

# GRADUATION CEREMONY

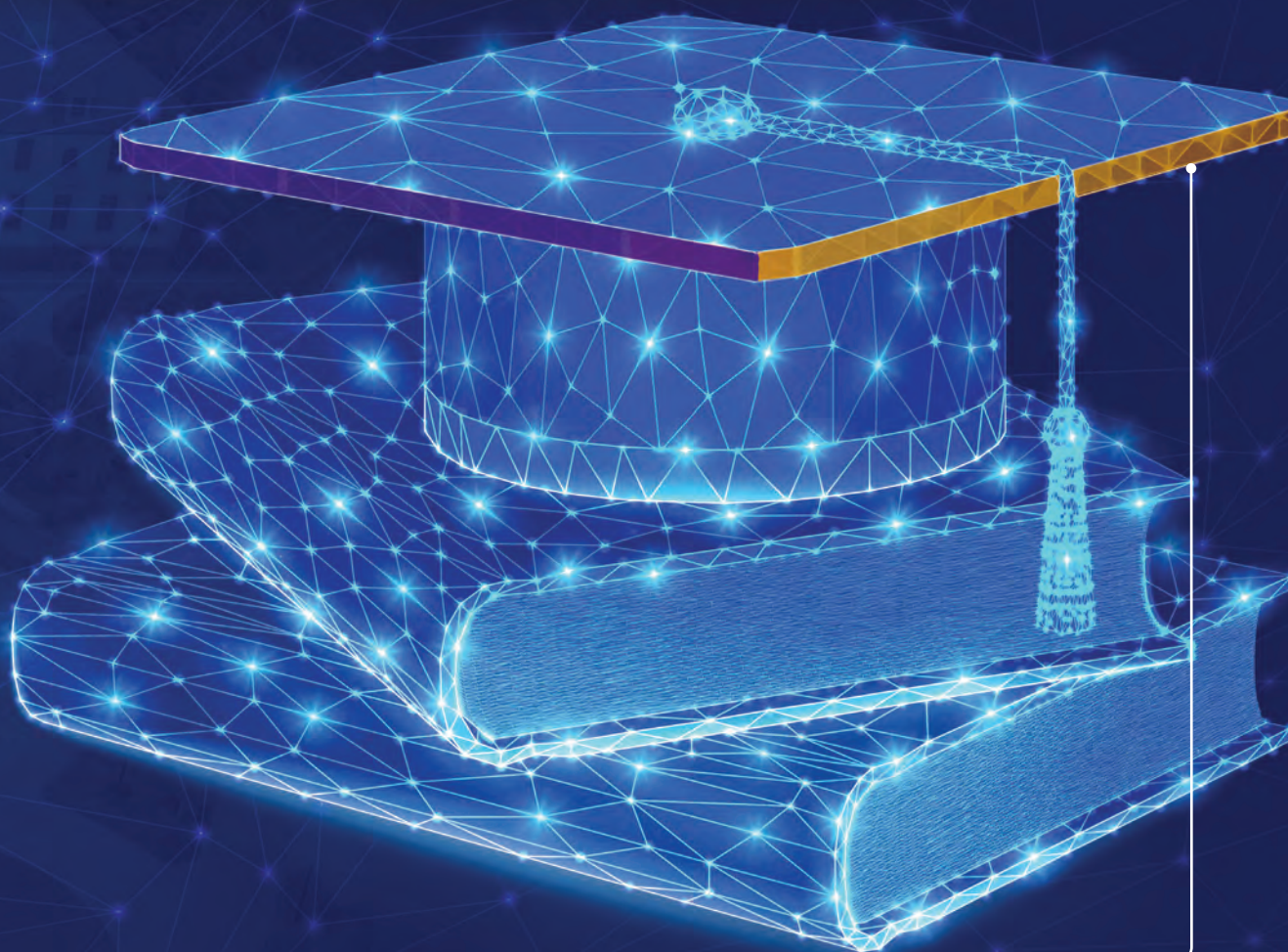
BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

VISION130  
Renew and Reimagine  
towards 2034



EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY | 11 APRIL 2025 | 18:00



## Faculty of Health Sciences

Diplomas, bachelor's degrees, honours degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degrees

## Faculty of Theology and Religion

Certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees, honours degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degrees



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



# PROGRAMME

11 APRIL 2025 | 18:00  
BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

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.

