

GRADUATION CEREMONY

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EXCELLENCE



THURSDAY
18 APRIL 2024
08:30

BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

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
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PROGRAMME

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MUSICAL ITEM

**CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DOCTORATE ON
PROF SALIM ABDOOL KARIM, PHD IN MEDICAL VIROLOGY (H.C.)**

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.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

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.

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- We strive to conduct the ceremonies in a dignified manner
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ABOUT THE UFS

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 120 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.

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 UFS 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 UFS 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.



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1950	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)	1987	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.) B Kok – DPhil (h.c.) WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)		F van Z Slabbert – DPhil (h.c.) JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.) PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)
1951	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)		JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)		L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.) HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)
1952	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.) SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)	1988	FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.) JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)	2005	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.) JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.) JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)
1955	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.) CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)	1989	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.) N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)		WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.) M Ramos – PhD (h.c.) SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)
1958	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.) CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)	1990	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.) JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)	2006	T Moss – PhD (h.c.) PV Cox – PhD (h.c.) BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)
1959	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.) SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.) DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)	1991	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.) JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.) GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)	2007	KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.) D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.) JC Loock – PhD (h.c.)
1960	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.) SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)	1992	JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.) E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.) JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)	2008	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.) P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.) BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)
1961	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)	1993	H Olivier – DSc (h.c.) JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.) RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)	2009	AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.) M Jones – PhD (h.c.) D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)
1962	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.) PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)	1994	SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.) JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.) JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)	2010	P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.) OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.) RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)
1963	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.) EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.) JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)	1995	WF Mouton – DPhil (h.c.) WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.) NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)	2011	A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.) RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.) ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)
1966	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.) PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.) PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)	1996	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.) B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.) FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)	2012	M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.) OW Prozesky – MD (h.c.) FDJ Brand – LLD (h.c.)
1967	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.) SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.) LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)	1997	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.) JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.) S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)	2013	ZKG Mda – PhD (h.c.) ML Blum – PhD (h.c.) L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
1968	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.) SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)	1998	WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.) MA Ramphela – DPhil (h.c.) HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)	2014	L Brahim – DPhil (h.c.) JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.) MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
1969	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.) AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)	1999	FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.) MH Daling – DCom (h.c.) TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)	2015	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.) TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.) M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
1970	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.) HO Mönig – DSc (h.c.)	2000	I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.) BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.) NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)	2016	J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.) F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.) PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
1971	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.) RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)	2001	EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.) BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.) BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)	2017	M Botha – LLD (h.c.) BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.) J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
1972	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.) PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)	2002	CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.) JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.) EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)	2018	MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.) ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.) SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
1975	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.) De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.) GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)	2003	J de Wet – DMus (h.c.) CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.) GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)	2019	RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.) WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.) DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
1976	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)	2004	WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.) A Krog – DLitt (h.c.) K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)	2020	DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.) AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.) MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
1978	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.) EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.) HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)		CJC Nel (Posthumous) – PhD (h.c.) L Quayle – DMus (h.c.) T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)	2021	M Musk – DDiet (h.c.) A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.) D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
1979	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.) G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.) CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)		YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.) MK Seely – DSc (h.c.) C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)	2022	PCJ Vale – PhD (h.c.) Salim Abdool Karim – PhD (h.c.) Thabo Cecil Makgoba – PhD (h.c.)
1980	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)			2023	
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 Cillié – DPhil (h.c.) SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)				
1986	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.) J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.) S Grové – DMus (h.c.) FP Retief – DMed (h.c.) JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)				

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

MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | PROF FW PETERSEN

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

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

Graduands, you have had the honour of studying at a 120-year-old institution that has a track record on par with well-regarded national peers, as reflected in the 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Sufficient evidence indicates that higher education has the potential to function as an agent of change and a means of serving the greater good. 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 as important for you to make a difference in your communities.

The UFS places great emphasis on ensuring that students and staff have an outstanding university experience. In our pursuit of excellence, we are proud that our environment is conducive for intellect and knowledge to flourish. As such, our values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability are embedded in all activities across the institution.

