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#### Dr Charl-Pierre Naudé

- 1. UFS-048510 Dr CP Naudé: Journal Article: Hans Blumenberg se filosofiese antropologie
- 2. UFS-048512 Dr CP Naudé: Journal Article: Hans Blumenberg se model vir die evolusie van denke en die tersaaklikheid daarvan vir huidige uitdagings
- 3. UFS-048519 Dr CP Naudé: Journal Article: Hans Blumenberg se filosofiese begronding van die kuns as kennisvorm
- 4. UFS-048520 Dr CP Naudé: Authored book: In die rede geval
- 5. UFS-048537- Dr CP Naudé: Papers and Posters: Die wisselwerking tussen "die vergeefse projek" en "die ander god" in die filosofie van Hans Blumenberg
- 6. UFS-048543 Dr CP Naudé: Papers and Posters: Rede en mite: Blumenberg se rasioneel vir die historiese ontvouing van narratiewe en denke

#### Dr Mathilda Smit

1. UFS-048523 - Dr Mathilda Smit: Journal article: Vermaak of verset? 'n Ondersoek na die sosiokulturele rol en sosiopolitieke betrokkenheid wat weerspieël word in die oorspronklike liriekweergawe en die gepaardgaande beeldmateriaal van "Dis 'n land" (1987), asook in latere herskeppings daarvan

## Prof Angelique van Niekerk:

- 1. UFS-048549 Prof A van Niekerk: Authored Book: Van toeka af die toekoms in: Die geskiedenis van Afrikaans-Nederlands aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat 1918–2023
- 2. UFS-048567 Prof A van Niekerk: Journal article: 'n Korpusgebaseerde ondersoek na kohesieskakels as kenmerkende eienskap van outeurstyl van Dana Snyman en André le Roux
- 3. UFS-048591 Prof A van Niekerk: Journal article: Tydskrif vir Nederlands en Afrikaans: Nederlandse taalverwerwing binne die Suid-Afrikaanse tersiêre landskap: Die struktuur van 'n gemengdeleerkursus

## **Dr Francois Smith**

- 1. UFS-048559 Dr Francois Smith: Chapter in book: Die Prosa van Ina Rousseau
- 2. UFS-049023 Dr Francois Smith: Chapter in Book: Petra Muller se totemistiese verbeelding
- 3. UFS-049435 Dr François Smith: Chapter in book: Afstand en intimiteit. Die ontstaan van 'n tipiese vertelwyse in Karel Schoeman se Spiraal

#### Prof H van Coller

1. UFS-048573 - Prof H van Coller: Journal article: 'n Ontleding van die verhoogverwerking van Die mugu (Etienne Leroux) deur Pieter Fourie as kreatiewe herskrywing: 'n genologiese studie

## **Creative Outputs**

Henning Pieterse: Reinaard die vos. 'n Vrye vertaling van Van den vos Reynaerde. Vertaal en berym deur HJ Pieterse, (Reinaard the Fox. A free, rhymed translation of the Middle Dutch epic Van den vos Reynaerde) with an introduction by CHF Ohlhoff (UP) was published by Protea Boekhuis

Naomi Morgan: Associate literary translator (with Bernard Odendaal) of a collection of French chansons by Jacques Brel and Edith Piaf used in various musicals, entitled Piaf en Brel: Luisterryk! Imprimatur Publishers 2023

Naomi Morgan: Wrote, produced and acted in a play entitled Die Rok van Marie Antoinette, performed in the Naval Hill Planetarium on 6, 7 and 8 October 2023

Jerzy Koch, a research fellow and Polish academic, published his second volume of Afrikaans poetry titled Polkadraai (Turksvy)

# **Engaged Scholarship**

The Department presented the Poort Workshop to young writers during the July holidays. Thirteen pupils attended the workshop. These pupils were the top participants in the Poort writing competition hosted by the SA Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns. The presenters of the workshop were Fanie Viljoen and Lynthia Julius.

The Department presented a public lecture by Leon van Nierop, one of South Africa's best-known film and book critics and screenwriters. Van Nierop, a novelist, radio writer, freelance journalist, and winner of several awards and prizes, delivered the lecture on Friday, 11 August, as part of the Department's public lecture series. The writer shared insights and experiences with an audience of approximately 30 attendees consisting of members of the public, staff, and senior students on the UFS Bloemfontein Campus.

On average, ten lectures are offered on a Friday as part of the Departmental public lecture series. An open discussion follows these lectures. Students in the Department are also invited to attend these lectures, which in 2023 included, apart from the one mentioned above by Leon van Nierop, a conversation with the author Charl-Pierre Naudé about his latest book, In die rede geval: Waarom die mens mites maak. Profs Johann Rossouw and Henning Pieterse conversed with Dr Naudé, who is also one of the Department's research fellows.

Two reflective written essays based on attendance at the above lectures are requested per semester from third-year students in the AFN modules.

Colleagues in the literature section continuously participate in discussions at book clubs and arts festivals, such as the Free State Arts Festival in Bloemfontein and the Vrye Weekblad Boekefees in Clarens.

An important part of the Department's community engagement is regular film screenings by the respective section. These film evenings are well attended by the general public as well as students. In 2023, the Afrikaans section screened the Dutch film Ferry on 29 August, and the German section screened the much-lauded new version of All Quiet on the Western Front on 25 April. The French section



Prof Henning Pieterse, Leon van Nierop and Prof Angelique van Niekerk at Van Nierop's public lecture at the Department of Afrikaans & Dutch, German & French

hosted monthly film evenings in the *Cinéclub* project. During the last screening, the French section was delighted to show the film *J'accuse* with English subtitles for the first time in the world. This screening forms part of Ms C. Lambrecht's MA project under the supervision of Prof N. Mogan. In total, the *Cinéclub* has shown 10 French-language films.

The Department annually hosts two advisory board sessions for all the senior students in the department. The Advisory Board consists of people in the industry, such as media, education, and publishing. The Department hopes to increase the employability of our students with this endeavour. The second Advisory Board (term January 2022 – 2024) consists of Ms Nèlleke de Jager of NB Publishers, Mr Ivor Price, a journalist also involved at *Food for Mzansi*, and Ms Mariska van der Merwe, a teacher at C & N Secondary School for girls. The Advisory Board visited the Department in June 2023 and presented a half-day workshop to staff and senior students. The dean, Prof Mogomme Masoga, delivered the welcoming address.

# Postgraduate Students

Prof Henning Pieterse and Dr Francois Smith co-supervised four MA students in Creative Writing to completion. One of the students in the previous intake of the creative writing course, Lynthia Julius' manuscript, was accepted for publication: *Kinderlê*, a volume of poetry.

The new bursary, "Jaap Steyn-beurs in Kreatiewe Skryfkuns", which was introduced in 2022 with funding from the Hiemstra Trust, was awarded to the author Johan Jack Smith. He sadly passed away in July 2023 before completing his Master's in Creative Writing.

## Other Activities

## **Short Learning Programmes**

The Department presently has four short learning programmes that are fully established and gaining popularity. These SLPs are:

- Gesellig Afrikaans Language Acquisition
- Gesellig Afrikaans Language Competence
  Both these courses form part of the University's academic service to visiting international students, researchers, staff members and interested students in professional programmes. Gesellig Afrikaans 1 and 2 are conversational modules aimed at foreign language speakers who wish to learn to speak Afrikaans.
- Dutch for Beginners
  The short learning programme, Dutch for beginners, is aimed at South Africans with sound prior knowledge of Afrikaans (due to the similarities between Dutch and Afrikaans) and students who want to enrol for the international CNaVT examination (Certificaat Nederlands als Vreemde Taal).
- French for Beginners
- The SLPs are widely advertised and have attracted students from other universities and industries.

