

GRADUATION CEREMONY

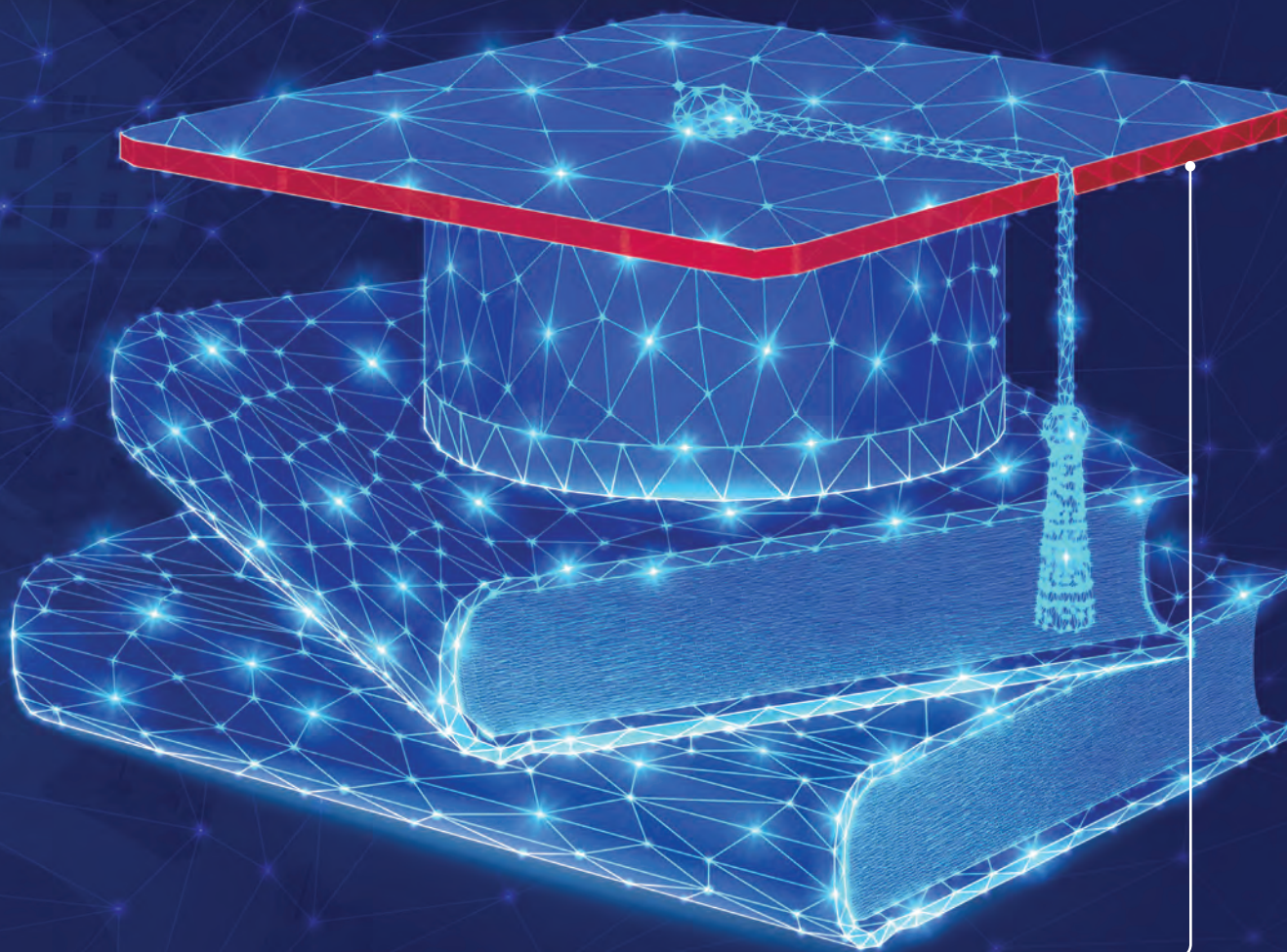
BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

VISION130
Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034



EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY | 11 APRIL 2025 | 13:30



Faculty of Law

Bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degrees



UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT
YUNIVESITHI YA FREISTATA



PROGRAMME

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MUSICAL ITEM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

PLEASE NOTE

List of candidates receiving degrees, diplomas, and certificates:

Degrees, diplomas, and certificates of candidates who are unable to attend the graduation ceremony will be conferred in absentia.