By attending the graduation ceremony, you agree that the UFS may use photographs taken by the official photographer in which you appear for marketing purposes.

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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

<b>1950</b>	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)		
<b>1951</b>	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)		
<b>1952</b>	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)		
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1955</b>	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)		
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)		
<b>1958</b>	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)		
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)		
<b>1959</b>	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)		
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)		
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)		
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)		
<b>1960</b>	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)		
<b>1961</b>	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1962</b>	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)		
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1963</b>	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)		
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)		
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)		
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)		
<b>1966</b>	PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.)		
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)		
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)		
<b>1967</b>	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)		
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)		
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)		
<b>1968</b>	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)		
<b>1969</b>	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)		
	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)		
<b>1970</b>	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		
	HO Mönnig – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1971</b>	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)		
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1972</b>	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)		
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1975</b>	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)		
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1976</b>	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1978</b>	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)		
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)		
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)		
<b>1979</b>	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)		
	G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.)		
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)		
<b>1980</b>	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1981</b>	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)		
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)		
	SG Shuttleworth – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1982</b>	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)		
	GvN Viljoen – DEd (h.c.)		
<b>1983</b>	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)		
	SF Zaalman – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1984</b>	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)		
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)		
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)		
<b>1985</b>	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.)		
<b>1986</b>	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)		
	FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)		
	JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)		
<b>1987</b>	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)		
	B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)		
	WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)		
<b>1988</b>	JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)		
	FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)		
	JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1989</b>	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)		
	N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)		
<b>1990</b>	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)		
	JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)		
<b>1991</b>	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.)		
<b>1992</b>	JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)		
	H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1993</b>	JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.)		
	RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)		
	SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)		
<b>1994</b>	JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)		
	JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)		
	JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>1995</b>	WA Landman – DEd (h.c.)		
	WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1996</b>	WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)		
	NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)		
<b>1997</b>	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)		
	B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)		
<b>1998</b>	FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)		
<b>1999</b>	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.)		
<b>2000</b>	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)		
	TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)		
	I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)		
<b>2001</b>	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)		
	NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)		
	EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>2002</b>	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)		
	BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)		
	CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.)		
	JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.)		
<b>2003</b>	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)		
	HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)		
	AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)		
<b>2004</b>	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.)	<b>2013</b>	ZKG Mda – DLitt (h.c.)
	CJC Nel (Posthumous) – PhD h.c.)	<b>2014</b>	ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)		L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
	T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)	<b>2015</b>	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.)	<b>2016</b>	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.)
<b>2005</b>	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.)	<b>2017</b>	PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
	JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)		M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
	JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)	<b>2019</b>	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.)	<b>2021</b>	ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
<b>2006</b>	T Moss – PhD (h.c.)		SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
	PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)		RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
<b>2007</b>	BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)	<b>2022</b>	WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
	KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)		DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
<b>2008</b>	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)		DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.)
<b>2009</b>	JC Loock – PhD (h.c.)		AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)		MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
<b>2010</b>	P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)	<b>2023</b>	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.)
<b>2011</b>	D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)	<b>2024</b>	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.)	<b>2025</b>	RMM Zondo – LLD (h.c.)
<b>2012</b>	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

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

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

**L**etsatsi 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 tsehetse 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 kgothaletso ya rona ya boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona e tsehetse 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.