# Digitalisation

The Department has launched an initiative to digitalise the complete Leroux (writer Etienne Leroux) archive as part of the Department's literary archive in 2022. This project has been completed in June 2023. Dr Burgert Senekal and Mrs Gerda Stroebel were involved with this initiative. Online access will be ensured after the completion of the project.

# Staff (2023)

## Staff members in Department

Dr Francois (F.A.H.) Smith – (Head of the Department)

Prof Angelique (A.) van Niekerk

Prof Henning (H.J.) Pieterse

Dr Mathilda (M.) Smit

Dr Alison (A.G.) Stander

Dr Carla (C.) Ellis

Dr Marian (M.J.) Human-Nel, Qwaqwa Campus

French Section:

Prof Naòmi (N.) Morgan

Dr Albertus (A.d.P.) Barkhuizen

German Section:

Prof Cilliers (J.P.C.) van den Berg

Dr Trudie (T.) Strauss

Contract staff in 2022:

Mr Willem-Carel Brink (German beginner's course)

Mrs Corné Richter (project assistant)

Mrs Karen Combrinck (SLP co-ordinator for Afrikaans and Dutch)

Support staff:

Mrs Ida Meiring

Mrs Petronella Bango

Mrs Marelize Pretorius







Caption: Prof Owen and her son at the April graduation, 2023

## Overview of 2023

For the Anthropology Department, 2023 was a busy year. We fortified our decolonial praxis throughout the undergraduate and postgraduate curricula, initiated and worked towards completing single-authored monographs, PhDs and research articles, furthered transdisciplinary research interests and made scholarly connections with various scholars on the African continent and beyond through conference attendance and presentations.

At the end of 2022, Prof Owen was unanimously re-elected to lead the Department for a second period of five years. Prof Owen's vision for the next five years includes the consolidation of the Department as a transformed and transformative learning, teaching and research space (confirmed by the external reviewers) and the active commitment to lead colleagues in the integration of their passion for teaching and research rather than maintain a false dichotomy between the two pillars of scholarly work.

After completing her first five-year term as HoD, Prof Owen was granted a six-month sabbatical. During this period (1 April to 1 October), she initiated the drafting of her second full-length monograph with Berghahn Publishers – an intimate ethnography of her mother's life in Cape Town, South Africa. Dr Shirley du Plooy was also granted three month's research leave in the final quarter of 2023 to read deeply about the geology, paleoclimate, prehistory, archaeology, and history of the Mohokare and Little Caledon River valleys. This initial foray into the literature was an attempt to bring together knowledges that point to the value of potential heritage sites in the eastern Free State.

In 2023, Ms Mamokoena Mokoena joined the Department as an Academic Facilitator, a post in which she has excelled as she provides scaffolding support for first-time entering students and senior students taking Anthropology first-year modules. Her initial foray into teaching an entire unit in Introduction to Anthropology (ANTI1514), which focused on the four socio-cultural institutions of kinship, economics, politics, and religion, was well received by students.

During Prof Owen's sabbatical, Dr Williams, acting as AHD, reignited a tradition in the Department that COVID-19 had negatively impacted – staff and postgraduate attendance at the annual Anthropology Southern African conference in Cape Town. Presentations were well received, and postgraduate students, including Honours students, were introduced to the emergence of the discipline in its contemporary iterations nationally.



# **Achievements**

## **Staff Achievements**

Christian Williams was promoted to Associate Professor at the end of 2023.

## Student Achievements

Ms Zandile Tapileno was placed *second* at the Library and Information Services Honours & Undergraduate Research Seminar for 2023. Moreover, for the first time since Prof Owen's reorientation of the Honours programme to a *one*-year programme in 2019, the 2023 cohort of Anthropology Honours students met the deadline for their Honours Research Reports.





CGAS staff from Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa campuses attending the Africa Day Memorial Lecture in May 2023.

## Overview of 2023

The Centre for Gender and Africa Studies achieved numerous commendable milestones in 2023. Notably, seven (7) PhD students graduated between April and December 2023, a matter of particular pride in the PhD programme, one of our flagship offerings.

The Centre further enhanced its academic capacity by recruiting senior academic staff: Prof Hussein Solomon (Senior Research Professor) and Prof Pamila Gupta (Research Professor) joined from 1 January 2023. Prof Solomon is an expert in political Islam, terrorism, discrimination against the LGBTQ community in north Africa, conflict and conflict resolution in Africa, and African security. Prof Gupta brings interdisciplinary expertise in anthropology, heritage, gender, visual art, and Lusophone Africa to the Centre. From 2015-2022, she was affiliated with WISER (Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research) at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. From 1 March 2023, Prof Heidi Hudson rejoined the CGAS after her term as Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities ended. She is a foremost expert on gender and security in Africa. These senior scholars bring to the Centre outstanding scholarly agendas, experience, and wonderful opportunities to mentor more junior staff. This year also marked a welcome return to predominantly face-to-face teaching in our postgraduate programmes on the Bloemfontein campus in blocked contact sessions, which was welcomed by students and lecturers alike and fostered vibrant class engagements and enhanced pass rates.



Prof Hussein Solomon



Prof Heidi Hudson



Prof Pamila Gupta

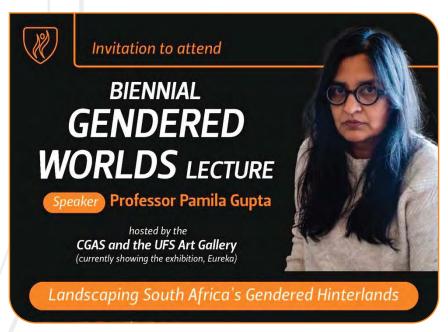


Nomcebo Dlamini

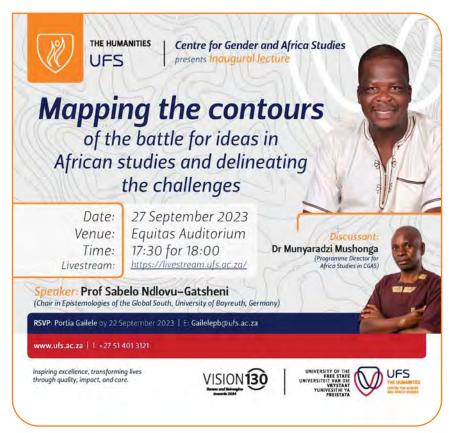
The Bachelor of Community Development in the CGASQQ went from strength to strength, with 59 graduates in April and the accreditation of the Postgraduate Diploma in Community Development to be offered for the first time in 2024. By the end of 2023, more than 300 applications had already been received as a testament to this qualification's need. Nomcebo Dlamini joined the CGASQQ as a lecturer in the Community Development programme from 1 July 2023 to enhance the academic capacity of this fast-growing programme on the Qwaqwa Campus.

In 2023, the CGAS was extremely active in terms of engaged scholarship and hosted the first face-toface Africa Day Memorial Lecture since the pandemic started with Prof Motlatsi Thabane as the speaker, which proved a great success. Not only did the Gender Talks Seminar/Webinar Series go from strength to strength in 2023, coordinated by Dr Juliet Kamwendo, the CGAS, through the initiative of Prof Hussein Solomon, also introduced a new seminar/webinar series called the 'Africa Dialogue Series' which offered a dynamic programme of intellectual engagements on burning issues such as African security, climate change, the local political landscape, women, peace and security, and Russia in Africa to name a few themes. Both the Gender Talks Seminar/Webinar Series and the Africa Dialogue Series included a diverse range of local and international participants. The Biennial Gendered Worlds lecture was hosted in collaboration with the UFS Art Gallery and presented during August 2023 (Women's Month) in a digital format with Prof Pamila Gupta as the speaker and in dialogue with the exhibition, Eureka, showing at the Stegmann Gallery at the time.

In September, as part of our Heritage Month commemoration and spearheaded by Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga, we were honoured to host the inaugural professorial lecture of Extraordinary Professor in the CGAS, Prof Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni, a world-renowned and seminal decolonial guru with Dr Mushonga as the discussant.



