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Academic Appointments

04/2023 - Present	Professor of Practice (Health Services, Policies and Practice), School of Public Health, Brown University. Senior Advisor for Pandemics and Global Health Security, School of Public Health, Brown University.
07/2026 -	Director of the Africa Initiative, Watson School of International and Public Affairs, Brown University.
05/2022 - Present	Director of Health Bio-Security, a Division of Wits Health Consortium, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.
07/2020 – 03/2023	Senior Research Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), College of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University. Chair, Pandemic Research Center, ISERP, Columbia University. Associate Director, Program in Vaccine Education, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.
01-2022-05/2022	Adjunct Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.
01/2021-05/2021	Adjunct Professor, School of Professional Studies, Columbia University.
07/2017 – 06/2020	Visiting Professor, Columbia University.
01/1999 – 03/2000	Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.
06/1990 - 07/1994	Associate Professor/Professor of Sociology, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
01/1990 – 05/1990	Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
07/1986 – 12/1989	Lecturer-Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
01/1983 - 12/1984	Lecturer in Political Science, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa.

Academic Appointments (Honorary)

10/2018 – 9/2021	Honorary Professor, School of Clinical Medicine and the School of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.
01/2005 – 12/2021	Honorary Professor, Division of Human Genetics, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.
01/2002 – 12/2011	Honorary Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa.
01/1995 – 12/1999	Honorary Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town, Cape

Town, South Africa.

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

PhD, Sociology, 1982

Thesis: “From Segregation to Apartheid: miners and peasants in the making of a racial order, South Africa, 1930-1952”

Advisor: Erik Olin Wright

MS, Sociology, 1978

University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa

BA Honors, Sociology and History, 1977

Corporate

06/2003 – 04/2009	Member of the Board, Sanlam (Financial Services), Bellville, South Africa.
06/2003 – 04/2009	Member of the Board, Media24 (Media), Cape Town, South Africa.

Post-Doctoral Experience

01/2014 – 01/2016	Senior Fellow (non-residential), Hannah Arendt Centre, Bard College, Annandale-On-Hudson, New York.
07/2007	Genomics Research & Policy Visiting Fellow, Economic and Social Research Council, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.
09/2003 – 05/2004	Gordon Moore Visiting Professor of History and Sociology, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California.
01/1992 – 12/1992	Visiting Research Scholar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.
01/1985 – 05/1986	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Southern African Research Program, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Special Appointments, Honors and Awards

Current

04/2026 - Present	Co-chair, Mirror Life Policy Working Group, and Member: Advisory Committee of the Mirror Biology Dialogue Fund.
03/2026 - Present	Member, Panel of Advisors, Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa. G7-led Global Partnership Against Materials and Weapons of Mass destruction and Africa CDC.
09/2025 - Present	Member, Science Advisory Council, (Paul Allen) Fund for Science and Technology (Seattle).
04/2025 - Present	Member of the Advisory Board, BEACON (Boston University).
05/2023 – Present	Chairman: Climate Impact Awards Advisory Committee, Wellcome Trust, London, UK.
03/2023 - Present	Member of Pool of 100DM scientific advisors, International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat (IPPS).

01/2023 - Present	Member of the Advisory Board, Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL).
01/2021 - Present	Selection Committee Member (and Panel Chair), Schmidt Science (Post-Doctoral) Fellows, Rhodes Trust, Oxford University.
01/2018 – Present	Member, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF).