Ditakaletso 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**



# OFFICE-BEARERS



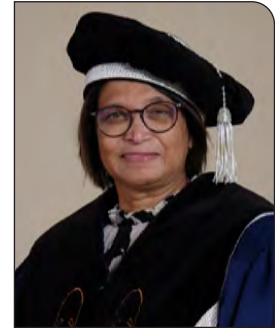
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## REV JAN LUBBE



### GUEST SPEAKER

Reverend Jan Lubbe completed his tertiary education at the University of the Free State (UFS) (1983–1990), obtaining degrees in Theology and Philosophy (cum laude). As part of his doctoral research on ‘The Reception of Abraham Kuyper in South Africa’, he spent time at Stellenbosch University (US), the Theological University of Apeldoorn, the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Theological University Kampen, and at numerous global and local archives. He was president of the UFS Student Representative Council in 1988/89 and was awarded the Abe Bailey Bursary to visit the UK in 1989.

Before entering the ministry, Rev Lubbe lectured full-time at the UFS (1990) and US (1995–1996), and part-time in the UFS Department of Historical and Constructive Theology since 2003. He received recognition as Best Lecturer in the Faculty (2011) and the Excellence in Teaching and Learning award from the UFS Prestige Forum. His research in church history, history of theology, liturgy, and spirituality resulted in two published

monographs, eleven chapters in co-authored publications, twelve articles in accredited scientific journals, and several papers at national and international conferences. As a regular columnist, he has published more than 100 pieces on church and society, ethics, and the public role of theology in *Volksblad*, *Netwerk24*, and *Kerkbode* over the past 15 years.

Reverend Lubbe has been pastoring the Dutch Reformed Church Berg-en-Dal in Bloemfontein since 1997 and serves the broader ecclesiastical and South African ecumenical community in numerous leadership roles. He was moderator of the 2013 and 2022 Free State Synods of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC), and of the General Synod of the DRC in 2023. He also chairs the Moderamen of the DRC in Southern Africa, the Curatorium of the DRC Free State (overseeing theological training for this family of churches), the management of the DRC Free State Archive and Document Centre, and the boards of Hospice Bloemfontein and Siesta Old Age Home.

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STOOP, Lanél\*

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GUM, Khanyisa

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#### **BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE HONOURS IN ANATOMY AND CELL MORPHOLOGY**

BOOI, Mbalenhle  
EYBERS, Juané

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MOKHECHE, Ntaoleng Patience  
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## MASTERS DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

#### MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH SPECIALISATION IN HUMAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

ETZEBETH, Demii

**Dissertation Title:**  
DETERMINING THE APOL1  
PROFILE OF PATIENTS  
UNDERGOING CHRONIC  
HAEMODIALYSIS IN THE  
FREE STATE GOVERNMENT  
HEALTHCARE SECTOR

**Supervisor:** Prof WJ Janse van  
Rensburg

**Co-Supervisors:** Prof BF Bisiwe  
and Dr GM Marx

### SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE

#### MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH SPECIALISATION IN PHARMACOLOGY (ANALYTICAL/CLINICAL)

FOKAZI, Viwe\*

**Dissertation Title:**  
ESTABLISHING A  
DOXORUBICIN-RESISTANT  
TRIPLE-NEGATIVE BREAST  
CANCER SPHEROID MODEL

**Supervisor:** Prof MP Sekhoacha

**Co-Supervisors:** Dr BR  
Abrahams and Prof C Gouws

KYAGABA, Doreen Kulabako

**Dissertation Title:** DUAL IN-  
VITRO EFFECTS OF CANNABIS  
ON INFLAMMATORY BIO-  
MARKERS IN TRIPLE-NEGATIVE  
BREAST CANCER AND  
ARTHRITIS

**Supervisor:** Prof M Sekhoacha

**Co-Supervisors:** Dr V Fasiku  
and Prof DR Katerere

#### MASTER OF MEDICINE IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

MAPHIRI, Gidimisani Candice  
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#### MASTER OF MEDICINE IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

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#### MASTER OF MEDICINE IN PSYCHIATRY

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

### MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

**DE BRUIN**, René Anna

**Dissertation Title:** SELF-REGULATION OF PRETERM INFANTS IN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT WHILE ENGAGED WITH SENSORY INTEGRATION-INFORMED INTERVENTION AND