The 2023 Biennial Gendered Worlds lecture presented by Prof Pamila Gupta and hosted in collaboration with the UFS Art Gallery and the exhibition Eureka.



The inaugural lecture of Prof Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Extraordinary Professor in the CGAS, with Dr Mushonga as discussant, took place on 27 September.

Dr Nadine Lake's tenure as Programme Director of the Gender Studies Programme ended in 2023 after more than a decade of exemplary service. The CGAS was pleased to appoint Dr Juliet Kamwendo as the new Programme Director for the Gender Studies Programme for a five-year term (from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2028). She was also Acting Programme Director for the Gender Studies Programme from 1 September 2022 until 31 August 2023.



After serving as Programme Director: Gender Studies for over a decade, Dr Nadine Lake stepped down in 2023.



Dr Juliet Kamwendo was appointed Programme Director: Gender Studies from 1 September 2023.

The CGAS extraordinary professors, Prof Henning Melber, Prof Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni and Prof Gabriele Griffin, were prolific in 2023 with numerous keynote addresses, publications and public intellectual engagements. Prof Henning Melber is Director Emeritus/Senior Advisor of The Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation,

Uppsala (since 2016) and prior to that was the Executive Director from 2006–2012 and Senior Advisor from 2012-2016. He also holds affiliations with the Nordic Africa Institute, the University of Pretoria and the University of London. Prof Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni is Professor and Chair of Epistemologies of the Global South with an emphasis on Africa and Vice-Dean of Research in the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth in Germany. He also holds the following positions: Professor Extraordinarius in the Department of Leadership and Transformation (DLT) in the Principal and Vice-Chancellor's Office at the University of South Africa (UNISA); Honorary Professor in the School of Education (Education and Development Studies) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in South Africa; Research Associate in the Ali Mazrui Centre for Higher Education at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) in South Africa; Research Associate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Pretoria (UP) in South Africa; and Research Associate at The Ferguson Centre for African and Asian Studies at the Open University in the United Kingdom. Prof Gabriele Griffin is Professor of Gender Studies and Chair in Gender Studies at the Centre for Gender Research at Uppsala University (Sweden). She is also a Wallenberg and SIDA (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) research grant holder.

## **Achievements**

Dr Grey Magaiza (Deputy Director: CGASQQ) was promoted from lecturer to senior lecturer from 1 January 2023.



Dr Grey Magaiza

Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga was selected to participate in the prestigious Decolonial Horizons Summer School held at the Centre of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues in Barcelona, Spain, 3-7 July 2023.



Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga was selected to attend the prestigious Decolonial Horizons Summer School in Barcelona, Spain, in July 2023.

Dr Grey Magaiza, Dr Stephanie Cawood and Nomcebo Dlamini (along with several other UFS colleagues across various faculties from the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa campuses) were invited to spend a few weeks in September 2023 at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina (USA), as part of the Mountain-to-Mountain Collaborative Project to enhance collaborative networks with relevant departments such as the Centre for Appalachian Studies and Department of Geography among others. Dr Magaiza was also invited to present at the Community Development Society in Portland (USA) on 'Participatory Community Development with Afromontane Communities'.

Prof Pamila Gupta, who joined the CGAS as a Research Professor appointed from 1 January 2023, spent three months (May to July) as a fellow at the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies in Bayreuth, Germany.

In the wake of debates raging in academia about the role and challenges related to AI and scholarship, Prof Hussein Solomon broke new academic ground when Palgrave Macmillan approached him to produce an experimental machine-generated book titled, 'The Spectre of Islamic Terrorism, Comparative Insights: A Machine-Generated Literature Overview' (available in 2024). On 27 November, he shared his experiences working on a machine-generated book in a UFS public lecture with discussant Prof Emma Ruttkamp-Bloem (Department of Philosophy, University of Pretoria) to reflect on AI's ethical and scholarly implications in scholarship.



Prof Solomon reflected on his experiences working on a machine-generated book during a public lecture on 27 November.

Support staff members Portia Gailele (Administrative Officer) and Ankia Bradfield (Programme Coordinator) successfully completed (both with distinction) the Business Communication in English (Level 2) programme offered by the Leadership and Development Division in the HR Department.



Portia Gailele and Ankia Bradfield

## **Student Achievements**

During the annual prize-giving of the Faculty of the Humanities held on 21 April 2023, Ikenna Ekwerike was awarded the CGAS prize for the best student in the Bachelor of Arts Honours with specialisation in Africa Studies, while the CGAS Prize for the best student in the Bachelor of Arts Honours with specialisation in Gender Studies was awarded to Gugulethu Sihlali.

In 2023, across all its programmes and campuses, the CGAS collectively graduated a total of 80 students, with, inter alia, 59 students in the Bachelor of Community Development (graduating in April), five in the Bachelor of Honours (Gender Studies), seven in the structured MA (Gender Studies), and one in the Bachelor of Honours (Africa Studies).



CGAS staff, graduating students and family members at the April 2023 graduation.

During the December graduation ceremony, Gibson Makamure obtained his MA (Gender Studies) degree with distinction.

## **Teaching**

In 2023, the CGAS enrolled a total of 258 students across all programmes and campuses:

- 1 (BAHons Africa Studies)
- 7 (MPhil Africa Studies by dissertation)
- 7 (BAHons Gender Studies)
- 10 (Structured MA Gender Studies)
- 32 (PhD)
- 201 (Bachelor in Community Development; new intake 58)

While the Bachelor in Community Development of the CGASQQ had already returned to face-to-face teaching and student placements since 2021, the postgraduate contact sessions of the CGASBfn returned to face-to-face modalities in a blended approach (75% face-to-face, 25% online). This marked a welcome return to vibrant class engagements and enhanced pass rates compared to the previous years when contact was primarily online due to the after-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional academic support measures were implemented to assist students in academic writing and ethical clearance applications, which proved successful, particularly in the BAHons (Gender Studies), where five of the seven registered students passed the Honours Research Report.

## **Short Learning Programmes offered**

CGAS negotiated for the presentation of its Conflict Competency Development Course with the Central University of Technology (CUT) towards the latter part of 2023. However, the course was moved to 2024 due to CUT budgeting issues. CGAS also became involved in the Parliamentary Decorum SLP, presented by the Business School and the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation. Even though CGAS is not the "owner" of the course, it assists the other departments in a programme management capacity. The course will start in January 2024. The Conflict Competency Development Course was updated for presentation in 2024.



Willem Ellis coordinates the short learning programmes in the CGAS

# **Research Projects**

In 2023, CGAS staff members were mostly engaged in ongoing research projects and/or publishing from research projects where the data collection had already concluded. However, numerous proposals for research funding were submitted during the year.

The IKSDC (Indigenous Knowledge Systems Documentation Centre), funded by the DSI (Department of Science and Innovation) since 2013 (approximately R6,500,000-00 to date), continued with new tranche funding of R750 000 paid for the 2023/2024 cycle in July. Dr Stephanie Cawood is the Project Manager/ Special Advisor to the IKSDC, and Mike Nxumalo is the IKSDC Coordinator. The current IK Recorders are Ms Theso Mofokeng and Ms Reabetshwe Mokhaso, appointed from 1 November 2023. This is an important community engagement project to document indigenous knowledge related to medicinal plants and indigenous foodstuffs in a national recordal system called NIKMAS. From 27 November to 2 December, the DSI hosted a national knowledge-sharing forum in Cape Town for all the IKSDCs, with all Free State IKSDC team members in attendance. The purpose of the forum was to share knowledge, experiences, opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned from IKSDC activities across the spectrum. As the longestserving project manager since the national project began, Dr Cawood was also invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on perspectives on the future of IKSDCs. Overall, the national forum was extremely fruitful as one of the IK recorders expressed, "This was a lifetime experience as we had an opportunity to listen to different perspectives from different individuals coming from different provinces."