Past

07/19/2025-08/02 2025	Fellow, Center for the Study of Existential Risks, Cambridge University, UK.
08/2024 –05/2025	Academic Chair, World Economic Forum’s Biosecurity Readiness through Intelligence, Data, and Global Engagement (BRIDGE), World Economic Forum, Geneva, Switzerland.
04/2022–12/2022	Co-Chair, with Sir Jeremy Farrar, Vaccine Task Force (VacTask). Supporting the South African government in end-to-end vaccine manufacturing.
06/2021–12/2025	Co-Chair, National Frameworks Sub-Working Group, Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa. G7 led Global Partnership on biological materials and weapons of mass destruction.
2018–2023	Expert Panel Member, Global Health Security Index, Economist Intelligence Unit, Nuclear Threat Initiative/Bio and Brown University.
2015–2016	Selection Committee Member, Fulbright Prize for International Understanding.
02/2009–04/2009	Lead: 150th anniversary celebrations – with Down House, Kent - of the publication of the <i>Origin of Species</i> (Charles Darwin spent 3 weeks at the Cape July 1836).
07/2004 04/2006	Chairman: Immigration Advisory Board (South Africa).
03/2002-01/2003	Member: Electoral Task Team (Home Affairs, South Africa) redesigning South Africa’s electoral system.
1997-2001	Member, International Working and Advisory Group, Comparative Human Relations Initiative, South Africa, Brazil and USA (Southern Education Foundation, Atlanta).
1996 –1998	Member of Advisory Board, Comparative Study of Peacemaking in South Africa. Israel and Northern Ireland (Aspen Institute).
11/1996 –05/1997	Chairman: Green Paper Task Team on International Migration (Home Affairs, South Africa) from which followed the first post-apartheid refugee protection and immigration policies. Appointed by Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Nelson Mandela.
10/1994 –12/1995	Project leader on the renaming of Cape residence of Nelson Mandela – from Westbrooke to Genadendal - and constitutional rights education for minority populations in the Western Cape (Director-General, Office of President Nelson Mandela, South Africa, 1995-1996).
1977-1978	Fulbright Award, graduate study, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin.

Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Appointments

08/1994 – 12/1998	Director, Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), Cape Town and Pretoria. South Africa.
01/2005 – 04/2009	Director, Africa Genome Education Institute, Cape Town, South Africa.

Elected Positions

05/2009 – 06/2017	Member of Parliament, South Africa (Constituencies – Mitchells Plain & Rondebosch)
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07/2010 – 05/2016 Chairman: Democratic Alliance (official opposition in South Africa).
 05/2009 – 04/2014 Member, Southern African Development Community (SADC) Parliamentary Forum (PF).

Recent Research

2023-ongoing Advance Warning and Response Exemplars (AWARE). Gates Ventures, Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Trust. Role: Co-Principal Investigator.

2021-2022 Vaccine Information Network. South Africa and Zimbabwe. Schmidt Futures. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Co-Investigator and Principal Investigator respectively.

2020 – 2022 Epidemic/Pandemic Response in Africa: Covid-19 in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa. Schmidt Futures. Co-Principal Investigator with L. Stanberry, L. White and A. McClelland.

2020-2022 CHAMPS Impact Fund: Hospital Infection Survey - Pan-African Neonatal Care Assessment Survey. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Role: Co-Investigator.

2020-2022 Vaccines and Global Health: Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons Program in Vaccine Education. Pfizer Inc. Role: Co-Investigator.

2018-2021 Mapping Survey of Children’s Hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa. ELMA Philanthropies Role: Co-Investigator.

Trusteeships

2015 – Present Trustee: Jakes Gerwel Foundation.

03/2009 - Present Member: Cape Philharmonic Orchestra Endowment Trust (CPET).

1996 – 2008 Trustee, The Ford Foundation, New York, New York.

1999 – 2006 Trustee, Impumelelo Innovations Awards Programme.

1996 –2000 Trustee, US-SA Centre for Leadership and Public Values.

1994-1998 Trustee, Cape Times Bursary Trust.

1990-1996 Member of Council, Human Sciences Research Council.

Consultancies

2025 April - Present Robert Koch Institute, Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany.

2024 July-November resiliency.ai, Austin, Texas.

2022 April – 2024 July African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM), Johannesburg, South Africa.

2018 Aug – 2022 May Senior Consultant, Nuclear Threat Initiative/Bio, Washington D.C.

2019 July – 2020 June Consultant - Biosecurity, Wadsworth Center, State of New York Department of Health, Albany, New York.

