

Curriculum Vitae  
**SIBEL B. KUSIMBA**  
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**Education**

- 1997 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
1992 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
1988 A.B. in Anthropology, Departmental Honors and Cum Laude, Bryn Mawr College

**Academic Appointments**

- 2020- Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of South Florida Tampa FL  
2014-2020 Anthropologist in Residence, American University, Washington, DC  
2020 Visiting Research Fellow in the Human Economy Program, University of Pretoria, South Africa  
2018 Visiting Professor of Ethnology, Minzu University of China, Beijing  
2007-2014 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University  
2009-2010 Fulbright Professor, Egerton University, Egerton, Kenya  
2003-2007 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University  
2001-2003 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI youth

*Archaeology: Foragers, Potters,*  
Indiana Press.

Issue 2. Theme: Wealth in

*Anthropology* 7(2):1-10.

- 2018 Kusimba, S. It is Easy for Women to Ask: Gender and Digital Finance in Kenya. *Economic Anthropology* 5(2):247-260. Special issue: Financialization.
- 2018 Kusimba, S. Money, Mobile Money, and Ritual in Western Kenya: The Contingency Fund and the Thirteenth Cow. *African Studies Review* 61(2):158-182. Special Issue Theme: Post-Colonial Kenya.
- 2017 Kusimba, C. M. and S. Kusimba. Preindustrial Water Manag()-2(t)-2w 9.o( )Tj EMC /P <</M.2w445

- 1999 Kusimba, S. Hunter-gatherer Land Use Patterns in Later Stone Age East Africa. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 18:165-200.
- 1997 Kusimba, S. Later Stone Age Site Use Patterns at Lukenya Hill, Kenya. *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology* 13:9-25.
- 1994 Kusimba, S. Middle and Later Stone Age Lithic Technology and Land Use Patterns in East African Savannas. *African Archaeological Review* 12:44-70.

**Publications – Book Chapters**

- 2018 Kusimba, S., Gabriel Kunyu, and Elizabeth Gross. “Social Networks of Mobile Money in Kenya.” In *Money at the Margins: Global Perspectives on Technology, Financial Inclusion, and Design*, edited by B. Maurer, S. Musaraj, and I. Small. Berghahn Books, London, pp. 179-199.
- 2018 Kusimba, C. M., Sloan R. Williams, Janet Monge, Mohamed Mchula, Rahul Oka, Gilbert



- 2015 *Mobile Money, Philanthropy, and the Social Network Effect: Recent Research from Kenya and Product Innovation from M-Changa*. NetHope, February 26.  
<http://solutionscenter.nethope.org/blog/view/a-glimpse-into-future-of-mobile-money-societies-in-the-global-south>
- 2015 *Social Networks of Mobile Money in Kenya*. Seven-minute web video produced with videographer Steven McCord with the support of IMTFI, University of California.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sywez6yKEbo>
- 2014 *Mobile Economies in Kenya - Webinar Wednesday* at the American Anthropological Association, October 15. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atbC\\_eF8jiI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atbC_eF8jiI)

### **Publications - Research Reports**

- 2019 Sibel Kusimba and Changa Labs, M-Changa, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics. *Understanding Digital Fundraising in Kenya: A Case Study with M-Changa*. Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2017 Kusimba, S., G. Kuniyu, and N. Musombi. *Feeling, Information, Networks, Value*. Final Report to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. 141 pp.
- 2016 Kusimba, S. G. Kuniyu, and N. Musombi. *Dynamic Networks of Mobile Money among Unbanked Women in Western Kenya*. Final Report to Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, University of California at Irvine. 12 pp.
- 2015 Kusimba, S., G. Kuniyu, and A. Wanyama. *Mobile Money and Coming of Age in Western Kenya*. Final Report to Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, University of California at Irvine. 67 pp.  
<http://www.imtfi.uci.edu/files/docs/2015/Final%20Report%20Kusimba.pdf>
- 2013 Kusimba, S., Harpieth Chaggar, Elizabeth Gross, and Gabriel Kuniyu. *Social Networks of Mobile Money in Kenya*. Working Paper, Institute for Money, Technology, and Financial Inclusion, University of California at Irvine. [http://www.imtfi.uci.edu/files/2013-1\\_kusimba\\_1.pdf](http://www.imtfi.uci.edu/files/2013-1_kusimba_1.pdf)