Mike Nxumalo, IKSDC Coordinator, presented on the FS IKSDC activities at the national IKS Forum organised by the Department of Science and Innovation in Cape Town from 28 November to 2 December 2023.

The Borderlands Project, spearheaded by Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga as the Principal Investigator (seed funding from the Faculty of the Humanities: R50 000; project funding from NIHSS: R493 005.49), was drawing to a close in 2023 with the completion of the edited book titled 'Migration, borders and borderlands: Making national identity in Southern African communities' (Eds. M Mushonga, J Aerni-Flessner, C Twala & G Magaiza) with Lexington Books (publication date 2024). The overarching project involved the collection of oral histories along the South Africa-Lesotho border. Title of project: 'The Border, the 'Bantustans' and the Rainbow Nation: A Contradictory Mix of Discreteness and Continuity in the Oral Histories of Transnational Communities in the Borderlands of Lesotho/South Africa and Joe Gqabi District (Eastern Cape, South Africa)'. The book will be launched officially in 2024.



The 'Borderlands Project' conducted oral history research in the Lesotho-South Africa borderlands (Google Maps).



Caption: 'Paqama gate' (an informal border crossing) called 'at 60' close to Van Rooyen's Gate border post near Wepener documented during the 'Borderlands Project' (Source: photograph taken by authors).

SIDA Project: 'Gender Mainstreaming: Developing Competencies in Higher Education for Gender Equality, Peacebuilding and Gender-Sensitive Research Coordinators' (Funder: Swedish International Development Agency; Dr Lake, the total value of the project: 8 million Swedish Krona, R330 000 for UFS activities). The partnership between Uppsala University, Eduardo Mondlane University and the UFS. The project involved the development of an MA degree in Gender and Development at UEM, training postgraduate students, and mentoring more junior staff (e.g., Dr Lake, by senior scholars, such as Prof Gabriele Griffin). The project is in its final year of operation. However, due to the success of the project, it may lead to further collaboration going forward, which is currently under discussion.

Newton Advanced Fellowship from British Academy (2016-2019): Dr Cawood and Prof Fisher (University of Birmingham) received a grant (£62 904) for a research project titled, 'Memorialising struggle: Dynamics of memory, space and power in post-liberation Africa'. All fieldwork was concluded by 2019, and publications are in progress, with the first publication based on this research published in the Q1 Journal, Political Geography (Impact factor: 4.1) in November 2022. At least two more publications are currently in development.



Caption: Research conducted as part of the Newton Advanced Fellowship (Cawood and Fisher) focusing on how liberation struggles are commemorated in post-liberation eras. Heroes' Acre (Windhoek) is one of the study sites pictured here (Source: Cawood).



The Wall of Names at Freedom Park (Cawood).



Mass grave memorials in the Luweero triangle, Uganda (Cawood).



The memorial to fallen MK cadres at Solomon Mahlangu Square, Mamelodi (Cawood)



Kampala memorial to South African struggle activists who died in exile in Uganda (Cawood).



Women's Living Heritage Memorial in Pretoria/ Tshwane (Cawood).

In 2023, Prof Gupta concluded the 'Regions 2050 Project' under the directorship of Achille Mbembe (WiSER). She was the Scientific Coordinator for the "South Atlantic/Indian Ocean Africa" Research Cluster 2020 to present. From 2020 to 2022, Prof Gupta set up the research cluster and developed an online and site-based programme of two postdoctoral fellows and five early- to mid-level career researchers, drawing experts from the field of Southern African Oceanic studies.

She is also completing this project by developing an edited volume with the seven contributions alongside one of the postdoctoral fellows, Caio Simoes de Araujo. A book proposal was submitted in July 2023, has been accepted, and is under contract with the Oceans and Islands Book Series at Routledge. It is entitled 'Regional Drift: Remapping Africa's Southern Oceans' (scheduled publication in 2024).

The CGAS, through the UFS Directorate for Research Development (DRD), signed an agreement to conduct contract research with the LGSETA valued at R2 599 000 in the fourth quarter of 2023. These projects respectively focus on the assessment of a skills audit on women in leadership and management positions in local government as well as the assessment of human resource development implementation at local government level. Colleagues from both the CGASBfn and CGASQQ are involved in these research projects, namely Dr Cawood as the internal project manager, Prof Solomon, Dr Magaiza, Nomcebo Dlamini, Thabang Mokoena and Willem Ellis, as well as external contracted researchers such as Dr Harlan Cloete, as the lead field investigator, and Prof Fanie Cloete.

# Research Outputs (Bfn and QQ combined)

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# **Engaged Scholarship**

## Africa Day Memorial Lecture

The 2023 Africa Day Memorial Lecture was held in person for the first time in three years to commemorate Africa Day (25 May) and focused on a theme of local significance that appealed widely to our local constituencies. The event was a great success, with 120-130 guests attending, exceeding our initial target of 100 guests and including many local community members and colleagues from the National University of Lesotho.

Emeritus Professor Motlatsi Thabane (Lesotho) Speaker:

Title of lecture: 'Josias Philip Hoffman and Moshoeshoe I

Friendship in the Search

for Justice in the Mohokare Valley in the Nineteenth Century'.

Date: 24 May 2023

Welcome: Prof Mogomme Masoga (Dean: Faculty of the Humanities)

Introduction of speaker: Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga (Programme Director:

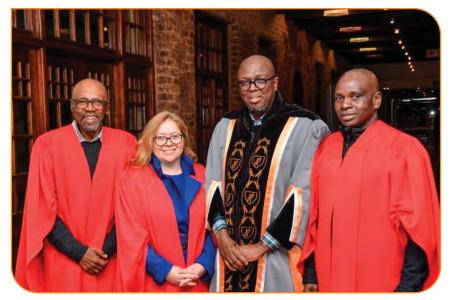
Africa Studies Programme, CGAS)

Vote of thanks: Dr Stephanie Cawood (Director: CGAS) (Convenor of organising

committee)

Musical contribution: **UFS** Choir

View the recording here: Africa Day Memorial Lecture: Prof Motlatsi Thabane - YouTube



Prof Motlatsi Thabane (speaker), Dr Stephanie Cawood, Prof Mogomme Masoga and Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga at the Africa Day Memorial Lecture on 24 May 2023.

## Women's Month: Biennial Gendered Worlds Lecture

The Biennial Gendered Worlds Lecture took place in August, Women's Month. The CGAS partnered with the UFS Art Gallery to host the lecture in the Stegmann Art Gallery against the backdrop of the art exhibition, Eureka, based on a transdisciplinary collaboration between artists, Prof Janine Allen, Free State artist and UFS Associate Professor of Fine Art, and Dr André Rose, Northern Cape artist and public health physician. Unfortunately, the face-to-face event had to be postponed due to protest action on campus. The lecture was then delivered in digital format. It included a lively conversation between the speaker and the artists, using footage from the Eureka art exhibition.

Speaker: Prof Pamila Gupta (Research Professor, CGAS, UFS) Title: 'Landscaping South Africa's Gendered Hinterlands'

Moderator: Dr Stephanie Cawood (Director: CGAS) (convenor of organising

committee)

Premiere on UFS YouTube channel: 25 August (2023 Biennial Gendered Worlds Lecture - YouTube)

Accompanying story on UFS Website: News Archive Item (ufs.ac.za) 223 views (by 4 October 2023) Analytics:

## Heritage Month

The inaugural professorial lecture of Extraordinary Professor Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni was held in person on 27 September in honour of Heritage Month to consider the heritage of Africa(n) Studies from a decolonial perspective. The event was also live-streamed. Audience attendance included 55 at the live event and more than 40 online during the livestream.