Editorial

2001 Associate Editor, The Cape Argus (afternoon daily).

1990 Founding Editor, South African Sociological Review.

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

1. James, W and 31 others. Measuring capacities to advance global health security and bioeconomic development on the African continent. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*. 168 (2026).

- 108675.
2. James, W and 19 others. Measures to strengthen international biosafety and biosecurity practices. *PLOS Biology* (online March 18, 2026).
 3. James, W and 17 others. Artificial intelligence for health security in Africa: Benefits, risks and opportunities. *Epidemics* (online 11 November 2025). 108
 4. James, W and 15 others. Integrating artificial intelligence into African health systems and emergency preparedness response: need for an ethical framework and guidelines. *Journal of Public Health in Africa* 16 no.1 (2025).
 5. James, W and 13 others. Proposal for a fourth indicator on vaccine uptake in the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) Tool. *Bulletin of the WHO* (2025); 103; pp. 226-8.
 6. James, W and 37 others. Confronting Risks of Mirror Life. *Science* 386 Issue 6728 pp.1351-3 (online 12 December 2024).
 7. James, W and 12 others. Infection prevention and control and related practices in African neonatal units: The Pan African Neonatal Care Assessment Study (PANCAS). *International Journal of Hygiene and Environmental Health* 259 (2024) 114359.
 8. James, W. and 6 others. Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention resources for infectious diseases in Sub-Saharan African hospitals caring for children. *Global Paediatric Health* Vol.10.1-9.
 9. James, W. L. Stanberry, P. Larussa and M. Grodman, Vaccines and global health: COVID-19 vaccine development, strategy, and implementation symposium. *Vaccine* 41 (2023) 7035-7040.
 10. James, W and 10 others, Building global vaccine manufacturing capacity: Spotlight on Africa, *Vaccine* (11 May 2023 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.05.009>).
 11. James, W and 8 others, Investigating attitudes, motivations and key influencers for COVID-19 Vaccination uptake among late adopters in urban Zimbabwe. *Vaccines*. Feb 10 2023 (11) no.2.
 12. James, W and 2 others, COVID-19 vaccine equity in Africa. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*. 2023; 0: 1-3.
 13. James, W and 8 others, Vaccine adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination with inactivated vaccines in Zimbabwe. *Vaccines*. 2022; 10 (1767).
 14. James, W and 9 others, Attitudes to vaccine mandates among late adopters of COVID-19 vaccines in Zimbabwe. *Vaccines*. 2022; 10 (1090).
 15. James, W and 8 others, Virtual assessments of infection prevention and control practices in African neonatal facilities: A Pilot Study. *Antimicrobial Stewardship and Healthcare Epidemiology* 2022; 2 (S1) s49-s49.
 16. James, W, and 17 others, The value proposition of the Global Health Security Index. *British Medical Journal Global Health*. 2020; 5:e003648.
 17. James W, and 19 others, Accelerating Action in Global Health Security: Global Biosecurity Dialogue as a Model for Advancing the Global Health Security Agenda. *Health Security*. 2019; 17(6).
 18. James W, Stanberry LR, Thomson MC. Prioritizing the needs of children in a changing climate. *PLOS Medicine*. 2018;15(7).
 19. James W, Mills G. South Africa and the World. *Focus, J of Helen Suzman Foundation*. 2016;59.
 20. James W. The Meaning of Race in Modern South Africa. *Focus, J of Helen Suzman Foundation*. 2012;67.
 21. James W. Charles Darwin at the Cape: notes on his sociological observations. *South African J of Science*. 2009; 105:395-396.
 22. James W, Asmal K. Education and democracy in South Africa today. *Daedalus, J of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences*. 2001;30(1).
 23. James W, Caliguire D. Renewing civil society. *J of Democracy*. 1996;7(1).

