

Public Presentation – Terrace Campus

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A patterned landscape of change: Houses and homesteads in an Eastern Cape context, South Africa

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Constructing similarly styled (vernacular) houses can offer members of a community a supportive reminder to the reasons why architectural features persist and remain practical. In a context of the Eastern Cape, South Africa, settlements are constructed in a manner in which their duration moderates expression for gathering, cooperation, ritual and culture. I describe the material culture of homes among residents who identify as Xhosa. I infer that forms of regional housing reflect forms of resistance to structural inequity in a changing South African society.