An* next to a name indicates that the degree, diploma, or certificate is awarded with distinction.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika

Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.
Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika -
South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,
Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.

In order to maintain the dignity of the ceremony, you are requested to take note of the following:

- Please stand as the procession enters the hall
- Do not move around during the ceremony in order to take photos
- Please refrain from unacceptable actions such as whistling
- Please put your cellphone on silent so as not to disturb the proceedings
- We strive to conduct the ceremonies in a dignified manner
- Please do not leave the hall before the graduation proceedings have been concluded
- Family and friends who are unable to attend may watch the full graduation ceremonies through our livestream link at <https://livestream.ufs.ac.za>

ABOUT THE UFS



BLOEMFONTEIN, QWAQWA, AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

The University of the Free State (UFS) has a proud history as one of the oldest institutions of higher education in South Africa. It opened its doors in Bloemfontein in 1904 as the Grey University College, with six students in The Humanities. Today it is a multi-campus institution, with two diverse campuses in Bloemfontein and one in Qwaqwa in the scenic Eastern Free State, accommodating more than 39 000 students in its seven faculties (Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Health Sciences, The Humanities, Law, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Theology and Religion), with a significant number of international students and associates, and an ever-widening scope of active involvement in and contribution to its surrounding communities.

For the past 121 years, the UFS has been delivering quality graduates who have made their mark in various sectors. What sets the institution apart is its holistic student support initiatives, enabling it to achieve some of the highest success rates in the country. Delivering students who are in high demand in the global job market remains a top priority. An established network of industry partners and close collaboration with the public and private sectors, as well as a continuous process of transformation and curriculum renewal, dovetail to produce highly employable graduates.

The UFS' research efforts are driven by dedicated scholars, some of whom are international leaders in their fields, with industry and social impact and real-world application.

Through the principle of engaged scholarship, the university responds to societal needs by using its scholarly and professional expertise with an intentional public purpose and benefit.

The UFS is an institution that goes all out to provide its students and staff with an outstanding university experience. Everything the institution does is rooted in its values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability.

The university aspires to be a research-led, student-centred, and regionally engaged university that contributes to development and social justice through the production of globally competitive graduates and knowledge. Our *Vision 130* is an elaboration of our strategic intent to reposition the university for 2034, when we will commemorate our 130th anniversary.

Inspiring excellence, transforming lives through quality, impact, and care.

UFS Honorary Awards | UFS Honorary Doctorates

1950	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)		
1951	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)		
1952	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)		
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)		
1955	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)		
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)		
1958	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)		
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)		
1959	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)		
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)		
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)		
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)		
1960	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)		
1961	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)		
1962	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)		
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)		
1963	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)		
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)		
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)		
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)		
1966	PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.)		
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)		
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)		
1967	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)		
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)		
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)		
1968	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)		
1969	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)		
	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)		
1970	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		
	HO Mönnig – DSc (h.c.)		
1971	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)		
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)		
1972	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)		
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)		
1975	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)		
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)		
1976	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)		
1978	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)		
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)		
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)		
1979	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)		
	G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.)		
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)		
1980	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)		
1981	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)		
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)		
	SG Shuttleworth – DSc (h.c.)		
1982	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)		
	GvN Viljoen – DEd (h.c.)		
1983	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)		
	SF Zaaiman – DPhil (h.c.)		
1984	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)		
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)		
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)		
1985	L Alberts – DSc (h.c.)		
	GG Cillie – DPhil (h.c.)		
	SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)		
	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.)		
	J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.)		
1986	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)		
	FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)		
	JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)		
1987	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)		
	B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)		
	WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)		
1988	JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)		
	FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)		
	JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)		
1989	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)		
	N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)		
1990	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)		
	JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)		
1991	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.)		
	JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.)		
	GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)		
	JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.)		
	E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)		
1992	JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)		
	H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)		
1993	JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.)		
	RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)		
	SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)		
1994	JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)		
	JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)		
	JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)		
1995	WA Landman – DEd (h.c.)		
	WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)		
1996	WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)		
	NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)		
1997	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)		
	B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)		
1998	FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)		
1999	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.)		
	JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.)		
	S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)		
	WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.)		
	MA Ramphele – DPhil (h.c.)		
	HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)		
	FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.)		
2000	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)		
	TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)		
	I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)		
2001	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)		
	NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)		
	EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)		
2002	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)		
	BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)		
	CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.)		
	JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.)		
2003	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)		
	HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)		
	AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)		
2004	S Badat – DPhil (h.c.)		
	R Bringle – DPhil (h.c.)		
	J de Wet – DMus (h.c.)		
	CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.)		

	GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)		M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.)
	WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.)		OW Prozesky – MD (h.c.)
	A Krog – DLitt (h.c.)		FDJ Brand – LLD (h.c.)
	K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)	2013	ZKG Mda – DLitt (h.c.)
	CJC Nel (Posthumous) – PhD h.c.)	2014	ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)		L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
	T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)	2015	L Brahimi – DPhil (h.c.)
	YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.)		JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.)
	MK Seely – DSc (h.c.)		MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
	C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)		JD Sacks – DEcon (h.c.)
	F van Z Slabbert – DPhil (h.c.)	2016	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.)
	JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.)		TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.)
	PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)		M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
	L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.)		J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.)
	HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)		F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.)
2005	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.)	2017	PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
	JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)		M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
	JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)	2019	BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.)
	WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.)		J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
	M Ramos – PhD (h.c.)		MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.)
	SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)	2021	ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
2006	T Moss – PhD (h.c.)		SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
	PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)		RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
2007	BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)	2022	WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
	KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)		DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
2008	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)		DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.)
2009	JC Loock – PhD (h.c.)		AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)		MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
2010	P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)	2023	M Musk – DDiet (h.c.)
	BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)		A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.)
	AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.)		D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
	M Jones – PhD (h.c.)		PCJ Vale – PhD (h.c.)
2011	D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)	2024	Salim Abdool Karim – PhD (h.c.)
	P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.)		Thabo Cecil Makgoba – PhD (h.c.)
	OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.)		Murray Leibbrandt – PhD (h.c.)
	RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)		Bineta Diop – PhD (h.c.)
	A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.)	2025	RMM Zondo – LLD (h.c.)
2012	RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.)		T Falola – LLD (h.c.)
	ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)		J Siwani – PhD (h.c.)

Shields of Honour, Council and Chancellor's Medals

1994	Prof FO Müller (Shield of Honour)	2008	Ludo Helsen (Shield of Honour)
	RE Schoombie (Shield of Honour)	2009	Prof JU Grobbelaar (Council Medal)
1995	Prof FO Müller (Chancellor's Medal)	2010	Mrs AM Dippenaar (Chancellor's Medal)
	RE Schoombie (Chancellor's Medal)	2014	Dr H Verster (Chancellor's Medal)
1996	Prof S Mittman (Shield of Honour)	2014	Mr JL Pretorius (Chancellor's Medal)
1997	Prof M Jansens (Shield of Honour)	2016	Mr AD Osler (Chancellor's Medal)
1998	Prof CJC Nel (Chancellor's Medal)		Ms M van der Merwe (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof C Swanepoel (Chancellor's Medal)	2017	Ms JS Isaacs (Chancellor's Medal)
1999	WJ (Hansie) Cronje (Shield of Honour)	2019	Mr JF de Villiers (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof David Justice (Shield of Honour)		Ms EM Oosthuizen (Council Medal)
2000	Prof P Rosseel (Shield of Honour)	2022	Dr N Pearce (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof MJ Viljoen (Chancellor's Medal)		Mr N Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)
2001	Prof PC Potgieter (Chancellor's Medal)	2023	Prof MG Lötter (Chancellor's Medal)
2002	T Moss (Shield of Honour)		Prof SC Brown (Council Medal)
	Prof CD Roode (Chancellor's Medal)		
2003	Prof HC Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)		
	Prof SA Petersen (Shield of Honour)		

MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL: UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

Welcome to the graduation ceremony of the University of the Free State (UFS).