OCTO-SENSE TECHNOLOGY

**Supervisor:** Ms M Strauss

**Co-Supervisor:** Dr A van Jaarsveld

**STEWART**, Tasneem Carrin

**Dissertation Title:** PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS AND RETURN TO WORK: A PERSPECTIVE OF BURN SURVIVORS

**Supervisor:** Mrs RP Hattingh

**Co-Supervisor:** Mrs A Jansen

**VAN LINGEN**, Margeretha

**Dissertation Title:** DESCRIBING SENSORY INTEGRATION FUNCTIONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SIGN LANGUAGE SIGNING DEAF LEARNERS IN GAUTENG

**Supervisor:** Mrs RP Hattingh

### MASTER OF OPTOMETRY

**ERASMUS**, Magdalie Ferreira

**Dissertation Title:** UNTREATED DRY EYE DISEASE SYMPTOMS AND VISUAL-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS AT RETIREMENT FACILITIES IN BLOEMFONTEIN

**Supervisor:** Dr N Naicker

**Co-Supervisor:** Mrs M Devenier

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

**BRAGA**, Raffaella Rodrigues

**Dissertation Title:** KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND REPORTED TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH POLYCYSTIC OVARIAN SYNDROME IN SOUTH AFRICA

**Supervisor:** Ms HC Spies

**Co-Supervisor:** Prof CM Walsh

**GOUWS**, Jancke Carin

**Dissertation Title:** MATERNAL NUTRITIONAL STATUS AND NEONATAL BIRTH OUTCOMES

**Supervisor:** Dr EM Jordaan

**Co-Supervisors:** Prof CM Walsh and Dr L Robb

**HODKINSON**, Chantal

**Dissertation Title:** INFANT FEEDING PRACTICES AND GROWTH AS MEASURED DURING IMMUNISATION VISITS AT AGES 10 WEEKS, 14 WEEKS, AND 6 MONTHS AT A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE IN THE FREE STATE

**Supervisor:** Dr M Jordaan

**Co-Supervisor:** Prof CM Walsh

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSIOTHERAPY

**GANCHO**, Jaime-Lee

**Dissertation Title:** INJURIES IN ADOLESCENT TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA REGISTERED PLAYERS

**Supervisor:** Mrs M Eygelaar

**Co-Supervisor:** Prof RY Barnes

**MEYER**, Elmi

**Dissertation Title:** KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE, AND PRACTICE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGARDING MOTOR LEARNING IN ADULT STROKE REHABILITATION

**Supervisor:** Ms H Nel

**Co-Supervisor:** Ms D Mahlangu

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

### MASTER OF NURSING

**DISANYANE**, Kamoelo Mercutio





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**Dissertation Title:**  
EXPERIENCES OF  
REGISTERED NURSES  
REGARDING MONITORING OF  
CLINICS BASED AT SPECIAL  
SCHOOLS IN THE FREE STATE

**Supervisor:** Mrs M Prinsloo

**Co-Supervisor:** Dr LJ Mogakwe

**TERBLANCHE, Elrina**

**Dissertation Title:** DWELL-TIME  
OF AN UMBILICAL CATHETER  
IN NEONATES IN HEALTH CARE  
INSTITUTIONS: A SCOPING  
REVIEW

**Supervisor:** Dr MJ Modula

**Co-Supervisor:** Mrs AC Jacobs

## SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

**MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE  
WITH SPECIALISATION IN  
HAEMATOLOGY AND CELL  
BIOLOGY**

**NTOMBELA, Njabulo Branden\***

**Dissertation Title:**  
THE EVALUATION OF  
X-CHROMOSOME SHORT  
TANDEM REPEATS TO  
RESOLVE INCONCLUSIVE  
KINSHIP CASES IN A SOUTH  
AFRICAN POPULATION

**Supervisor:** Mr JF Kloppers

**Co-Supervisor:** Prof A de Kock

**MASTER OF MEDICINE IN  
HAEMATOLOGY**

BOWEN, Evan

GROBLER, Shaun Mynhardt

KENNEDY, Stephanie Juane\*

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## DOCTORAL DEGREES

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

#### DOCTOR OF NUTRITION

**MASIA**, Tirhani Asnath

Tirhani Asnath Masia, born on 11 February 1984 in a rural Valdezia village in Limpopo, South Africa, completed her secondary education in 2001 at Rivubye High School. She earned a BSc in Nutrition in 2006, an MSc in Public Nutrition in 2015 from the University of Venda, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Professional Education from the University of Cape Town in 2016. She joined the University of Venda as a part-time junior lecturer in 2007, was permanently and full-time appointed in 2014, and is now a lecturer. She is a registered Nutritionist with the HPCSA.