24. James W, MacDonald M. The hand on the tiller: The politics of state and class in South Africa. *J of Modern African Studies*. 1993;31(3).
25. James W. Group areas and the nature of apartheid. *South African Sociological Review*. 1992;5(1).
26. James W. Capital, African labour and housing at South Africa's gold mines. *Labour, Capital & Society*. 1992;25(1).
27. James W. The erosion of paternalism on South African gold mines. *Industrial Relations J of South Africa*. 1992;12(1&2).
28. James W, Crush J. Depopulating the compounds: Migrant labour and mine housing in contemporary South Africa. *World Development*. 1991;19(4):301-316.
29. James W. The future of migrant labour in the gold mining industry. *Industrial Relations J of South Africa*. 1989;9(4).
30. James W. Urban Labour and the Gold Industry. *Industrial Relations J of South Africa*. 1988;8(4).
31. James W. Grounds for a strike; South African gold mining in the 1940s. *African Economic History*. 1987;17.
32. James W, Loots L. Class structure and income inequality: South Africa 1980. *Social Dynamics*. 1985;1(1).

Reviews

33. James W. Nolutshungu's South Africa. *Social Dynamics*. 1986;12(1).
34. James W. Racial Segregation in South Africa. *Queen's Quarterly*. 1986.
35. James W. Materialist History, Materialist Theory: A Response to Charles van Onselen', *Social Dynamics*. 1983;9(1).
36. James W. Beyond Musical Chairs in the Power Bloc. *Social Dynamics*. 1982;8(1).

Chapters in Books

37. James W, Stanberry LR, Severance H, Grodman M, Grodman S and Rubin-Thompson L. Pandemics: Global Health Security. In Dhai A, Ballot D and Veller M, eds. *Pandemics and Healthcare: Principles, Processes and Practice*. Cape Town: Juta, 2021.
38. James, W, du Plessis JL & G Mills. The CBRN threat environment in South Africa. In James W. Ed. *Vital Signs: Health Security in South Africa*. Johannesburg: Brenthurst Foundation; 2020.
39. James, W, Daven J & Kahn M. Investing in health security preparedness. In James W. Ed. *Vital Signs*; 2020.
40. James W, Thomson MC, Rabie T, Shumake-Guillemot J, McDermott J and Wannous C. Health Priorities in a Changing Climate. In Thomson MC & Mason S, ed. *Climate Information for Public Health Action*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul; 2018.
41. James W. Van Zyl Slabbert: Sociologist at Work in Advancing Democratic Politics. In LeMaitre A & Savage M, ed. *The Passion for Reason: Essays in Honour of Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert*. Johannesburg: Jonathan Ball; 2010.
42. James W. Art and the Evolution of Human Imagination. In Janette Deacon, ed. *African Rock Art: The Future of Africa's Past*. Nairobi: Trust for African Rock Art; 2007.
43. James W. Nature's Gift to Science: Sydney Brenner. In *South Africa's Nobel Laureates*.
44. James W. A Spirit of Liberation. In James, W. Chidester D, Asmal K. Eds., *Nelson Mandela in His Own Words*. Forewords by Bill Clinton and Kofi Annan. Little Brown and Co. 2003.
45. James, W, Hadland, A. 'Shared aspirations: The imperative of accountability in South Africa's electoral system' in *Electoral Models for South Africa: Reflections and Options* (Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Johannesburg, May 2003).