### **Publications – Conference Reports**

- 2019 Remittances. In *Digital Finance in Africa's Future: Innovations and Implications*. Proceedings of an International Colloquium held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 22—26 October 2018. Organized by the Human Economy Research Programme at the University of Pretoria and the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS), in association with Disrupting Africa. Edited by John Sharp, Lena Gronbach and Riaan de Villiers. University of Pretoria, South Africa, pp. 42-48.

### **Blog Posts**

- 2020 Sharp, John, and Sibel Kusimba. *South Africa in Lockdown: Innovation in G2P Payments* <http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2020/06/part-3-south-africa-in->

[lockdown.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+ImtfiBlog+%28IMTFI+Blog%29](https://www.feedburner.com/feeds/lockdown.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ImtfiBlog+%28IMTFI+Blog%29)

- 2020 Kusimba, Sibel, Chap Kusimba, and Gabriel Kunyu. The War on COVID in Kenya: Will the Social Networks of Mobile Money Survive? <http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2020/05/part-2-war-on-covid-in-kenya-will.html>
- 2020 Kusimba, Sibel. Covid and Digital Payment in Kenya and South Africa: Crisis Innovation? <http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2020/05/part-1-covid-and-digital-payment-in.html>
- 2016 Kusimba, S., G. Kunyu, and D. Mark. Women, Social Capital, and Financial Inclusion: Linking Customer Data with Ethnographic Perspectives. IMTFI Blog, August 9. <http://blog.imtfi.uci.edu/2016/08/women-social-capital-and-financial.html>
- 2015 Kusimba, S., G. Kunyu, and A. Wanyama. The Contingency Fund and the Thirteenth Cow, Part 1. IMTFI Blog, July 13.

- 2012 The Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion at the University of California, Irvine. *Family Wealth, Family Ties: Remittances and Kinship in Western Kenya*. (\$19,800).
- 2011 Research and Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University. International Remittances in Kenya. (\$10,000).
- 2009 Fulbright Senior Scholar to Kenya, 11 months, 2009-2010. US Department of State (\$60,000).
- 2008 Lorraine Cobb Faculty Fellowship for Travel to Istanbul, Turkey, Northern Illinois University (\$2000).
- 2007 National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) #0648762 *Archaeology of Mount Elgon, Kenya* (\$127,000) (Principal Investigator).
- 2005 Research and Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University. Archaeology of Mount Elgon (\$10,000).
- 2004 Faculty Research Grant, Northern Illinois University (\$35,000).
- 2002 Faculty Research Grant, Lawrence University (\$3000).
- 2000 National Science Foundation Archaeology Division Research Grant BCS- 0106664 (\$150,000) (Co-PI with C. Kusimba).
- 1995 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$10,000).
- 1994 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Grant BNS SBR 93-20534 DISS (\$11,712).
- 1993 Fulbright Junior Scholar to Kenya (\$24,910).
- 1993 Center for African Studies Dissertation Research Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$400).
- 1993 Graduate College Dissertation Research Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$700).
- 1987 Travel and Tuition Grant to attend the Harvard University/National Museums of Kenya Koobi Fora Field School, Koobi Fora, Kenya, Department of Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College.

