Recent Books

The Qonce Museum is proudly launching the third edition of Widening the Scope: German Settlers on the Border now including two new chapters: *Three Waves of German Immigration to the Eastern Cape explored through the lives of three Settlers* by Gail Röthlin and *The Material Culture of German Settlers in the Eastern Cape: A Preliminary Study* by Stephanie Victor. The book is selling at the museum for R120.

Other books of interest written by recent speakers at LAHS meetings

Victor S. (2026). Exploring the Narratives: The Ngqika Queen Nosuthu, Mgwali Mission and the Soga family in Joanne Ruth Davis, Tiyo Soga: An African Voice in History, Faith and Freedom. In Tiyo Soga: An African Voice in History, Faith and Freedom (Ed JR Davis). HSRC Press.

As described by HSRC Press: This multi-authored, multi-disciplinary book provides exciting scholarship on the nineteenth century Xhosa intellectual, the Reverend Tiyo Soga. A diverse range of scholars develop the reading of Soga as a lone frontier pioneer to that of a multifaceted intellectual and community representative, considering Soga's agency as a member of several networks, including Xhosa royalty and communities; colonial politicians. https://hsrcpress.ac.za/product/tiyo-soga-an-african-voice-in-history-faith-and-freedom/

Can be bought online at https://www.mzansibooks.co.za/products/tiyo-soga-an-african-voice-in-history-faith-and-freedom

Pickering, J. (2025). Raising the Bar: The Making of a Judge. Staging Post

As described by Jacana: Raising the Bar is a memorable, funny, sometimes poignant, even tragic, but always interesting and entertaining account of a life's journey. Follow Jeremy as a child, young man, student, circus performer, practising advocate and Legal Resources Centre Director – from his birth in 1949 to his appointment as a High Court Judge of the Eastern Cape Division in 1992. https://jacana.co.za/product/raising-the-bar-the-making-of-a-judge/

Jeremy Pickering was a High Court judge from 1 September 1992 until his retirement on 30 August 2019, a period of 27 years. the longest serving judge in South Africa.