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# Gina Smith

## History, Global Politics, & Theory of Knowledge Teacher

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Experience: 10 years

Nationality: British

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## Education and Certification

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### **Doctorate in History: University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa** (February 2022 - Present)

- Part time & online with expected completion: December 2026.
- Supervisor: Natasha Erlank.

### **Masters of Education: Portland State University, Portland OR, United States** (June 2016 - June 2017)

- Endorsement: Secondary Social Studies.
- GPA: 4.0.
- Scholarships Awarded: Teachers Pathway, Teach for Diversity, & Janette Drew.

### **Bachelors in History: Portland State University, Portland OR, United States** (September 2013 - June 2016)

- GPA: 3.95 with Honors & Departmental Honors.
  - Scholarships Awarded: International Achievement, Honors Laurels Merit, Rose E. Tucker, Student Success, & International Cultural Service Program.
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## Work Experience

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### **American International School of Dhaka: Dhaka, Bangladesh** (August 2025 - Present)

- IB DP Core (EE, TOK, CAS) Coordinator, Model United Nations Facilitator, and Week Without Walls Chapterone.
- IB DP Global Politics, IB DP Theory of Knowledge, G10 World History, and Homeroom Teacher.

### **International Community School of Addis Ababa: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** (August 2022 – June 2025)

- I&S Head of Department, Grade 8 Level Lead, Model United Nations Facilitator, Community Project Supervisor, & Week Without Walls Organiser.
- MYP I&S & Homeroom Teacher.

### **Boston International School: Wuxi, China** (August 2018 - June 2022)

- I&S Head of Department, Model United Nations Director, Week Without Walls Organiser, Extended Essay Supervisor, Personal Project Supervisor & winner of the “Outstanding Teacher Award for the Xin An Community School District”.
- IB DP History, IB DP Theory of Knowledge, AP World History: Modern, IGCSE History, MYP I&S, and Homeroom Teacher.

### **Ogden Middle School: Oregon City OR, United States** (August 2017 - June 2018)

- 8th Grade Social Studies and Homeroom Teacher.

### **Wilson High School: Portland OR, United States** (August 2016 - June 2017)

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade US History Co-Teacher.

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## Tertiary Conferences and Secondary Professional Development

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### Presentation of Academic Papers:

- Contradictions of Anti-Colonialism: How modern Somali tourism narrates Somaliland's geopolitical limbo.
  - Organisation: Historical Association of Southern Africa.
  - Theme: Heritage, History, and Historiography: From the Local to the Regional and Continental.
  - Institution: Sol Plaatje University, Kimberley, South Africa.
  - Date: June 2025.
- North and South Korean influence in Ethiopia: An Evaluation of East Asian and Pan-African Anti-Imperialist Narratives.
  - Organisation: Southern African Historical Society.
  - Theme: History at the Precipice: Continuity, Change, and Crises in Southern Africa.
  - Institution: University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.
  - Date: June 2024.

### IB Workshops:

- IBDP Cat 2: Creativity, Action, Service - 16 hours online, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (May 2025).
- IBDP Cat 2: Global Politics - 16 hours online, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (April 2025).
- IBDP Cat 3: Leading and Managing Teams -18 hours, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (December 2024).
- MYP Cat 2: Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning - 18 hours, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (September 2023).
- MYP Cat 3: Investigating Inquiry - 18 hours, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (September 2023).
- IBDP Cat 3: Managing the Extended Essay - 20 hours, Dubai, UAE (January 2023).
- IBDP Cat 3: Assessment for Learning - 16 hours, Wuxi, China (March 2021).
- IBDP Cat 2: History - 16 hours online, Wuxi, China (November 2020).
- IBDP Cat 3: Approaches to Teaching & Learning - 16 hours, Wuxi, China (November 2019).
- IBDP Cat 3: Writing & Assessing Strong TOK Essays - 24 hours, Incheon, South Korea (September 2019).
- MYP Cat 3: Understanding the MYP - 16 hours, Wuxi, China (November 2018).

### Non-IB Workshops:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid - 7 hours, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (April 2024).
- Learning that Transfers: Social Studies - 15 hours, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (October 2022).
- Universal Design for Learning - 24 hours, Orlando FL, USA (April 2018).
- Step Up to Writing - 16 hours, Oregon City OR, USA (January 2018).
- Building Academic Language in Action - 16 hours, Oregon City OR, USA (January 2018).

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## References

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