**Invited Grants from LOI; Not Awarded**  
2015



- 2016 Mobile Money and Finance in Kenya. Invited Lecture at *Financial Inclusion Research Day*, University of Bath Program in International Development, United Kingdom, November 2.
- 2016 A Social Network Approach to Women's Social and Economic Empowerment through M-Pesa Use. Invited Lecture at *Women's Empowerment and Digital Financial Services: Exploring the Connections*. USAID, Washington, DC, June 8.
- 2016 M-Changa: A Digital Fundraising Platform in Kenya (with David Mark). Invited Lecture to CGAP, Washington, DC, April 28.
- 2013 Social Networks and Mobile Money in Kenya. Presentation to the Africa Council of The Field Museum, Chicago, September 24.
- 2006 Slave Trade and Ivory Trade on the Kenya Coast. Invited Lecture, American Institute of Archaeology, University of Iowa, November 6.
- 2006 Anthropology and the African Past. Invited Lecture at 100 Years at Loyola University Anthropology Celebration, Loyola University, Chicago, March 31.
- 2006 Archaeology of the Ivory Trade in Africa. Public Lecture presented at the Midwest Museum of Natural History, Sycamore, Illinois, February 12.
- 2005 African Archaeology and Hunter-gatherers. Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge, April 28.
- 2004 Mosaics in East African Archaeology. Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct. 25.
- 2002 New Research on Trade in Africa, Society of Wisconsin Archaeologists, The Oshkosh Public Museum, May 12.
- 1997 Hunter-Gatherer Land Use Patterns in Later Stone Age East Africa. Noon Balloon, Field Museum, Chicago, October 28.
- 1998 Human Adaptations in Africa: Chi 28.

**Conference Papers Presented**

2019 Fundraising Care in Kenyan Families. Paper Presented at the

- 2011 Family Wealth, Family Ties: Remittances and Stay-behinds in Bungoma, Kenya. African Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 12.
- 2008 Fortified and Refuge Sites of the Late Iron Age. African Studies Association, Chicago, November 22.
- 2004 (with Chapurukha M. Kusimba). Tsavo Archaeology: Mosaics of the Iron Age. African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 18.
- 2004 Quaker Missionaries as Anthropologists in Western Kenya. African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 21.
- 2004 Later Stone Age Archaeology in Tsavo. Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, April 9.
- 2003 Four Fields and African Archaeology. American Anthropological Association. Chicago, November.
- 2000 Archaeology of Urban Hinterlands in the Tsavo National Park, Kenya. Society for Africanist Archaeology, Cambridge, July.
- 2000 (with Chapurukha M. Kusimba). Later Stone Age Archaeology in Tsavo, Kenya. Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, March.
- 1998 The Howieson's Poort Industry from Nelson Bay Cave, South Africa. Paper read at the biennial meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Syracuse, New York, April.
- 1997 (With Chapurukha M. Kusimba). Who Were the Iron Age East Africans? African Studies Association, Columbus, Ohio, December.
- 1997 (With Chapurukha M. Kusimba). Who Were the Iron Age East Africans? American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- 1995 Technological Organization Approaches to Africanist Lithic Analysis. American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November.
- 1995 Obsidian Raw Material Transport and Use at Lukenya Hill, Kenya. Pan African Congress of Prehistory and Related Studies, Harare, Zimbabwe, July.
- 1995 Later Stone Age Lithic Raw Material Use at Lukenya Hill, Kenya. Society for American Archaeology, Minneapolis, April.
- 1994 Middle and Later Stone Age Lithic Transport at Lukenya Hill, Kenya, and Nasera Rockshelter, Tanzania. Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Indianapolis, March.

**Other Professional Activities**  
2001

Peoples and Cultures of Africa  
Ancient Civilizations  
Ethnohistory

Lawrence University:

African Studies Association (ASA): Local Planning Committee for 2008 Meetings

American University: Undergraduate Studies Committee, Curriculum Committee, Anthropology Club Faculty Advisor

Northern Illinois University: Provost's Committee, Library Committee, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Committee (Tenure and Promotion)

Department of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University: Personnel, Curriculum, Exams, Hiring Committees

**Referee**

*Antiquity, Journal of East African Studies, Africa, African Studies Review, Journal of Development Studies, World Development, Oxford Development Studies, Socio-Economic Review, Economic Anthropology, Economic Anthropology, Antiquity, American Antiquity, African Archaeological Review, National Science Foundation, Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*

**Memberships**

Society for Economic Anthropology; African Studies Association; Fellow, Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI) University of California, Irvine; Dignity and Debt Network, SSRC and Princeton University; Member, Women and Finance Community of Practice, CGAP (The World Bank).