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Summary Curriculum Vitae

Education: Junior Certificate, Paterson High School, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
(Municipal Merit Scholarship), 1939-1941
Senior Certificate, Paterson High School, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
(Municipal Merit Scholarship), 1942-1943
Graduated B.A. in English (with Distinction) and Psychology,
Fort Hare University, South Africa, 1944-1947
College Education Diploma, Fort Hare University, 1946
Studied for LL.B. Degree at Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg
(Awarded Scholarship from Leeds University, England) 1962-1963

Honorary
Degrees: Doctor of Humane Letters, Worcester State College, Worcester, MA, 1982
Doctor of Humane Letters, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, 1985

Honors: Chancellor's Prize for Bilingualism (University of South Africa), 1947
Mbari Award for Poetry in Africa, 1963
Freedom Writers Award (Society of Writers and Editors), 1975
Kenneth David Kaunda Award of Humanism, 1979
Illinois Art Council Award for Publication, 1981
Black Hall of Fame, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, OH, 1982
Award for Academic Excellence, Illinois Council for Black Studies, 1982
Citations from State of Massachusetts Legislature; City Councils of
Atlanta, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, 1983
United Nations Human Rights Day Award: International Trends
and Services Committee (Chicago Chapter), 1983
Honored (political asylee), Capitol Hill, Washington D.C., 1983
Steve Biko Memorial Award, TransAfrica (Chicago Chapter), 1984
Honoree (Civil Rights and Civil Liberties), Chicago Committee
to Defend the Bill of Rights, 1984
Participant, Valmiki Poetry Festival, New Delhi, India, 1985
Biographical Profile, "Stubborn Hope" Film, Producer: Peggy Stern, 1985
Awardee, Langston Hughes Medallion, City College of New York, 1986
First Recipient, Outstanding Teacher Award, Institute for Policy Studies,
Washington D.C., 1987
Poet Participant, First International Literary Festival, Nicaragua, 1987

Citations: Oliver, Roland, Crowder, Michael, ed. Cambridge Encyclopedia on Africa
Community Leaders of America, 1987;
Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia, Volume "A", African Literature;
International Directory of Distinguished Leadership, Winter, 1987/88;
International Who's Who, 1984-1985;
Men of Achievement, 1985;
The New Encyclopedia Britannica, Macropedia & Micropedia, Volume II (2),
15th Edition;
World Authors, 1980-1985

Employment:

Chairman, Department of Black Community Education Research & Development, Professor of African Literature, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1986-present;

Adjunct Professor, Department of Black Community Education Research & Development, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1985-1986;

Cornell Professor, Department of English Literature, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 1985-1986;

Adjunct Professor, Department of English, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 1984;

Visiting Professor, Program of African & African-American Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Spring Quarter, 1983;

Visiting Professor, Department of English, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, 1981-1982;

Professor, Department of English, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 1971-1985;

Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of Denver, Denver, CO, 1970;

Representative to the United Nations, International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, London, England, 1969-1971;

Director, World Campaign for Release of South African Political Prisoners, London, England, 1966-1969;

(Political Prisoner, March, 1964-July, 1965, Robben Island, South Africa, House Arrest, Port Elizabeth, 1965-1966, Exile from South Africa on exit permit, 1966);

Central High School, Johannesburg, South Africa (privately run, due to opposition to government policy), English Master, 1962-1963;

Paterson High School, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Senior English Master, 1949-1961;

Social Welfare Department, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Social Welfare Officer, 1949-1950;

St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
English Master, 1948-1949

Activities:

Founding Secretary, South African Sports Association, 1958;

Founding Chairman, South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, 1963-present;

Founding Member, Troubadour Press, 1970-present;

Vice-President, Union of Writers of the African People, Accra, Ghana, 1974;

Founding Chairperson, Member, African Literature Association, 1975-present;

Member, International Jury Books Abroad Award, 1976;

Member, Board of Directors, United Nations Association of Illinois & Greater Chicago, 1978;

Member, Board of Directors, Grassroots International, 1983-present;

Founding Member, Chairman, Africa Network, 1984-present;

Board Member, TransAfrica [Chicago Chapter], 1985-present;

Member, Advisory Committee on South Africa, Congressman Charles Hayes, 1985;

Member, Advisory Committee on South Africa, Senator Paul Simon, 1985-present;

Board Member, African Arts Fund, 1985-present;

Board Member, Artists Against Apartheid, 1986;

Board Member, Nicaragua Cultural Alliance, 1987-present;

Honorary Member, Phi Beta Kappa Society, University of Pittsburgh, 1988;

Member, Faculty Senate, University of Pittsburgh, 1988;

Member, Graduate Faculty Council, University of Pittsburgh, 1988;

Co-Convenor, Post-Apartheid South Africa, Symposia 1-111
University of Pittsburgh, 1986-1988;

Co-Convenor, African Literature Association Conference,
University of Pittsburgh, 1988;

Participant, United Nations Symposium: Culture against Apartheid,
Athens Greece 1988

- Publications: Sirens, Knuckles, Boots, Mbari Publications, Ibadan/Northwestern University Press, Evanston, IL, 1963;
- Letters to Martha, Heinemann Educational Books, African Writers Series, London, England, 1968;
- Poems from Algiers, African and Afro-American Research Institute, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 1970;
- Thoughts Abroad, John Bruin (pseudonym), Troubadour Press, Del Valle, TX, 1970;
- A Simple Lust, Hill & Wang, New York, NY & Heinemann Educational Books, African Writers Series, London, England, 1972;
- Strains, Troubadour Press, Austin, TX, 1975;
- China Poems, African and Afro-American Research Institute, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 1975;
- Stubborn Hope, Three Continents Press, Washington D.C., 1978;
- Stubborn Hope "Victory Edition" (political asylum citation), Three Continents Press Washington D.C., 1983;
- Salutes and Censures, Fourth Dimension Press, Nigeria, 1982;
- Salutes and Censures, Africa World Press, New Jersey (U.S. Edition), forthcoming

- Anthologies: Hope, Anne
(selected, among others) Torch in the Night, Friendship Press, 1988;
- Plumpp, Sterling and Gibbons, Reginald, Taylor, Jane and Bunn, David, ed., From South Africa, The University of Chicago Press, 1988;
- Plumpp, Sterling and Gibbons, Reginald, Taylor, Jane and Bunn, David, ed. From South Africa, TriQuarterly, #69, Northwestern University, 1987;
- Chipasula, Frank Mkalawile, ed. When My Brothers Come Home, Wesleyan University Press, 1985;
- Plumpp, Sterling, ed. Somehow We Survive, Thunder's Mouth Press, 1982;
- Amanuddin, Syed, ed. Creative Moment, Poetry EastWest, 1978;
- Feinberg, Barry, ed. Poets to the People, George Allen & Unwin, 1974;
- Sergeant, Howard, ed. African Voices, Lawrence Hill & Co., 1973;
- Kgositsile, Keorapetse, ed. The Word is Here, Anchor Books, Doubleday & Co., 1973