Prof Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni Speaker:

Title: 'Mapping the contours of the battle for ideas in African studies

and delineating the Challenges'

27 September (Wednesday) Date:

Venue: Equitas Auditorium

Welcome: Prof Mogomme Masoga (Dean: Faculty of the Humanities) Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga (Programme Director: Africa Studies Abstract:

Programme, CGAS)

Introduction of speaker: Dr S Cawood (Director: CGAS)

Dr M Mushonga (Programme Director: Africa Studies Programme, Discussant:

CGAS) (also convenor of organising committee)

Vote of thanks: Dr S Cawood (Director: CGAS)

Recording available at Mapping the contours of the battle for ideas in African studies and delineating

the challenges - YouTube

Analytics: 404 views (by 4 October 2023)



Inaugural lecture of Prof Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Extraordinary Professor in the CGAS, with Dr Cawood, Dr Mushonga and Prof Masoga at his inaugural lecture on 27 September 2023.

#### Gender Talks webinar/seminar series 2023

The Gender Talks seminar series continued and was coordinated by Dr Juliet Kamwendo during her term as Acting Programme Director: Gender Studies (1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023).

24 February: Prof Michelle Gay, 'Queering Digital (IM) Mortality, or, How to think about mourning and

our cyberselves'

Dr Bimha Primrose, 'African women leaders international relations: Spotlight on Ngozi 24 March:

Okonjo Iweala'

14 April: Prof Hussein Solomon, 'Being Gay in Al-Sisi's Egypt'.

Individuals: Working with young people

Dr Zamambo Mkhize, 'Transformation, race, gender and STEM in South African 19 May:

Universities'

Prof Pamila Gupta, 'Fields of Marigold: Makers and weavers of luxury African beaded 25 August:

necklaces'

22 September: Prof Billy Huff, 'Thinking Trans/Sex: Erotic Justice and the Trans-Subject'

13 October: Prof John Grider, 'Manliness at sea: The Atlantic origins of Pacific sailors' masculine

identity'

## **Africa Dialogues Series**

The Africa Dialogue Series is a seminar/webinar series highlighting various African dynamics, issues, and publications. Prof Hussein Solomon initiated this vibrant series in 2023 and is the coordinator.

'The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA): Prospects and Challenges' with 22 March:

Dr Moroosi Leshoele (UFS), Prof Samuel Oloruntoba (Carleton University, Canada),

Jana de Kluiver (UFS). [online]

'African Security in the Anthropocene' (Springer) book launch with Prof Hussein Solomon 20 April:

> (UFS), Prof Dr Hans Gunter Brauch (Editor: Springer Series), Dr Bianca Naudé (UFS), Dr Mahlakeng Khosi Mahlakeng (NUL), Sanet Madonsela (UNISA), Dr Omololu Fagbadebo

(DUT), Prof Jude Cocodia (Niger Delta University). [online]

'The future of water in Africa' with Prof Hussein Solomon (UFS), General Eeben 17 May:

> Barlow (Executive Outcomes), Prof Martin Riegle (Charles University, Czech Republic), Dr Bohumil Dobos (Charles University, Czech Republic), Yehia Ghanem (Al Jazeera), H.E. Major-General Simon Mumwi (Tanzania), Prof Humphrey Asamoah (University of Copenhagen), Prof Thomas Mansdrup (Royal Danish Military College), Dr Kwame Amuah (Chair/CEO of OSR Holdings), Dr Eben Coetzee (UFS), H.E. Chief Femi Fani Kayode (Nigeria).

[online]

3 August: 'Is the Free State on the precipice?' with Dr Roy Jankielson (Leader of the official opposition

in the Free State Legislature and the DA FS Provincial Leader). [online]

'Trajectories of conflict and transitional justice in Africa' co-hosted with the Centre for 24 August:

> Security, Peace and Conflict Resolution (NMU) with Prof Hussein Solomon (UFS), Dr Clever Chikwanda (Specialist Consultant on Peace and Security in Africa), Prof Ntsikilelo Breakfast (NMU), Dr Benjamin Mokoena (US), Prof Tim Murithi (IJR), Dr Marietjie Oelofse (UFS).

[online]

6 September: 'Women, peace and security: Implementing UNSCR 1325 in Africa' by Prof Hussein

Solomon, Hon Emma Louise Powell (MP, Shadow Minister for IRC), Dr Eman Ragab (Al Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies, Egypt), Colonel/Dr Laetitia Oliver

(DSS, US), Dr Robert Auber (Global Action to Prevent War, New York). [online]

21 September: 'Russia in Africa: A different face of neocolonialism?' by Dr Bohumil Dobos and Ronan

Wordsworth (both Charles University, Czech Republic). [face-to-face]

6 December: 'Institutional capacity and institutional integrity: Why Universities become dysfunctional

- and what to do about it' with Prof Jonathan Jansen (University of Stellenbosch, President

of the Academy of Science of South Africa)

## Individual staff presentations/participation

CGAS staff participated in the following webinars/online/in-person presentations:

#### Prof Heidi Hudson

• 27 September: Presented a lecture at the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, UWC. Title: '(Inter)disciplinary and other stories: From women's peace movements to the Women, Peace and Security Agenda'.

#### **Prof Hussein Solomon**

- 26 January: Paper presented to the conference, 'Exploring the interface between coups, violent extremism and poor governance in the Sahel' co-hosted by CGAS (UFS) and the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa (SIGLA, US). Title: 'What is the interface between coups, violent extremism and poor governance in the Sahel'.
- 15 February: Paper presented to the roundtable, 'Political instability in Sahelian Africa: Prospects for democracy and peace' co-hosted by the Centre for the Study of Democracy and the Department of Anthropology of St. Mary's College of Maryland (USA). Title: 'Jihad in the Sahel'.
- 9 March: Paper presented to the conference, 'South Africa Greylisted: How did we get here and where to from here?' co-hosted by CGAS (FS), Department of Political Sciences (UNISA), Department of Politics and International Relations (UJ). Title: 'Terrorist financing in South Africa'.
- 4 April: Paper presented in UFS Thought Leader Webinar Series. Title: Threats to South Africa's domestic stability and security challenges'.
- 21 April: Paper delivered in Gender Talks Series hosted by the CGAS (UFS). Title: 'Being gay in Al Sisi's Egypt'.
- 5 May: Participated in a panel discussion, 'The future of water in agriculture: Access, quality and climate changes,' hosted by North-West University's Business School and AgriConnect (Bloem Show).
- 23 May: Guest lecture to Honours students in the Department of Political Studies and Governance at the UFS. Title: 'Greening of international relations theory'.
- 30 May: Paper presented in Africa Dialogue Series, 'The Future of War in Africa' hosted by CGAS (UFS). Title: 'The African state in crisis and the role of militias'.
- 13 June: Paper presented at a conference, 'The changing nature of security, warfare, institutions and international players', hosted by the United States Command and the Near East South Africa Strategic Studies Centre of the National Defense University (Washington, DC) in Casablanca, Morocco. Title, 'Climate security and governance in Africa'.
- 26 June: Paper presented at the book launch of the publication, 'African Security and the Anthropocene' co-hosted by Global Action to Prevent War and Soka Gakkai International in New York, USA. Title: 'African security in the Anthropocene'.