With her thesis titled: **STRATEGY ON OPTIMIZING NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF INFANTS THROUGH WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE IN VHEMBE DISTRICT OF LIMPOPO PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA**, the candidate's research presents a significant contribution to the field of nutrition and public health through the development of an integrated strategy aimed at optimising the nutritional status of infants aged 6–23 months in the rural Collins Chabane Local Municipality of Vhembe District, Limpopo, South Africa. Utilising a robust mixed-methods approach, the study assessed the intersection of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) practices with household food security and infant nutritional outcomes. Findings revealed critical associations between suboptimal WASH practices, inadequate infant feeding, and malnutrition indicators. The research culminated in the development of a comprehensive, community-informed WASH strategy designed to enhance infant nutrition, promote optimal feeding practices, and empower women through education. This thesis makes a valuable contribution to achieving sustainable development goals and provides actionable insights for future health and nutrition interventions in similar rural settings.

**Supervisor:** Prof VL van den Berg

**Co-Supervisor:** Prof CN Nesamvuni

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN DIETETICS

**SERFONTEIN**, Marita

Marita Serfontein was born in Winburg, in the Free State, and completed her secondary education at Potchefstroom Gimnasium. She obtained a BSc in Dietetics from the North-West University, and completed her community service at Brits Public Hospital in 2006. After tutoring English in Taiwan, she returned to South Africa in 2008 and established a successful private dietetic practice in Kroonstad. In 2009, she earned her MSc Dietetics at North-West University. She remains dedicated to clinical practice and research with over 20 years of experience.

With her thesis titled: **IMPACT OF A FOOD SUPPLEMENT ON THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF PREGNANT WOMEN AND THE BIRTH OUTCOMES OF THEIR OFFSPRING**, the candidate makes a meaningful contribution to the field of maternal and child nutrition, particularly in resource-limited settings. Conducted in Kroonstad, South



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Africa, this rigorous study assessed the effects of a balanced energy-protein supplement fortified with multiple micronutrients on maternal health and birth outcomes. Her research highlights the complex interplay of malnutrition, food insecurity, and inflammation in pregnancy, demonstrating the challenges of improving maternal nutritional status and neonatal outcomes through supplementation alone. While the intervention did not yield statistically significant improvements in key health indicators, the findings support the urgent need for integrated nutritional and public health strategies. Her work aligns with global research on maternal nutrition and provides valuable insights for policy and programme development aimed at optimising pregnancy outcomes in low-to-middle-income populations.

**Supervisor:** Prof C Walsh

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

**MAINA, Pauline Muthoni**

Pauline Muthoni was born in Kenya on 03 July 1987. She received her secondary school education in Nyeri County, where she matriculated at the South Tetu Girls High School in 2004. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Public Health degree at Kenyatta University in 2010 and her Master's in Nursing at the University of Nairobi in 2017. She started her career as a clinical nurse in 2012 and proceeded to teach Critical Care Nursing at Kenya Medical Training College in 2018. In 2020, she was appointed as a lecturer at the School of Nursing at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology.

With her thesis titled: **SELF-MANAGEMENT INFOGRAPHICS TO PREVENT CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE II DIABETES MELLITUS IN RURAL KENYA**, the candidate makes a significant contribution to diabetes care in under-resourced rural settings. The three-phased pragmatic study was informed by the integrated model of behaviour prediction. The context-specific and culturally tailored infographics that were developed were presented as a booklet and, furthermore, medication storage bags were printed with diabetes mellitus self-management infographics. The study indicates that the infographics could promote self-management of Type II diabetes and, thereby, prevent chronic kidney disease. Examiners and journal reviewers have expressed great interest in the development and use of infographics in the field of nursing.

