

From the Editor

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Congratulations to the recipients of the HASA's Johan Bergh Historia Award for 2024 in recognition of their contribution to the study of History at third-year level. They are Tanya van der Merwe (University of Cape Town), Andile Mkhwanazi and Madondo Nontobeko (University of Johannesburg), Brianna Christopher and Chukwudera Mwodo (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Nina Relling (University of Pretoria) and Kyle Wakeford (University of the Free State).

This issue has the 'Perspectives' forum, which offers a place for reflection and provocation, and is a teaching point, a conversation, and an opportunity for debate. The forum in this issue centres on a piece written by Duncan Money titled 'The Place of Regions in Transnational Connections: Cumberland Miners in Northern England and the Witwatersrand, 1880s-1920s.' He focuses on migration of Cumberland miners between northern England and the Witwatersrand from the 1880s to 1920s. We invited three historians to respond, and they do so thoughtfully and robustly. They are George Bishi, Jeremy Kirkler and Karen L. Harris.

Also in this issue, Mark Hackney focuses on electricity supply and consumption in South Africa by analysing the relationship between the Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power Company, municipal governments, local government, and electricity consumers. Duncan Lotter explores the 'SA Games', a model of the Olympic Games presented in South Africa in the wake of international sporting boycott on South Africa. Also in this issue is Joshua Chakawa's examination of the complex issue of masculinities within the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army, the military wing of the liberation movement, the Zimbabwe African People's Union.

Included in this issue are three book reviews. Njabulo Mthembu reviews two books on South African history: Jacob Dlamini's *Dying for Freedom: Political Martyrdom in South Africa* and Dineo Skosana's *No Last Place to Rest: Coal Mining and Dispossession in South Africa*. Belinda Makare shifts the focus from South Africa to Lesotho by reviewing Christopher Conz's *Environment, Knowledge, and Injustice in Lesotho: The Poverty of Progress*.

I wish to thank the editorial team and the reviewers who made this issue possible.

Clement Masakure, June 2025