- 21 July: Paper presented at the webinar 'Emerging security threats in Africa' hosted by the Department of Political Studies (UFS). Title: 'Terrorism in the Sahel'.
- 8 August: Paper presented at the Liberal Club, Johannesburg. Title: 'LGBTQI Rights and Democratization in the Middle East: The Case of Egypt'.
- 16 August: Paper presented to Defence Intelligence, South African National Defence Force. Pretoria. Title: 'The Russia-Ukraine War and its Implications for Africa'.
- 23 August: Paper presented at the 2023 Summer School on EU Counter-Terrorism co-hosted by the Jean Monet Network on EU Counter-Terrorism, City University of Dublin and the University of South Wales. Dublin. Title: 'Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in the Sahel'.
- 24 August: Paper presented at the seminar, 'Trajectories of Conflict and Transitional Justice in Africa', co-hosted by the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies, University of the Free State and the Centre for Security, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Nelson Mandela University.
- 20 September: Keynote address delivered at the 'International Conference on Counter-Terrorism, Technology and Development in Africa' co-hosted by the Africa Institute of Obuda University, Hungary and the Centre for Military Studies, Stellenbosch University. Title: 'Terrorism in the Sahel after the coup in Niger'.
- 20 October: Presentation made to Dutch Minister of Defence Kajsa Ollongren and the Royal Dutch Ministry of Defence members. Stellenbosch.
- 24 October: Participated in the 'Third Vienna Forum: Countering Segregation and Extremism in the Context of Integration'. Hosted by the Federal Chancellery Republic of Austria. Palais Niederosterreich, Vienna. Austria.
- 27 November: Paper presented at the University of the Free State Public Lecture: "Is AI the Future of Research? Experiences of co-authoring a book with machine-generated summaries".
- 29 November: Presentation at the Centre for African History, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, titled "Terrorism in the Sahel after the military coups".
- 6 December: "Getting Counter-Insurgency Right in Africa": Paper presented at the book launch of 'Between Promise and Peril: African Security in the 21st Century' (Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow). Hosted by the editorial board of 'Scientia Militaria: South African Journal of Military Science'. Faculty of Military Science, Stellenbosch University.



Prof Solomon at the UN in New York in June 2023.

## **Prof Pamila Gupta**

- 23 March: Presentation at HUMA, University of Cape Town. Title: Joburg's pools in a time of South African infrastructure'.
- 18 April: Presentation/book discussion of her new monograph, 'Heritage and Design: Ten Portraits from Goa (India)' (Cambridge UP, 2022). In conversation with Professor Susan Levine, University of Cape Town, Department of Anthropology.
- Attendance at the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) in Cologne, Germany, where she was invited to be the discussant for a panel on African Media Studies (May 28-31, 2023).
- 3 August: Delivered the Biennial Gendered Worlds Lecture in digital format hosted by the CGAS, UFS. Title: 'Landscaping South Africa's Gendered Hinterlands'.
- 22 August: Presentation/book discussion of forthcoming Hinterlands volume, hosted by the University of Cape Town, Department of Anthropology. In conversation with Esther Peeren (visiting Dutch Professor/Editor of the Volume) and Lesley Green and Nikiwe Solomon, Environmental Humanities Programme, UCT.
- 25 August: Presentation in Gender Talks Series hosted by CGAS (UFS). Title: Fields of Marigold: Makers and wearers of African luxury beaded necklaces.
- 11-14 September: Presentation overview of Southern Atlantic, Indian Ocean Africa Research Cluster Regions 2050 to Final Workshop, Goree Island, Senegal.
- 26 September: Presented at the Decolonization Seminar Series at the University of Lisbon, hosted by Sofia Aboim. Title: 'Heritage and Design: Ten Portraits from Goa (India)'.
- 27 September: Presented at the Department of Anthropology Seminar Series, University of Stellenbosch. Title: 'Looking for, listening to 'crowds' in the Capital Art Studio Collection (Zanzibar)'.
- 12-14 October: Presented to the University of Bayreuth, International Conference of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, Spatialities (online). Title: 'Of boats, plates, and waves: Portrait of a Goan sea artist'.
- 16-18 November: Invited as speaker at the international conference, 'Love tokens and the heritage of the Indian Ocean', hosted by Florence Pellegry at the University of Reunion. Title: 'Of love and landscape across the Indian Ocean: A visual album'.
- 14-16 December: Invited as speaker at the international conference, 'Colourful Threads: The Interwoven Worlds of Art and Culture in the Western Indian Ocean' hosted by Sharjah Africa Institute, UAE. Title: 'Imaging the Dodo bird, imagining extinction (Mauritius)'.



Prof Pamila Gupta on the ferry to Gorèe Island, Senegal, for a workshop with Achille Mbembe on his regions project, September 2023.

## Dr Stephanie Cawood

• 14 June and 28 October: Presented a guest lecture titled, 'The interface of cultural heritage and environmental science' in the 'Science in the Environment Series' of the Centre for Environmental Management (UFS), and the PGDip students in Integrated Water Management.

## Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga

- 25 April: Podcast with the University of Glasgow. Title: 'Decolonizing Education and Curriculum'.
- 24 May: Host and moderator at the Africa Day Dialogue organised by the OIA, UFS.
- 7 June: Delivered a public lecture on the 'Decolonizing Comparative and Legal Experiences Network  $(DECLEN)' \ via\ Zoom.\ Title: `Decolonial\ meditations\ and\ meditations\ in\ Africa:\ Challenges\ and\ opportunities'.$
- 3-7 July: Participated in the Decolonizing Knowledge and Power: Postcolonial Studies, Decolonial Horizons Summer School held at the Centre of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues, Barcelona, Spain.
- 27 July: Public lecture on Decolonizing The Mind (DTM) Reading Group. Title: 'Mental Slavery, Colonization of the Mind and Exiting the Mental Prison'.
- 24 August: Speaker at the 'Bridging the Gap: Exploring the Intersection of Traditional African Values and Modern Perspectives in Achieving Gender Equality' organised by the Unit for Institutional Change and Social Justice, UFS. Title: 'The tradition/modernity trap: Beyond rhetoric'.
- 7 September: Public lecture at the National University of Lesotho. Title: 'Decolonizing Knowledge'.
- 7-8 September: Workshop held at the National University of Lesotho on 'Decolonizing the mind'.
- 18-19 September: Presentation at the Power Dynamics of International Knowledge Generation Colloquium. Title: 'Towards decolonized international knowledge generation: Exorcism of the ghosts of coloniality'.
- 27 September: Discussant to Professor Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni's Extraordinary Professorial Inaugural Lecture titled, 'Mapping the Contours for the Battle of Ideas in African Studies'.
- 9-13 October: Paper presentation with G Magaiza and S Mushonga at the OHASA 20th Anniversary Conference, Gauteng. Title: 'Voices from below: Representations and narratives of school children and students from Lesotho and the coloniality of the Lesotho-South Africa border'.



Dr Mushonga with colleagues at the Decolonial Horizons Summer School in Barcelona, Spain, in July 2023. From left to right: Julia Simango, Dr Mushonga, Prof Ramon Grosfoguel, Prof Nelson Maldondo-Torres, Sagha Ahmed.

## Dr Grey Magaiza

- June 2023: Virtual workshop presentation on systems thinking to the multi-stakeholder group.
- July 2023: Presented at the Community Development Society in Portland (USA) on Participatory Community Development with Afromontane Communities.
- September 2023: Conducted a national workshop on collaboration and stakeholder mapping with the Department of Social Development middle management in community development as a short course in Pretoria.

#### Dr Moroosi Leshoele

- April 2023: Discussant for a seminar hosted by the UFS History Department titled 'Winnie Mandela Under Banishment in Brandfort'.
- May 2023: Guest lecture for UJ Political Science students on 'Political Thought and Praxis of Thomas Isadore Sankara'.
- 12-14 September: Presented a paper at the Biennial South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) conference themed, 'Africa in contemporary global politics,' hosted at the University of Mpumalanga [also moderated sessions during the conference]. Title: 'AU's Agenda 2063 and the Quest to Silence the Guns: Implications of Recent Coups in Africa on the AfCFTA'.
- 4-6 October: Presented a paper in Nairobi at the Technical University of Kenya for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on 'Information and Knowledge Management'. Title: 'Africa's Lingua Franca and its Role in the Successful Implementation of the AfCFTA: A Case for Kiswahili as the African Commerce and Epistemological Language'.
- November 2023: Attended a week-long 'Curriculum Renewal Programme' Cohort 2 training organised by the UFS Centre for Teaching and Learning.



