

With my IRIS dissertation fieldwork award, I traveled to South Africa in the spring semester of 2019 to conduct final research for my dissertation in the History Department. With these monies, I was able to return to the Historical Papers Collection at the William Cullen Library of the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, the National Archives of South Africa in Pietermaritzburg, and the Gandhi-Luthuli Documentation Centre at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban. At these public and private archives and centers, I reviewed documentary and oral materials, including newspapers, estate records, city planning and budgetary records, religious and cultural ephemera, personal papers and diaries, recordings of radio broadcasts, plays and creative works written during my time period of study, and interviews conducted at the end of the apartheid regime. I was able to complete my primary source work and also meet with scholars in-country to discuss my work and get feedback about my source base.