Team. (2016). A narrative analysis positioning HIV relative to personal (sexual) relationship challenges in an

agony aunt column in the Western Cape, South Africa – Antie Mona’s ‘love advice’. AIDS CARE Vol 28, Issue sup3.

### **Non peer-reviewed publications**

**Thomas, A.** (2020). Breath: Inspire/expire virtual symposium hosted by WISER (Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research) and the Primary Healthcare Directorate at UCT. Poetry pieces (3) featured: ‘*Sneezing bullets*’, ‘*Breathing in this lifetime- a letter to my little people*’ and, ‘*A milk carton tells time*’.

**Thomas, A.** (2019). There is always a dog barking in my neighborhood. Poetry featured New Contrast Literary Journal- Issue 186. <http://www.newcontrast.net/>

**Thomas, A.** (2018). Sellotape for bullet holes. African Safety Promotion Journal: A journal of Injury and Violence Prevention, Medical Research Council (MRC). Volume 16, Issue 2.

**Thomas, A.** (2017). Borders and Bodies. Poetry featured New Contrast Literary Journal- Issue 180. <http://www.newcontrast.net/>

**Thomas, A.** (2017). boy. man. girl. woman. God. Poetry featured New Contrast Literary Journal- Issue 180. <http://www.newcontrast.net/>

Ngwenya, P; **Thomas, A.** (2015). Briefing Paper 373: South Africa’s Alternative Energy Sources. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/?wpdmdl=69&&ind=31>

**Thomas, A.** (2014). Briefing Paper 368: Policing in South Africa. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2015/01/BP-368-Policing-in-South-Africa-December-2014.pdf>

Anciano, F; **Thomas, A;** Nomdo, A. (2014 Non-Racialism and Political Parties: The Democratic Alliance. The Ahmed Kathrada Foundation. Accessed at [https://www.academia.edu/13044127/Non\\_Racialism\\_and\\_Political\\_Parties\\_The\\_Democratic\\_Alliance](https://www.academia.edu/13044127/Non_Racialism_and_Political_Parties_The_Democratic_Alliance)

**Thomas, A.** (2014). Briefing Paper 359: The African Court for Justice and Human Rights. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2014/09/BP-359-The-African-Court-for-Justice-and-Human-Rights-August-2014.pdf>

**Thomas, A.** (2014). Briefing paper translated to German and published in Germany for *Journal Afrika Sued* entitled: Südafrikas Jugend – Akteure des Wandels. Accessed at <http://www.afrika-sued.org/archiv/heft32014/suedafrikasjugendakteuresdeswandels/>

**Thomas, A;** Nomdo, A. (2013). Briefing Paper 318: Aspects of Political Leadership: Leadership and Vision. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/04/BP-318-Aspects-of-Political-Leadership-Leadership-and-Vision-March-2013.pdf>

**Thomas, A.** (2013). Briefing Paper 323: Corruption and Accountability. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/?wpdmdl=66&&ind=8>

**Thomas, A.** (2013). Briefing Paper 322: How we see our Members of Parliament Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/05/BP-322-How-we-see-our-Members-of-Parliament-May-2013.pdf>

**Thomas, A.** (2013). Briefing Paper 328: How the poor survive: Strategies for Livelihood. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/09/BP-328-How-the-Poor-Survive-Aug-2013.pdf>

**Thomas, A.** (2013). Briefing Paper 335: South African Youth-Agents of Change. Accessed at <http://www.cplo.org.za/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2013/11/BP-335-South-African-Youth-Agents-of-Change-Nov-2013.pdf>

**Thomas, A.** (2012). Untitled published work of poetry. This is My Land: Writing from the University of the Western Cape's UWC CREATES Programme. Ed. Vandermerwe, M; Krog, A; Magona, S. Bellville: University of the Western Cape.

### **Achievements**

<b>2020</b>	3 pieces of poetry selected to be included in the Breath: Inspire/expire virtual symposium hosted by WISER (Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research) and the Primary Healthcare Directorate at UCT. Pieces featured: 'Sneezing bullets', 'Breathing in this lifetime- a letter to my little people' and, 'A milk carton tells time'.
<b>2018-2020</b>	South African Social Science and HIV Programme (SASH) Fellow
<b>2017</b>	Poster presentation titled "Sex On The Go: Sex Work and Spaces In-Between and On-The-Edge in 9 HPTN 071 (PopART) Study Communities in The Western Cape, South Africa" at the South African AIDS Conference.
<b>2016</b>	Poster presentation titled "Talking sex and interpreting HIV risk in South Africa and Zambia: an analysis of the influence of colloquial discourse on conceptualizations of sex, HIV-related risk and stigma" at the International AIDS Conference, Durban, South Africa.
<b>2015</b>	Sindiwe Magona Literary Prize for English Poetry
<b>2014</b>	SKILLS bursary holder at SAVUSA and the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands
<b>2012, 2013 &amp; 2014</b>	Mellon Scholarship Holder
<b>2013</b>	Global Enterprise Experience Participant
<b>2013</b>	Institute for Justice and Reconciliation Youth Ambassador
<b>2010</b>	Member of Golden Key Honour Society
<b>2009</b>	Deans Merit List Award
<b>2008</b>	Head Prefect