46. James W, Lever J. The Second Republic: Race, Inequality and Democracy in South Africa. In *Beyond Racism*. 2001.
47. James W, Caliguire D. The New South Africa: Renewing Civil Society. In Diamond L & Platter MF, ed. *Democratization in Africa*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press; 1999.
48. James W. The Devil Who Keeps Promises. In *Now That We Are Free*. 1996.
49. James W. and Crush J. The Politics of Normalisation: Mine Migrancy in a Democratic South Africa. In *Crossing Boundaries*. 1995.
50. James W. Class Conflict, Mine Hostels, and the Reproduction of a Labour Force in the 1980s. In Zegeye A, Cohen R & Muthien Y, ed. *Resistance and Repression: Insider Accounts of Apartheid*. London: Hans Zell, 1989.
51. James W. Reinforcing Ethnic Boundaries: South Africa in the 1980s. In Olzak S & Nagel J, ed. *Competitive Ethnic Relations*. New York: Academic Press, 1986.

Monographs (including Policy Monographs)

52. James, W, and 8 others, *A New Species of Trouble: Strengthening Capacity and Capability for the Identification, Attribution, and Consequences Management of Accidental and Deliberate Pathogen Releases in Africa*. (Providence: Brown University Pandemic Center, September 2023).
53. James, W and J. Farrar, *VacTask: South African Vaccine Manufacturing Capabilities. Key Findings and Recommendations*. (Providence, Rhode Island and Johannesburg, South Africa. Brown University Pandemic Center and WITS University, May 2023).
54. James W. and 3 others, *Epidemic/Pandemic Response in Africa: Covid-19 in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa*. New York: Columbia University and Brenthurst Foundation; 2021.
55. James, W. *The Colour of our Skins*. Cape Town: Africa Genome Education Institute; 2005.
56. James W. *Manifesto on Values, Education and Democracy*. Cape Town: Ministry of Education; 2001.
57. James W. *Values, Education and Democracy: Report of the Working Group on Values in Education*. Cape Town: Ministry of Education; 2000.
58. James W, Crush J. *Mine Migrancy in a Democratic South Africa: Labour Migrancy in Southern Africa*. Cape Town: Southern African Labour Monographs; 1995.
59. James W, Lever J. *Towards a Deracialised Labour Force: Industrial Relations and the Abolition of the Colour Bar in South Africa's gold industry*. Stellenbosch: Unit for the Sociology of Development; 1987.

Books

60. James W, Ed. *Vital Signs: Health Security in South Africa*: Johannesburg: Brenthurst Foundation; 2020.
61. James W. *Moments with Mandela*. Cape Town: Tafelberg; 2012.
62. James W, Viall J, Gerwel J. *Grape: Stories of the Vineyards in South Africa*. Cape Town: Tafelberg; 2011.
63. James W. *Nature's Gifts: Why We Are the Way We Are*. Johannesburg: WITS University Press; 2010.
64. James W, Chataway J. Eds. *Biotechnology & Health: South Africa's Aspirations in Health-Related Biotechnology*. Pretoria: Van Schaik Publishers; 2007.
65. James W, Chidester D, Asmal K. Eds. *South Africa's Nobel Laureates*. Johannesburg: Jonathan Ball; 2004.
66. James W, Chidester D, Dexter P. Eds. *What Holds Us Together: Social Cohesion in South Africa*. Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Council; 2003.
67. James, W. Chidester D, Asmal K. Eds., *Nelson Mandela in His Own Words*. Forewords by Bill Clinton