Today is indeed a special day. Few occasions hold as much significance as your graduation, both for you and for those who have supported you along the way. Many of you have had to overcome numerous challenges during your journey to get to where you are today. Many of you are the first in your families to reach this significant milestone. You have earned this moment, and you should be extremely proud of your achievement.

Graduands, you have had the honour of studying at a 121-year-old institution. Always acknowledge and recognise the significance of your achievements as you transition from being a University of the Free State (UFS) student to a UFS graduate. I invite you to stay connected to your alma mater as a proud alumnus.



Although the mission of our university has always been to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to make a difference in your field of study, we are also mindful that values are just as important for you to make a difference in your community. The University of the Free State places great emphasis on ensuring that students have an outstanding university experience. In our pursuit of excellence, we are proud that our environment is conducive to intellectual and personal growth. As such, our values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability are embedded in all activities across the institution.

As you step into the world beyond the University of the Free State, remember that your education is a powerful tool. I urge you to use it to create positive change, to question the status quo, and to pursue your passions with determination. The future may seem uncertain, but it is filled with possibilities waiting for your unique talents and contributions. As you embark on your next adventure, carry with you the lessons you have learned and the courage to forge your own path.

Celebrate your success, cherish the memories, and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. The world is yours to explore, and we cannot wait to see all the amazing things you will do and accomplish.

Congratulations to all our Kopsie graduands. May you have continued success in all your endeavours!

Best wishes

PROF HESTER C. KLOPPER

**VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL
UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE**

Welkom by die gradeplegtigheid van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV).

Vandag is voorwaar 'n spesiale dag. Min geleentheid hou soveel betekenis in as 'n mens se gradeplegtigheid, sowel vir julle as vir diegene wat julle langs die pad ondersteun het. Baie van julle moes talle uitdagings te bowe kom tydens julle reis om te kom waar julle vandag is. Baie van julle is die eerste in julle gesinne om hierdie belangrike mylpaal te bereik. Julle het hierdie oomblik verdien en julle kan baie trots wees op julle prestasies.

Graduandi, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n 121-jaar-oue instelling te studeer. Erken en herken altyd die betekenis van julle prestasies waar julle nou beweeg van studente van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) na UV-gegradueerdes. Ek nooi julle uit om as trotse alumni by julle alma mater betrokke te bly.

Alhoewel die missie van ons universiteit nog altyd was om julle toe te rus met die kennis en vaardighede wat nodig is om 'n verskil in julle studieveld te maak, is ons ook bedag daarop dat waardes net so belangrik is vir julle om 'n verskil in julle gemeenskappe te maak. Die Universiteit van die Vrystaat lê groot klem daarop om te verseker dat studente 'n uitnemende universiteitservaring het. In ons strewe na uitnemendheid is ons trots daarop dat ons omgewing bevorderlik is vir intellektuele en persoonlike groei. As sodanig is ons waardes van uitnemendheid, innovasie en impak, aanspreeklikheid, omgee, sosiale geregtigheid en volhoubaarheid ingebed in alle aktiwiteite oor die instelling heen.

Waar julle die wêreld buite die Universiteit van die Vrystaat betree, onthou dat opvoeding 'n kragtige hulpmiddel is. Ek moedig julle aan om dit te gebruik om positiewe verandering teweeg te bring, om die status quo te bevraagteken en om julle passies met vasberadenheid na te streef. Die toekoms lyk dalk onseker, maar dit is gevul met moontlikhede wat wag vir julle unieke talente en bydraes. Waar julle nou die volgende avontuur aanpak, neem die lesse saam wat julle geleer het, asook die moed om julle eie weg te baan.