**Supervisor:** Dr MA Pienaar

**Co-Supervisor:** Prof M Reid

**MOTLOLOMETSI, Moroa Winnie Agnes**

Moraa Winnie Agnes Motlolometsi was born in Bloemfontein on 20 May 1967. She received her secondary education in Bloemfontein, where she matriculated at Sehunelo High School in 1985. She attained a Diploma in Nursing (cum laude) and was the best student in Midwifery in 1991. She further obtained a Degree in Nursing in 1997, a Diploma in Advanced Midwifery in 2007, and a Master's degree in Development Studies in 2009. She started her career as a Professional Nurse at Pelonomi Hospital in Bloemfontein in 1991. In 2000, she was appointed at the Free State Department of Health as the assistant director and provincial maternal and child health coordinator. She is currently a lecturer in the School of Nursing at the University of the Free State.



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With her thesis titled: **A MIDDLE RANGE THEORY FOR STRENGTHENING THE ADVANCED ANTENATAL CARE PROGRAMME IN THE FREE STATE**, the candidate contributes to scholarship by developing a middle-range theory to strengthen advanced antenatal care programmes. With this contribution, she offers insight into the context, mechanisms, and outcomes to be considered by policymakers and management when planning, designing and implementing such programmes for midwives in primary healthcare settings. A three-phased realist evaluation of an implemented Advanced Antenatal Care programme in the Free State was undertaken using a mixed-method sequential approach. Multiple data strands highlighted the interplay between the clinical workplace factors, transfer climate, the performance of the midwives, birth outcomes, and the programme. The identified context-mechanism-outcome configurations can guide the development of strategies to strengthen and facilitate the transfer of learning in the implementation of future advanced antenatal care and midwifery-related programmes. One article was published, while two are under review.

**Supervisor:** Professor L Hugo

## DEAN'S MEDAL

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TAUTE, Celine

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**AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO ACHIEVED THE BEST RESULTS IN RESPECT OF A FOUR-YEAR  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

VAN WYK, Alexander Jacobus

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**AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO ACHIEVED THE BEST RESULTS IN RESPECT OF A FIVE-YEAR  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

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KHUMALO, Tshepo  
KUMALO, Jeanett Mbalie  
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MADONSELA, Sayela Ncobile  
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SIMELANE, Nokubonga Patience\*  
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MATHABA, Anele Happiness  
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MIYA, Sisanda Noluthando  
MLAMBO, Rudah  
MOFOKENG, Moleboheng  
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NGWENYA, Nompumelelo Dingile  
NGWENYA, Tintswalo  
NKOSI, Nonkululeko Prudence  
NTLANTI, Asano Zizo  
RANTSATSI, Modiehi Patricia  
SERUWE, Rosemary Palesa\*  
SIBANYONI, Thandeka Precious  
VISSER, Sarah Victor

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### ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

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MAKAE, Leseamang  
MAKHALANYANE, Norman Sello  
Teboho  
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MAYEKISO, Zamani Paul  
MOHOME, Thabiso Mareka  
MOSHOADIBA, Isaac Ngaka  
MOTAPANYANE, Fokothi Jacob  
MOTSOANE, Moorosi David  
TSOEU, Tsepang\*

### POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

HLONGWANE, Nhlamulo Lucky  
KUNNUJI, Joseph Olanrewaju\*  
NENE, Moses Nhlanhla  
O'CONNOR, John William  
SIZA, Siyanda

## HONOURS DEGREES

### BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY HONOURS WITH SPECIALISATION IN PRACTICAL AND MISSIONAL THEOLOGY

SEMELA, Meshack Motlalepula

## MASTER'S DEGREES

### MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLE TRANSLATION

MOTSWETSA, John\*

### MASTER OF THEOLOGY STRUCTURED (PRACTICAL AND MISSIONAL THEOLOGY)

BEKKER, Izak Russell  
NGEVA, Mkhumbuzi Milton

### MASTER OF THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY

CLOETE, Gregory Gavern  
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SABELO, Lubabalo