- and Kofi Annan. Little Brown and Co. 2003.
68. James W, Wilson L. Eds. *The Architect and the Scaffold: Evolution and Education in South Africa*. Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Council & New Africa Books; 2002.
 69. James W, Asmal K. Eds. *Spirit of the Nation: Reflections on South Africa's Educational Ethos*. Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Council & New Africa Books; 2002.
 70. James W, Hamilton C, Huntley LW, Alexander N, Guimeres AS. Eds. *Beyond Racism: Race and Inequality in Brazil, South Africa and the United States*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers; 2001.
 71. James W, van de Vijver L. Eds. *After the TRC: Reflections on truth and reconciliation in South Africa*. Cape Town & Athens: David Philip Publishers & Ohio University Press; 2000.
 72. James W, Levy M. Eds. *Pulse: Passages in South African Nation-Building*. Cape Town: Idasa; 1998.
 73. James W, Caliguire D, Cullinan K. Eds. *Now That We Are Free: Coloured Communities in a Democratic South Africa*. Cape Town & Boulder: Idasa & Lynne Rienner Publishers; 1996.
 74. James W, Crush J. Eds. *Crossing Boundaries: Mine Migrancy in a Democratic South Africa*. Cape Town & Ottawa: Idasa & IDRC; 1995.
 75. James W. *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.
 76. James W, Simons M. Eds. *Angry Divide: Social and Economic History of the Western Cape*. Cape Town and New Jersey: David Philip and Transaction Press; 1989 and 1992.
 77. James W. Ed. *The State of Apartheid*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers; 1987.

Presentations, Expert Panelist, Moderator, Convenor

International

1. 2025, November 18, *Mirror Biology*. Scientific Advisory Board of the Secretary-General. United Nations. Expert Roundtable. Participant and Co-presenter.
2. 2025, October 28, *Safeguarding Africa's Bioeconomy*. Side-event to the Global Conference on Biological Threat Reduction. World Organisation for Animal Health. Geneva. Convenor.
3. 2025, July 22, *Biosecurity and pandemic preparedness in a new age of 'dangerous biology' and resurgent nationalism*. Cambridge University. Co-presenter.
4. 2025 April 7, *The risks of mirror life*. Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand (virtual), South Africa. Co-Presenter.
5. 2025 April 8, *Time to get specific: which climate factors, whose health, and what climate-health nexus risks are we talking about?* University of Stellenbosch (virtual), South Africa. Presenter.
6. 2025 February 12-14, *Disinformation in Africa*. G7-led Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction. Ottawa. Canada. Presenter.
7. 2024 November 27-29, Meeting of the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Rome. Italy. Presenter.
8. 2024 October 13-15, *Health in a Changing Climate: Why Investing in Climate Services for Health Matters*. World Health Summit, Berlin, Germany. Panelist.
9. 2024 September 20-23, *Advance Warning and Response Exemplars (AWARE): Initial Insights from Brazil, Kenya, South Africa and Vietnam*. World One Health Congress 2024, Cape Town, South Africa. Presenter.
10. 2024 June 18, *Strengthening Disease Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence in Africa: The Health Security Partnership in Africa*. Global Health Security 2024, Sydney, Australia. Co-Presenter.
11. 2024 June 18, *Growing the Pie: Mobilizing Additional, Predictable, and Sustainable Sources of Financing for Global Health Security*, Pandemic Action Network. Global Health Security 2024,