Vier julle sukses, koester die herinneringe en omhels die geleenthede wat voorlê. Die wêreld is oop vir julle om te verken, en ons kan nie wag om al die wonderlike dinge te sien wat julle sal doen en bereik nie.

Baie geluk aan al ons Kowsie-graduandi. Mag julle volgehoue sukses in al julle ondernemings hê!

Beste wense

PROF HESTER C. KLOPPER

**RISEKANSIELIER EN PRINSIPAAL
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT**

Re a le amohela moketeng ona wa dikgau le dikapeso tsa Yunivesithi ya Freistata (UFS).

Letsatsi la kajeno efela e le le ikgethileng. Ke diketsahalo tse mmalwa tse nang le bohlokwa jwaloka mokete wa hao wa dikapeso, molemong wa hao esita le bao ba nnileng ba o tsehetso nakong ena yohle. Ba bangata ba lona ba ile ba lokela ho hlola diphephetso tse ngata nakong ya leeto lena ho tla fihla moo le leng teng kajeno. Ba bangata ba lona le ba pele malapeng a bolona ho fihlella mokolokotwane ona wa bohlokwa. Le sebeditse ka thata ho fihla nakong ena, mme le lokela ho ba motlotlo ka phihlello ena ya lona.

Lona boradikgau, le bile le tlotla ya ho ithuta yunivesithing e nang le dilemo tse 121. Kamehla le amohela le ho ananela bohlokwa ba diphihlello tsa lona ha le fetola maemo a ho ba baithuti ba Yunivesithi ya Freistata (UFS) mme jwale le se le ba boradikgau ba UFS. Ke le kopa ho dula le ikamahanya le mohlodi ona wa lona wa dikgau tsa thuto, le le boradikgau ba motlotlo.

Le hoja sepheo sa yunivesithi ya rona e nnile ya ba ho le hlomella ka tsebo le ka boitsebelo ba mesebetsi e hlokehang bakeng sa ho etsa diphetoho mafapheng a dithuto tsa lona, re ntse re tseba hore makgabane a molemo ho wena ho etsa diphetoho setjhabeng sa heno. Yunivesithi ya Freistata e hatella haholo ho etsa bonnete ba hore baithuti ba na le boiphihlelo bo hlwahlwa ka yunivesithi. Mabapi le kgothaleto ya rona ya boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona e tsehetso kgolo ya kelello le mahlale esita le ntshetsopele ya botho. Ka tsela e jwalo, makgabane a rona a boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, boitshimollelo, sekgahla, boikarabello, tlhokomelo, toka ya setjhaba, le tshwarello, di kenyeleditswe mesebetsing yohle ya institjushene kapa setsha sena sa thuto.

Ha e le mona le kena lefatsheng le ka nqane ho meedi ya Yunivesithi ya Freistata, hopolang hore thuto ke sesebediswa se matla. Ke le kopa hore le e sebedise ho sibolla diphetoho tse molemo, ho nahanisisa ka hohle ka maemo a bophelo a hona jwale, esita le ho ntshetsa pele ditabatabelo tsa lona ka boikemisetso. Bokamoso bo ka bonahala bo sa kgolwehe, empa bo tletse maemo a kgonahalo a emetseng dineo tsa lona tse ikgethileng esita le tsona diabo tsa lona. Ha le tswela pele ka sepheo sa lona se latelang bophelong, hlomellang ka dithuto tseo le ithutileng tsona le tshepo ya ho ipetlela tsela ho ya pele.

Ketekang katleho ya lona, thabelang mehopolo ya mahopotsane, mme le amohela menyetla e tlang. Lefatshe lena ke la lona hore le le sibolle, mme re ke ke ra emisa ho tadima ka tebello dintho tse makatsang tseo le tla di etsa le hona ho di fihlella.

Ditakaleto tsa mahlohonolo ho baithuti ba rona ba Kowsie ba amohetseng dikgau. E se eka le ka ba le katleho e tswelapeng pele mererong yohle ya lona ya boiteko!