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### MASTER OF THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

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MOSEBO, Andrew  
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DIBANE, Itumeleng Emmanuel

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## DOCTORAL DEGREES

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN BIBLE TRANSLATION

#### NYIRENDA, Gift

Gift Nyirenda was born in Zambia on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1979 in Chama District, Eastern Province, Zambia. He graduated from Chama Secondary School in 1998. He completed his Bachelor of Theology qualification as the best student at Justo Mwale Theological College (Lusaka) in 2007. In 2011, he graduated with the Master of Theology in Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics at UFS and the Master of Theology in Bible Translation in 2016. He currently works with the Bible Society of Zambia as Translation Manager in charge of the Translation Department.

With his thesis titled: **INTERSEMIOTIC BIBLE TRANSLATION FOR AN ORALLY DOMINANT CULTURE: THE CASE OF TRANSLATING LAMENTATIONS INTO NSENGA**, the candidate contributes significantly to Bible translation studies by emphasising the necessity of an intersemiotic approach—oral, visual, and written—in translating biblical texts. By analysing Nsenga laments, the study highlights the importance of oral traditions, tonal variations, and performance elements in conveying meaning. It challenges linear translation methods, advocating for complexity theory to address the dynamic, interactive nature of translating sacred texts across different media. It underscores that translation is not just about words but involves cultural, cognitive, and performative aspects. This perspective enriches translation by recognising the deep intersemiotic interaction at every stage of the process, which is especially relevant for translators working with poetic and oral-based texts. Ultimately, the research calls for a holistic, context-sensitive approach to Bible translation, ensuring that meaning is created across semiotic systems.

**Supervisors:** Prof CL Miller-Naudé and Prof JA Naudé

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

#### BANDA, Daniel Sandford

Daniel Sandford Banda was born on 17 January 1979 in Kasama Town, Zambia. In 1997, he matriculated at the Libala Secondary School. In 2008, he obtained his BTh degree with distinction from Justo Mwale University College. In 2012, he received an MTh from the UFS; in 2014, he received an MTh from PTHU in Groningen, The Netherlands. He started his career as a Reverend in Kitwe in 2008 and is currently serving as a minister of the Reformed Church in Zambia (RCZ) in Chipata while also serving on the Moderature of the RCZ.

With his thesis titled: **IMAGING PROSPERITY IN AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY: A PRACTICAL THEOLOGICAL CASE STUDY OF URBAN CONGREGATIONS IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA**, the candidate contributes to scholarship in African Christianity. The empirical, qualitative research focuses on the proliferating Prosperity Faith movement. It investigates how techniques and practices are deliberately employed to image prosperity. Projecting affluence in ministers' lifestyles, in preaching and in church architecture, creates the impression of faith being rewarded with health and wealth. Traditional Christian images such as the cross or the elements of broken bread and spilled wine in Holy Communion, portraying a theology of incarnational solidarity with the poor and afflicted, are replaced by images of triumphalism and earning a "breakthrough" through proper faith. The candidate suggests exploring the imaging of an alternative concept such as 'flourishing', understood as a holistic and multidimensional state of



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undeservedly “being in Christ” that encompasses physical, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being, often despite circumstances.

**Supervisor:** Dr G van der Watt

**KALITO, Michael Dennis**

Michael Kalito was born on 1 July 1981 in St. Francis Mission Hospital, Katete District, in the Eastern Province, Zambia. He matriculated at Chassa Secondary School in 1999 and later attained a Certificate in Agricultural Marketing in 2001 with a Merit. He graduated with a Bachelor of Theology Degree at Justo Mwale Theological College in 2006 and a Master of Theology at the University of the Free State in 2015. His career as a Minister began in 2007 at the Reformed Church in Zambia, Sinda Congregation (2007 – 2011), Later RCZ Chifubu Congregation (2011-2018). In 2018, Extension in Zambia (TEEZ) seconded him to serve as Training and Capacity Development Manager at the Theological Education. He is currently the Acting Executive Director at the Theological Education by Extension in Zambia.