- Sydney, Australia. Panelist.
12. 2024 June 18, *Mitigating Threats and Challenges Area: Biosafety and Biosecurity*. African Society for Laboratory Medicine. Global Health Security 2024, Sydney, Australia. Panelist.
 13. 2024 June 21, *Advance Warning and Response Exemplars (AWARE) - Overview of interim findings for Early Warning Systems for Global Health Security*. Global Health Security 2024, Sydney, Australia. Co-Presenter.
 14. 2024 March 19-21, *A Safe Pair of Hands: Frameworks for Sustainable Surveillance Health Security Systems for African Union Member States*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Africa CDC and the Global Partnership. Conference Convenor.
 15. 2024 February 17, *Fighting 'Smart' Pandemics Mitigating Risks and Harnessing the Potential of AI for Biosecurity*, Munich Security Conference (side event) hosted by Foreign Affairs and CEPI.
 16. 2023 December 15, *Strengthening Capabilities to Manage and Respond to Biological Threats*, Africa Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM) Annual Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (Convenor of side-event).
 17. 2023 September 18, *Collaborative Surveillance Initiative* (World Economic Forum, New York City) (Co-convenor and Co-chair).
 18. 2023 July 18-19, *Building Political Will, An Enabling Environment and Sustainability for Biosecurity and Biosafety*, A Health Security Partnership to Strengthen Surveillance in Africa (WHO Hub, Africa CDC, Global Partnership and Robert Koch Institute) (Panelist, virtual).
 19. 2023, June 22-24, *When Leaders Get It Wrong: HIV/AIDS Misinformation in South Africa*, Annual Congress United for Health, Sao Paulo, Brazil (Keynote speaker, virtual).
 20. 2023, 3-5 April 2023, *Global Conference on Emergency Management*, World Organization for Animal Health or WOAHA, Paris, France (Workshop Organizer on Parliamentary Engagement).
 21. 2022, November 7-9, *Global Biosecurity Dialogue: Advancing Action to Improve our Collective Security*, Nuclear Threat Initiative, Cape Town, South Africa. (Session moderator).
 22. 2022, November 3-5, *Operationalizing the Signature Initiative to Mitigate Deliberate Biological Threats in Africa and strengthening the Africa CDCs regional health-security capabilities*, Wilton Park, Cape Town, South Africa. (Co-organizer).
 23. 2022, September 12-14, *Spotlight on Africa*, 16th Vaccine Congress, Riva del Garda, Italy. (Presentation).
 24. 2022, June 28-July 1, *Global Health Security Conference 2022*, Singapore. (Multiple presentations and sessions chair).
 25. 2022, March, *Vaccines and Global Health*, (virtual) Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University. (Co-convenor).
 26. 2022, March, *Why human beings act against their own health self-interest*, Vaccines and Global Health, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University. (Presentation).
 27. 2021, November, *Dual-Use Research and Biosecurity Risks in South Africa*, (virtual) Association for Science in South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa. (Presentation).
 28. 2021, November, *Engaging Public Representatives in biosecurity and pandemic preparedness*, (virtual), Africa CDC, Global Affairs Canada, UK Defense, Wilton Park, United Kingdom. (Convenor).
 29. 2021, March, *Biosecurity in the African Context*, (virtual) Regional Workshop on Achieving the Universalization of the Biological Weapons Convention in Africa, United Nations, Geneva. (Presentation),
 30. 2021, February, *Symposium on Vaccines and Global Health* (virtual), Columbia University.

- (Convenor),
31. 2021, January, (virtual) 2020, *COVID19: Case Studies from 23 Nations*. Schmidt-Futures Forum. (Presentation).
 32. 2020, October, *West Africa Regional Collaborating Centre Technical Workshop (on biosecurity)*, Africa CDC, NTI, Canada Global Affairs, CDC, DOD, Open Philanthropy, Lagos, Nigeria. (Moderator).
 33. *NTI-Africa CDC Biosecurity Seminar Series (virtual)*, West Africa Regional Collaborating Center, Lagos. (Moderator).
 34. 2020, September (virtual), *Meeting the Challenge of COVID-19 in Africa*, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, and the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. (Convenor).
 35. 2020, July, *East Africa Regional Collaborating Centre Technical Workshop (on biosecurity)*, Africa CDC, NTI, Canada Global Affairs, CDC, DOD, Open Philanthropy, Nairobi, Kenya. (Moderator).
 36. 2019, December, *NTI Global Biosecurity Dialogue: 2019 Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention*, United Nations Palace of Nations, Geneva. (Panelist).
 37. 2019, October, *NTI Launch of the Global Health Security Index*. Washington DC. (Panelist).
 38. 2019, October, *NTI Biosecurity Innovation and Risk Reduction Initiative Annual Meeting*, Geneva. (Panelist).
 39. 2019, October, *Central Africa Regional Collaborating Centre Technical Workshop (on biosecurity)*, Africa CDC, NTI, Canada Global Affairs, CDC, DOD, Open Philanthropy, Libreville, Gabon. (Moderator).
 40. 2019, July. *Are we really capable of reining in epidemics? A response to Yuval Noah Harari's Homo Deus: A brief history of tomorrow*. South African Institute of International Affairs. Cape Town, South Africa. (Presentation).
 41. 2019, June. *Southern Africa Regional Collaborating Centre Technical Workshop (on biosecurity)*, Africa CDC, NTI, Canada Global Affairs, CDC, DOD, Open Philanthropy, Johannesburg, South Africa. (Moderator).
 42. 2019, June. *Global Health Security 2019*, Sydney, Australia. (Panelist).
 43. 2019, May. *Global Biosecurity Dialogue*, NTI Bio, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Moderator).
 44. 2019, April. *Global Health Security Index Expert Panel Meeting*, NTI, London, United Kingdom. (Panelist).
 45. 2019, April. *Biosecurity Innovation and Risk Reduction Initiative*, NTI Bio, London, United Kingdom. (Panelist).
 46. 2018, November. *Taking Action to Advance Biosecurity and Biosafety Globally*. Ministerial meeting of the Global Health Security Agenda, Bali, Indonesia. (Panelist).
 47. 2018, May. *Value of a Global Health Security Index*. NTI/Bio. World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva. (Panelist).