Dr Moroosi Leshoele

#### Dr Juliet Kamwendo

• 4-6 October: Presented a paper in Nairobi at the Technical University of Kenya for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on 'Information and Knowledge Management'. Title: 'The intersection between Chichewa proverbs and patriarchy: Implications for gender equality and women/girls' education and empowerment'.

#### Ms Nomcebo Dlamini

- June 2023: Supervisor training for WiL (work-integrated learning).
- September 2023: Conducted a national workshop on collaboration and stakeholder mapping with the Department of Social Development middle management in community development as a short course in Pretoria.

## Editorial responsibilities

- Special issue published in November 2022: Acta Academica Special Issue, Vol 54, No 2(2022): 'Xenophobia in Africa' (replaced the cancelled colloquium initially planned for 2020). Guest editors: Dr Stephanie Cawood (UFS), Prof Peter Olapegba (University of Ibadan).
- Prof Heidi Hudson joined the Editorial Board of the 'Women, Peace and Security' book series (De Gruyter) and reviewed a book proposal in 2023.
- Prof Hussein Solomon has numerous editorial memberships to the editorial boards of 12 renowned journals, inter alia, Critical Terrorism Studies, Politikon, London Security Policy Study, African Journal for the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, Globalizations, and Insight on Africa. He was a member of the Scientific Committee for the 'International Conference on Counter-Terrorism, Technology and Development in Africa' co-hosted by the Africa Institute of Obuda University, Hungary, and the Centre for Military Studies, Stellenbosch University (20 September 2023).
- Prof Pamila Gupta also has numerous editorial responsibilities, inter alia, as book series co-editor for the 'African Perspectives' book series (University of Michigan Press) and the 'Ocean and Island Studies' book series (Routledge). She is also on the editorial board of multiple notable journals.
- Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga and Dr Grey Magaiza are co-editors of the book, 'Migration, Borders, and Borderlands: Making National Identity in Southern African Communities', which is currently in press. Lanham: Lexington Books. This book is the culmination of the NIHSS borderlands project.

## Engagement with sectors beyond the institution

- Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga assumed the role of Global Academic Director of the Decolonial International Network (DIN) from 1 January 2023.
- The Free State Indigenous Knowledge Systems Documentation Centre (FS IKSDC) housed in the CGAS continues with IK recording in the eastern Free State (Bethlehem, Clarens). (In 2021, the FS IKSDC became the first IKSDC to sync its data to the central National Recordal System (NRS) launched nationally in March 2022). New tranche funding was received by July 2023.
- Dr Juliet Kamwendo's involvement in the Masibambisane GBV project continued. The project is run by the Foundation for Human Rights and was relaunched in May 2023 under the new sponsorship of the Ford Foundation.
- Dr Grey Magaiza conducted two workshops with Civic Society organisations in QwaQwa, resulting in the formation of the Maluti-A-Phofung Sustainable Development Forum (MAP-SDF). He is also the Grant Coordinator for the Mountain-to-Mountain Project with Appalachian State University in the USA, the UK-USDP Project Coordinator with the University of Venda, and a Steering Committee Member for the MIYA Living Lab.
- Prof Hussein Solomon is a South African Air Force (Reserves) Captain. He serves as an advisor to the SANDF on issues of counterterrorism and counter-insurgency across Africa. He also advised the AU on light weapons proliferation in Africa and its nexus with organised crime and terror groups (March/ April 2023). In addition, he holds numerous honorary positions with international organisations and institutions.

## Service to academia/scholarship

- From February to December 2023, Dr Moroosi Leshoele assumed the role of writing consultant for the UFS Centre for Graduate Support (CGS).
- Dr Mushonga coordinated and facilitated the launch of Sandew Hira's book, Decolonizing the Mind, at the UFS Sasol Library on 22 May 2023.
- Staff members who provided service to scholarship as peer reviewers include Prof Solomon, Prof Hudson, Dr Cawood, and Dr Magaiza.
- Staff members who provided service to academia as examiners include the following: Dr Magaiza was appointed as external examiner at UJ and Rhodes University for Master's dissertations and internal examiner for a Master's in Sociology and PhD in Social Work; Prof Solomon was external examiner for PhD from Nottingham Trent University (UK) and a Master's dissertation from North-West University.
- Staff members who provided service to scholarship as external reviewers for promotion: Prof Solomon was external reviewer for the promotion of academic staff at Stellenbosch University, University of Portsmouth and North-West University.

## Fellowships and capacity-building

- Prof Pamila Gupta held the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies Fellowship (May-July 2023) at the University of Bayreuth, Germany. Her activities included the following:
  - Developed a book project, Experiments in the Dark: Visualizing Capital Art Studio (Zanzibar).
  - Submitted a book proposal to the 'African Perspectives' book series at the University of Michigan (currently under review with the press)
  - Developed a 30-minute podcast on research with hosts Ute Fendler and Clarissa Vierke (July 2023)
  - Wrote a new body chapter for the Zanzibar book, entitled, 'Looking for, listening to 'crowds' in the Capital Art Studio Collection (Zanzibar)'
  - Presentation of Zanzibar research at Bayreuth Research Cluster, 'Art and Aesthetics' (July 2023)
  - Presentation of Zanzibar research at Fellows Seminar Series (July 2023)
- Attendance at the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) in Cologne, Germany, where she was invited to be the discussant for a panel on African Media Studies (May 28-31, 2023).
- Dr Nadine Lake attended a writing workshop (with Prof Victor Houliston) from 21–23 June 2023.
- Dr Mushonga attended the prestigious Decolonial Summer School in Barcelona from 1-7 July 2023.

## Institutional service

- CGAS staff members are also deeply involved in institutional service through committee work:
  - Dr Stephanie Cawood (Humanities Exams Board, Humanities Finance Committee, Faculty Management Committee, Senate, CGAS Advisory Board)
  - Dr Grey Magaiza (Teaching and Learning Committee, Faculty Management Committee, Humanities Exams Board, Qwaqwa Management Committee, CGAS Advisor Board)
  - Prof Hussein Solomon (Chair of Humanities Research Committee, Honorary Degrees Committee, Senate, Senate Research Committee, Humanities Promotion Committee)
  - Dr Juliet Kamwendo (Humanities Scientific Review Committee, Faculty Management Committee)
  - Dr Moroosi Leshoele (Humanities Scientific Review Committee)
- Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga (UFS Decolonisation Engagement Group of Senate, Faculty Management Committee)
- A support staff member, Ankia Bradfield, has been appointed to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee of the UFS.

The Campus Infrastructure for Peace (CI4P) SLP presented for the Centre for Human Rights at the UFS Law Faculty was presented once again; the most successful course thus far. Forty (40) Human Rights ambassadors were trained on the Bloemfontein Campus. For the first time, the course was also presented on the Qwaqwa Campus, where nine human rights ambassadors were trained. The course will be presented again in 2024, starting in late February.

## National and International Collaboration

The CGAS Advisory Board fulfils an important strategic function for the Centre in directing its strategic priorities. In 2022, the composition of the Advisory Board changed due to membership terms expiring and new board members joining. The 2023 CGAS Advisory Board consisted of the following members:

- Prof Vasu Reddy (Vice-Rector: Research and Chair)
- Prof Mogomme Masoga (Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities)
- Dr Stephanie Cawood (Director: CGAS)
- Dr Grey Magaiza (Deputy Director: CGASQQ)
- Prof Lynette Jacobs (Acting Director of the UFS Office for International Affairs)
- Prof Deirdre Byrne (Unisa)
- Ms Sixolile Ngcobo (Gender Practitioner, Commission for Gender Equality)
- Dr Litlhare Rabele (Foundation for Human Rights)
- Prof Ramon Grosfoguel (UC Berkeley)
- Prof Stephen Small (UC Berkeley)
- Sandew Hira (Decolonial International Network)

Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga's appointment as Global Academic Director of the Decolonial International Network took effect from 1 January 2023 and will involve international collaboration in this network.