With his thesis titled: **LEADERSHIP AND FINANCES IN AFRICAN CONGREGATIONS: A PRACTICAL THEOLOGICAL STUDY OF CONGREGATIONS IN THE REFORMED CHURCH IN ZAMBIA**, the candidate contributes to the practical theological study of the intricate relationship between leadership and finances in congregations within the Reformed Church in Zambia. The research investigates how leadership practices impact on financial management and sustainability in African congregations. The study further reveals that effective leadership, characterised by financial transparency, accountability, and stewardship, is crucial in promoting optimal financial management. The research proposes that upholding these leadership tenets can create flourishing congregations. The research proposes a contextualised leadership model, integrating biblical principles and African values, to enhance financial oversight and integrity in congregations. The findings contribute to the broader discourse on leadership, finance, and sustainability in African churches, offering practical and actionable recommendations for denominational leaders, pastors, and congregational members, empowering them to influence their congregations positively.

**Supervisor:** Dr NJ Mostert

**KAYSTER, Isaac Ricardo**

Isaac Ricardo Kayster was born on 28 June 1970 in the Eastern Cape, Graaff Reinet. He matriculated at Senior Secondary School Spandau in 1988 and in 1996 attained a B.Th. (Hons.) degree at the University of the Western Cape. He graduated with a M.Th. (Practical Theology) at the University of Stellenbosch in 2000 and a M.PA (Public Administration) in 2015 at the University of the Western Cape. He started his career as a minister in the URCSA Kuruman congregation in 1997 and Postmasburg since 2016. On 1 October 2021, he was appointed as part-time Executive Administrator in the Regional Synod Phororo.

With his thesis titled: **A MISSIONAL-PRACTICAL EVALUATION OF THE ECCLESIOLOGY OF RURAL CONGREGATIONS IN THE REGIONAL SYNOD OF PHORORO U.R.C.S.A.**, the candidate makes a contribution towards the development of a missional ecclesiology for rural congregations in the Northern Cape. The ecclesiology for rural congregations should be developed from below and have a developmental character. It is also informed by the Belhar Confession. Leadership is a key aspect in the formation of rural congregations as the leaders are called to discern their rural, traditional, and African context and create strategic processes to contribute to the changes that are needed in their context. The empirical voices of the membership of six rural congregations were heard, by using the National Church Life Survey. Appreciative Inquiry initiated the strategic process, by focusing on the



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positive aspects of existing ministries. A strategic framework was developed to guide the mission and ministries of rural congregations.

**Supervisor:** Prof WJ Schoeman

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN RELIGION STUDIES

**KHOELI, Thabiso Isaac**

Thabiso Khoeli was born in Botshabelo, in the Free State on 15 February 1987. He received his secondary education in Lenyora La Thuto, then moved to Harmony High, Virginia, where he matriculated in the year 2005. He obtained Bachelor of Theology Degree in 2020, the Master's Degree specializing in Religion Studies in 2021 all acquired at the University of the Free State Bloemfontein. He started his career as part time lecturer for the Faculty of Theology and Religion; a position he is still holding to date.

With his thesis titled: **EXPLORING THE ZION CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S TEACHINGS AND QUALITIES IN COMPARISON WITH ZION CHURCHES**, the candidate using ethnographic methods, the study compares Zion Christian Church led by Bishop Engenas Lekganyane, Edward Lekganyane and Barnabas Lekganyane to other Zion churches with a view to draw out its distinctive aspects. Among others, the study investigates the Africanisation of the Christian faith seen in the ways that the ZCC intentionally adopts the African cultural heritage closer to the Christian faith. The study highlights the distinctiveness of the church seen in inculturation and the contextualisation of the Christian faith. As major findings, the study observes that intersection between Christianity and African practices is complex and needs more attention or research. In addition, despite the complexity associated with Africanisation, the study further discovers that African Christians need to experience the gospel from their own cultural context.

**Supervisor:** Dr J Mokhutso

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