Regional

48. 2022, 20 September, *Getting the Politics of Pandemic Response Right*, Brown University, Providence, RI (Presentation).
49. 2022, September 19, *Preparing for Future Pandemics and Other Biological Catastrophes*, Yale University, New Haven CT. (Panelist).
50. 2022, September 8-9, *Vaccine Hesitancy: Between Miracle and Mistrust*, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge MA. (Panelist).

51. 2020, October. (Virtual) Keynote: *How Changing Political Priorities and Governance Affect Child Health Around the World*. The 12th Annual Pediatric Global Health Conference: University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. (Presentation)
52. 2020, June, *Leadership and Decision-Making during Pandemics* (virtual), Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University. (Convenor)
53. 2020, February, *Preparing for Epidemics and other Catastrophes: A View from a (former) South African Lawmaker*. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Baltimore. (Presentation)
54. 2020, January. *Insecurity, Mistrust and Disease: Reigning in Epidemics in Complex Environments*. Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington DC. (Presentation)
55. 2018, February. *Together: At the occasion of the launch of the Charles and Dona Hamilton Institute*. DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, Illinois. (Presentation)
56. 2018, February. *Justice, Inclusion and Civility – Why Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela are still relevant today*. Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut. (Presentation)
57. 2017, April. *Global Health Security Agenda*. CUGH, Washington DC. (Panelist)

Local

1. 2023, June, *History and Future of Pandemic Threats and Global Public Health*, Seminar in Global Strategy, Columbia University. (Co-Instructor).
2. 2022, April, *Impact of COVID19 on Child Health*. 48th Annual Hattie Alexander Lecture, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. (invited presentation).
3. 2021, September, *Covid19: Past, Present, Future*, New York School of Law. (invited presentation)
4. 2020, December, *Fareed Zakaria discusses his new book Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World*. ISERP History and Future of Planetary Threats Series. (Convenor and moderator).
5. 2020, November, *Nuclear Security Today* by Ernest J. Moniz (Nuclear Threat Initiative). ISERP History and Future of Planetary Threats Series. (Convenor and moderator).
6. 2020, January, *Vital Signs: Health Security in South Africa*. New York School of Law. New York City. (Presentation).
7. 2018, March. *Marking the centenary of Nelson Mandela’s birth*. School of Nursing, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, NY. (Presentation).
8. 2018, March. *Building Resilience against Health Catastrophes*, School of Nursing, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York City, NY. (Convenor).
9. 2018. March. *Climate Change and Health Priorities for Vulnerable Populations*, CUGH, New York City. (Panelist).
10. 2017, April. *Zika and the Global Health Security Agenda*. Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York City, NY. (Co-convenor, presentation).