South Africa Reading Group Presentations, 1994 – 2001

NOTE: This list was prepared in 2013-14. Due to the vagaries of e-mail storage, some of the following dates are approximate, particular from the Fall of 1998 to the spring of 2001. We welcome corrections of all sorts.

Fall 2000 – Spring 2001:


Spring 2001: Iain Currie, University of the Witwatersrand, “Judicious Avoidance”

May 22, 2001 (?): Max du Plessis, Senior Lecturer, University of Natal, Durban, “The Issue of Reparations for Slavery, Colonialism and Apartheid”

Fall 1999 – Spring 2000:

December 1999 (?): Danny Massey, “Death of a Possibility: Fort Hare and the Onset of University Apartheid”

December 1999 (?): Mark Sanders, Cornell, “Complicities: The Intellectual and Apartheid”

February 18, 2000: Geoff Budlender, Legal Resources Centre, discussing the likely shape of law reform campaigns focused on socioeconomic rights

July 2000 (?), Tom Karis, From Protest to Challenge biographical entries


Fall 1998 – Spring 1999:

Fall 1998: Jonny Steinberg, Sizwe’s Test

April, 1999: Ron Krabill, “Symbiosis: The TRC and South African Mass Media”


Fall 1997 – Spring 1998:

September 19, 1997: Kate Crehan (co-author Julia Shapiro), “Masking Reality: NGOs and the Concept of Community in the New South Africa”

October 31, 1997: Dirk van Zyl Smit, Professor, University of Cape Town Faculty of Law, “Criminological Ideas and the South African Transition”

January 26, 1998: A conversation with Bantu Holomisa and Roelf Meyer, leaders of the United Democratic Movement

March 27, 1998: Howard Varney, South African lawyer and Convenor of the Investigation Task Board in the case against former Minister of Defense Magnus Malan and nineteen others, “Failing to Pierce the Hit Squad Veil: An Analysis of the Malan Trial” (co-authored with Jeremy Sarkin), and “Submission to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission: The Caprivi Trainees: 4 August 1997”

Fall 1996 – Spring 1997:

September 27, 1996: Adam Ashforth, Baruch College/CUNY Department of Political Science, “What Kind of Beast was the South African State?”

December 6, 1996: Lee Anne de la Hunt, University of Cape Town Faculty of Law, “Refugees in South Africa: Law and Policy”

March 28, 1997: Leon Wessels, National party Member of Parliament and Deputy Chair of the Constitutional Assembly (discussion rather than paper presentation)

April 1, 1997: Martin Chanock, Professor of Law and Legal Studies, La Trobe University (Australia) (discussion rather than paper presentation)


Fall 1995 – Spring 1996:


November 10, 1995: Eddie Webster, Professor of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, “A Challenge to Globalization? Democracy and Labor Reform in South Africa” (held at Columbia, and co-sponsored with Columbia University’s Institute of African Studies)

April 17, 1996: Martin Chanock, Professor of Law and Legal Studies, La Trobe University (Australia), “South Africa: legal formalism and legal culture in a new state”

Fall 1994 – Spring 1995:


December 9, 1994: Richard Abel, Professor, UCLA School of Law, “The Last South African Treason Trial”

April 19, 1995: Anthony Marx, Professor, Columbia University, “Race-Making and the Nation-State”