Madume

MOPROFESA HESTER C. KLOPPER

**MOTLATSI WA MOTJHANSELA LE MOOKAMED
YUNIVESITHI YA FREISTATA**

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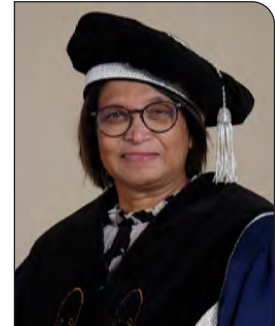
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ADV NAVILLA SOMARU



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Adv Navilla Somaru obtained a BA Law in 1991 and an LLB Honours in 1993 from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) before completing an LLM at the North-West University (NWU) in 2017. After serving her articles, she began her career as a public prosecutor in 1995 in Ladysmith and was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa in 1999. Before being appointed as Director of Public Prosecutions Free State, she was a senior public prosecutor in Mafikeng, a chief prosecutor, and a deputy director of public prosecutions in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in Bloemfontein.

With 30 years of service as a prosecutor, having prosecuted in the district, regional, and high courts, Adv Somaru has worked her way up the ranks and is a career prosecutor. Other than managing the performance of approximately 300 staff in her division and engaging with numerous stakeholders in the province, she also oversees the prosecution of serious and high-profile

cases. She holds various national portfolios and annually chairs the national committee drafting performance contracts and work plans for NPA staff.

During her career, Adv Somaru has received numerous awards for her sterling performance, including the prestigious Ismail Mohammed Law Reform Essay Competition Award for her LLM thesis. She is committed to justice, serving as a lawyer for the people, and is passionate about victim rights, access to justice, and vulnerable groups. Adv Somaru leads the province together with her dynamic team, committed to maintaining high levels of performance and excellence.



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Matriculated at Grey College in 1971. Graduated with a BA degree from the University of Natal, Durban in 1975. Graduated with an LLB degree from the University of Natal, Durban in 1977. Graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Rhodes University in 1988. Admitted as an advocate of the High Court in 1979. Appointed as Senior Counsel of the High Court by President Mbeki in 2002.

With his thesis titled: **SUBJECTIVE STRANDS IN THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT AND RELATED IMPLICATIONS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY**, the candidate's overarching hypothesis of is that there are subjective strands in the jurisprudence of the South African Constitutional Court which require critical exposure in order to promote a more participatory and free society, with reference to the role to be played by civil society, with special emphasis on religious communities and legal education. The research involved analysing seminal constitutional court decisions with a view to discerning some of the central subjective strands in the adjudication of the selected judgments. The research was then directed at extracting the implications of this subjectivity pertaining to the advancement of participation and inclusivity of religious communities in a liberal democracy. The research also delved into what the parameters of diversity and tolerance ought to be in a liberal democracy. As part of this exercise, the limits of constitutional adjudication and the scope of the right to freedom of belief, whether religious or non-religious, were also addressed.

Supervisor: Prof SA de Freitas

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

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Tembisa Leeuw was born on April 13, 1992, in Aliwal North, in the Eastern Cape Province. She received her secondary education at Eggili Secondary School and pursued higher education at the University of the Free State, where she obtained a Bachelor of Social Sciences in 2017, an Honors in Criminology in 2018 and a Master's in Human Rights in 2020. She is being awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 2025. In 2020, she was appointed a Human Rights Monitor at the South African Human Rights Commission in the Free State Province and is now a Human Rights Officer based in Mpumalanga Province.

With her thesis titled: **PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE LAW VERSUS THE PRACTICE**, the candidate highlights the discrepancies between legal provisions and practical implementation of laws governing the protection and rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law. The research explores the conditions faced by children in detention, emphasising the need for humane treatment and rehabilitation. It investigates the roles of various stakeholders, identifies gaps and proposes recommendations for enhancing the protection and rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law, ultimately advocating for a more human rights-based approach in the South African legal system. The study contributes to the scholarship on discrepancies between legal protections and real-world practices in the treatment of children in conflict with the



law and is valuable for legal scholars, policymakers, human rights advocates, and practitioners working on juvenile justice and child rights in South Africa.

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