Prof Hussein Solomon initiated the development of an MoU with Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. The process is currently with the UFS Office of International Affairs. The final MoU should be ready for signing in due course.

Prof Heidi Hudson collaborated with colleagues from Simon Fraser University in Canada and Manchester University in the UK to launch the Bristol University Press book series 'Feminist Reimagining of International Studies' as co-editors. She was invited to present a paper "Doing' Gender Relationally for Sustainable Peace: Conceptual Traps and Transformations' at the MIASA (Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa) Conference on "Sustainable Regional Peacebuilding in Africa: Practices and Disconnects", 27-28 November 2023, University of Ghana. MIASA is an institute under the College of Humanities at the University of Ghana. It is jointly funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the University of Ghana. MIASA serves as a hub for exchange, networking, and collaboration amongst leading researchers from Germany, Ghana, and other scholars around the globe. An important focus of MIASA is to bridge the cultural divide between anglophone and francophone Africa and to form long-lasting research collaborations across the continent.

In September, Dr Stephanie Cawood, Dr Grey Magaiza and Nomcebo Dlamini formed part of a delegation from the UFS (including colleagues from other faculties) visiting Appalachian State University in North Carolina, USA, to expand existing cooperation under the Mountain-to-Mountain Collaboration. Tentative discussions were held with colleagues from the Centre for Appalachian Studies to explore the potential for future joint publications, conferences, and postdoctoral workshops/teaching/supervision.



Members of the UFS delegation to Appalachian State University (North Carolina, USA) in September 2023 on the iconic Appalachian Trail (From left to right: Prof Bekithemba Dube, Dr Efosa Adagbasa, Prof Geoffrey Mukwada, Prof Samuel Adelabu, Prof Anofi Ashafa, Dr Grey Magaiza, Dr Stephanie Cawood, Dr Tatenda Marange

# Postgraduate Students

The CGAS enrolled a total of 57 postgraduate students across the board, with eight at Honours level, 17 at Master's level (structured and by dissertation) and 32 at PhD level. A record number of PhD students (7) graduated with their PhD with specialisation in Africa Studies in a single year:

## Bvirindi, Tawanda Ray

Title: Whiteness and destitution: Deconstructing whiteness and white privilege in postcolonial Zimbabwe.

Dr S Cawood Supervisor: Co-supervisor (external): Prof DM Hughes Co-supervisor: Dr M Mushonga

Graduation: April

#### Gumbo, Bekezela

Title: Power sharing and political stability: Creating inclusive governance for development in sub-Saharan Africa.

Supervisor (external): Dr J Steyn-Kotzé Co-supervisor: Dr S Cawood Graduation: December

#### Magaua, Natalia

Title: Analyzing gender policies in Higher Education: The case study of the University of Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique.

Prof G Griffin Supervisor (external): Supervisor: Dr N Lake Co-supervisor (external): Dr M Paulo Co-supervisor: Dr S Cawood Graduation: December

#### Ntlhabo, Makashane Archibald

Title: Navigating between the sacred and the profane: Mohokare sacred sites, spiritual tourism and the challenges in the formal heritage sector.

Supervisor: Dr S Cawood

Graduation: April

## Seleka, Livingstone Malatsi

Title: People, nature and resources: Managing land-use conflicts in Ngamiland, Botswana.

Supervisor (external): Prof AK Segobye Co-supervisor: Dr S Cawood

Graduation: April

## Setilo, Tshegofatso

Title: Capabilities, resilience and success of UFS access students: Confronting deficit discourses.

Supervisor: Dr S Loots Graduation: December

## Tagarirofa, Jacob

Title: Posthuman security and landmines: Gendered meaning-making and materialities in the northeastern border area of Zimbabwe.

Supervisor: Prof H Hudson Co-supervisor: Dr S Cawood

Graduation: April

One student graduated with an MPhil with specialisation in Africa Studies by dissertation:

#### Maneng, Neo

Title: Africa's municipalities: The case of Ekurhuleni and Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipalities from 2016.

Supervisor: Mr WF Ellis Co-supervisor: Dr S Cawood

Graduation: April



CGAS staff, PhD graduates and supervisors at the December 2023 graduation ceremony

## Other Activities

With the recruitment of new staff in Bfn, the CGASBfn desperately needed additional office space. More expansive office space was procured by an office exchange with a sister centre in the same building in April 2023. Our expanded office space on the third floor now includes two seminar rooms, which we have actively used for small group teaching throughout 2023 since we moved in.

# Staff (2023)

Director: Dr S Cawood
Deputy Director: CGASQQ Dr G Magaiza

#### Core staff of the CGASBfn

Prof H Hudson Professor

Prof H Solomon Senior Research Professor

Prof P Gupta Research Professor
Dr S Cawood Senior Lecturer

Dr M Mushonga Senior Lecturer, Programme Director: Africa Studies

Dr N Lake Senior Lecturer

Dr JC Kamwendo Lecturer, Acting Programme Director: Gender Studies,

Programme Director: Gender Studies (from 1 September)

Dr M Leshoele Lecturer

Ms A Bradfield Senior Assistant Officer Ms P Gailele (née Khate) Senior Assistant Officer

Ms B Jacobs Senior Officer

#### Core staff of the CGASQQ:

Dr Grey Magaiza Senior Lecturer, Programme Director: Community Development Programme,

Humanities

Ms Nomcebo Dlamini Lecturer, Community Development Programme
Ms Nthatisi Nkoebele Senior Assistant Officer (departed in 2023)

Ms A Khumalo Junior Lecturer (units)

Mr Gcina Mtengwane Lecturer (units)
Mr Willem Ellis Lecture (units)
Ms S Sibiya Assistant Officer

#### **Affiliated Staff**

Dr M Alubafi Research Fellow (Cameroon)

Dr O Amao Research Fellow (Nigeria/Cameroon)

Prof LL Atanga Research Fellow (Cameroon)
Prof N Bohler-Muller Research Fellow (South Africa)

Dr M Chibwana Research Fellow (Zimbabwe/Lesotho)

Mr W Ellis Research Fellow (South Africa) and SLP Coordinator

Prof J Fisher Research Fellow (UK)

Dr K Goddard Research Fellow (South Africa)

Dr S Goddard Research Fellow (South Africa)

Prof G Griffin Extraordinary Professor (Sweden/UK)

Research Fellow (Zimbabwe) Dr T Kamuti

Prof P Limb Research Fellow (UK)

Research Fellow (Sweden/Denmark) Dr D Højlund Madsen

Dr S Maliehe Research Fellow (Lesotho)

Visiting Professor (Zimbabwe/South Africa) Prof J Mataga Extraordinary Professor (Sweden/Namibia) Prof H Melber

Ms T Mofokeng IKSDC – IK Data Recorder (from 1 November 2023) Ms R Mokhaso IKSDC – IK Data Recorder (from 1 November 2023)

Dr W Mwatwara Research Fellow (Zimbabwe) Dr J Muzondidya Research Fellow (Zimbabwe)

Prof SJ Ndlovu-Gatsheni Extraordinary Professor (Germany/Zimbabwe)

Mr M Nxumalo **IKSDC** Coordinator

Dr O Ogunnubi Research Fellow (Nigeria) Dr S Onwuegbuchulam Research Fellow (Nigeria)

Prof E Sienaert Research Fellow (Belgium/South Africa)

Dr J Steyn-Kotzé Research Fellow (South Africa) Prof M Thabane Research Fellow (Lesotho) Prof RA Themnér Research Fellow (Sweden) Dr D van Reenen Research Fellow (South Africa)

Dr R Williams Research Fellow (USA)



