

# Events in the Programme Governance & Political Transformation

Circular 6 - First Semester 2011

## Postgraduate Diploma offered

We are proud to announce that the Programme in Governance and Political Transformation also offers a Postgraduate Diploma. The qualifications presently offered in the Programme are:

- ✦ BA Governance & Political Transformation (3 years)
- ✦ Postgraduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation (1 year)
- ✦ Masters Degree in Governance and Political Transformation (1 year)
- ✦ PhD in Governance and Political Transformation

## 2011 Contact Sessions

The following photographs were taken during the Programme's Postgraduate and Masters contact sessions in January and February 2011

*Postgraduate Diploma Students*



*Masters Degree Students*



This year there is a total of 8 foreign students enrolled in the Programme. These students come from, amongst others, Maputsoe and Maseru in Lesotho and Limerick in Ireland. This goes to show that the Programme's reputation has already reached across borders! Students also come from across our own country. This year students come from, amongst others, Theunissen, Ladysmith, East London, Pretoria, Tzaneen, Pietermaritzburg, Nelspruit, Botshabelo, Thaba Nchu and of course, Bloemfontein and Mangaung.

# May 2011 Graduation

*This year the Programme boasts a record number of Masters Degree graduates! A total of 25 students will receive their degree on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2011. The Postgraduate Diploma will deliver 13 graduates.*

## **Masters Degree Graduates**

GQEBA, MR L.M.  
GQEBA, MS N.G.  
MAHASE-MOILLOA, HON M.  
MBOANE, MR K.M.  
MBOWANE, MR M.  
MOLISE, MS L.I.M.  
MOSHOTLE, MS K.J.  
THEJANE, MR M.I.  
TSHINDANE, MR T.  
TSOSANE, MS L.C.  
JANDA, MR S.N.  
KEJEM, MR U.S.  
MOKGAHLA, MR T.M.E.  
MOKGOBI, MR M.H.  
MOTINGWE, MR R.  
TLAKA, MR P.M.  
DOSOUDIL, MS M.S.D.  
MASE, MR P.B.  
MBULI, MR S.V.  
OKOSE, MR N.J.  
TLALAJOE, MR T.E.  
LUBISI, MR B.B.  
LUNGU, MR A.J.

## **Postgraduate Diploma Graduates**

BENJAMIN, MR A.  
KOAHELA, MS M.M.  
MADIKE, MR M.F.  
MANYONTA, MR S.W.W.  
MAQOKO, MR C.M.  
MTHEMBU, MR B.J.  
MYEKO, MR Z.  
MZIMELA, MR E.M.  
NAZO, MR B.N.  
SEBOLA, MR M.S.  
THABISI, MR S.J.  
WILDEBEES, MR M.M.  
XABA, MR S.M.



## **PRIZE WINNERS**

During the Faculty of Humanities' annual Prize Giving Function the following students will receive prizes for exceptional academic performance:

### **Merit Prize**

Mr B.B. Lubisi

### **Book Prize**

Mr C.M. Maqoko



**Prof. Abie Geldenhuys, Director: School of Government Management at the Central University of Technology, Free State, was appointed as research associate in the Programme Governance and Political Transformation.**

**A specific niche area in governance will be identified from which research articles, research projects and research for mini-dissertations will be conducted. We are honored to have Prof. Geldenhuys associated with the Programme.**

# RESEARCH SEMINAR HUGE SUCCESS

The 2010 annual Research Seminar presented by the Programme was, according to students and colleagues alike, a huge success. This year will be no different.

The Programme is hosting its Research Seminar on 28 and 29 July 2011. As always the seminar takes place on the Main Campus of the University of the Free State. During the seminar prominent speakers, all experts in their fields, will share their valuable knowledge on research and the importance thereof.

Keynote speakers will include, amongst others, Prof. Dennis Francis (Dean of the Faculty of Education, UFS), Dr Pieter Fourie (Research Associate at Macquarie and Pretoria University) and Prof. Abie Geldenhuys (Director of the School of Management, CUT).



We invite all students as well as all staff members interested to attend the seminar.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE LEARNING

The Community Engagement and Service Learning module (SDL322) was presented during the second semester of 2010. Approximately 24 third year students participated in the module. Students were involved in the communities of Mangaung, Batho and Bloemfontein.

The module focused on analysing the relationship between ward councillors and the communities. Students engaged in different activities which included compiling a community profile, organising workshops between the community members and the ward councillors and initiating an action plan to address all of the challenges the community faces. Students had the opportunity to present their portfolios (evidence of learning) through DVD and Powerpoint presentations during a presentation session at the end of 2010.

Students agreed that they learned from the academic module as well as from the community. Interestingly enough, students did not indicate in their evaluations that the module required more work than any other module. The service provider also gained information and knowledge and the community benefited through the interaction with students. Students also enjoyed the interaction with the community and service providers. They were able to link the Governance and Political Transformation discipline to the Community Engagement and Service Learning module. They gained insight and understanding into the process of governance and transformation and the challenges that faced the different communities and stakeholders. They could clearly identify the obstacles and problem areas and they were able to address the different issues in their community workshops. Overall the evaluations received from the students were very positive.



Pictured here are some of the students who participated in the module. The photo was taken during the presentation session at the end of 2010





# Supervisors

**The Programme is privileged to have 35 acknowledged academics across South Africa providing our students with the best possible study supervision.** These supervisors are experienced in their field which provides our students with guidance to ensure good quality research and well written extensive mini-dissertations.

## DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE INCLUDE

- Centre for Development Support
- Department of History
- Department Religion Studies
- Department of Sign Language and Language Practice
- Department of Sociology

## EXTERNAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN SUPERVISION IN THE PROGRAMME

- Central University of Technology, Free State;
- Department Political Science, UNISA;
- Department of Political Science, University of Limpopo;
- Department Politics, University of Johannesburg;
- Institute for Global Dialogue, Pretoria;
- Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs;
- Southern Business School, Krugersdorp;
- Stellenbosch University;
- Department Political Science, NMMU;
- Department International Studies, Wits University



We are proud and privileged to have the following lecturers associated with the Programme Governance and Political Transformation. These men and women who lecture in our Programme help keep us a cut above the rest!



Dr Tania Coetzee  
*Governance and Political Transformation*  
UFS



Prof. André Wessels  
*Department of History*  
UFS



Mr Willem Ellis  
*Centre for Development Support*  
UFS



Prof. Hendri Kroukamp  
*Public Management*  
UFS



Mr Eben Coetzee  
*Centre for Africa Studies*  
UFS



Dr Lenie Swanepoel  
*Governance PhD Graduate*  
Bloemfontein



Prof. Johann de Wet  
*Communication Science*  
UFS



Prof. Johan Willemse  
*Faculty of Agriculture*  
UFS



Mev. Gerda Du-Plessis Snyman  
*Legal Service Unit*  
CUT



Dr. Mike Schimper  
*Private / CUT*



# WE HAVE MOVED!

The Programme Governance and Political Transformation's new offices are located in the Theology Building on the Main Campus of the University of the Free State.

## OUR NEW OFFICES...



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## Programme staff

These are the ladies that make it all happen.



From left:

Mrs Juanita Potgieter (Assistant Officer)

Dr Tania Coetzee (Programme Director)

Mrs Cathy de Lange (Officer)

Mrs Yolandi Coetzee (Administrative Official)

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