Graduands, irrespective of what you undertake in the future, remember to pursue your passion, and continuously have the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Surround yourself with real people in real communities, while inculcating kindness, empathy, passion, and awareness of the real issues. If you want to tackle the unfinished goals of this country and create a better world – build bridges, remain morally astute, and grow your coalitions. Life can be challenging when you are on your own – however, great results can be achieved when you work as a collective.

It is up to you to align yourself with those who have a common cause, heal the divisions that keep us separated, and carry along those who have been left out and are struggling.

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

Best wishes
PROF FW PETERSEN
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

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

Vandag is voorwaar 'n spesiale dag. Min gebeurtenisse en geleenthede het soveel betekenis as 'n mens se gradeplegtigheid. Hierdie dag is net so belangrik vir diegene wat julle langs die pad ondersteun het. Baie van julle moes talle uitdagings te bowe kom tydens julle reis om vandag hier te wees. Baie van julle is die eerste in julle gesinne om hierdie mylpaal te bereik. Julle het hierdie oomblik verdien en julle kan baie trots wees daarop.

Erken en herken altyd die belangrikheid van jou prestasie waar jy van 'n student van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) beweeg na 'n UV-gegraduateerde.

Gegradueerdes, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n 120-jaar-oue instelling te studeer wat 'n prestasierekord het wat gelykstaande is aan welbekende nasionale eweknieë, soos weerspieël in die 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact-ranglys. Talle bewyse dui daarop dat hoër onderwys die potensiaal het om te dien. Alhoewel die missie van ons universiteit nog altyd was om julle toe te rus met kennis en vaardighede wat nodig is om 'n verskil in julle studieveld te maak, is ons ook bedag daarop dat waardes vir julle net so belangrik is om 'n verskil in julle gemeenskappe te maak.

Die UV plaas groot klem daarop om te verseker dat studente en personeel 'n voortrefflike universiteitservaring het. In ons strewe na uitnemendheid is ons trots dat ons omgewing bevorderlik is vir intellek en kennis om te floreer. As sodanig is ons waardes van uitnemendheid, innovasie en impak, aanspreeklikheid, omgee, sosiale geregtigheid en volhoubaarheid ingebed in alle aktiwiteite oor die instelling heen.

Gegradueerdes, ongeag wat julle in die toekoms aanpak, onthou om julle passie na te streef en behou die begeerte om voortdurend 'n verskil in ander se lewens te maak. Omring juis met regte mense in regte gemeenskappe, terwyl julle welwillendheid, empatie, passie en bewustheid van werklike kwessies inskerp. As



julle die onvoltooide doelwitte van hierdie land wil aanpak en 'n beter wêreld wil skep – bou brûe, bly moreel skerpinnig, en laat julle koaliesies groei. Die lewe kan uitdagend wees as 'n mens op jou eie is – goeie resultate kan egter behaal word as julle as 'n groep saamwerk.

Dit is julle verantwoordelikheid om juisself in ooreenstemming te bring met diegene wat 'n gemeenskaplike saak het, die verdeeldheid te genees wat ons verdeeld hou, en om diegene wat uitgelaat is en sukkel, met julle saam te neem.

Baie geluk aan al ons Kopsie-graduandi. Mag julle voortgesette sukses in al julle ondernemings behaal!

Beste wense
PROF FW PETERSEN
VISEKANSELIER EN PRINSIPAAL | UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT

Re a le amohela moketeng wa kabo ya dikgau wa University of the Free State (UFS).

Letsatsi lena ke le kgethehileng ka nnete. Ke diketsahalo tse mmalwa haholo tse bohlokwa jwalo ka ho abelwa kgau ya yunivesithi. Letsatsi lena le bohlokwa hape le ho batho ba ileng ba le tshheheta leetong la lona. Ba bangata ba lona le ile la hlola maima a mangata leetong la lona ho fihla mona kajeno. Ba bangata ba lona ke lona ba pele malapeng a lona ho fihlella sehloholo sena sa katleho. Le fihlile motsotsong ona mme re motlotlo ka lona haholo.

Ka dinako tsohle amohelang le ho lemoha bohlokwa ba dintlha tseo le di fihleletseng ha jwale le toha boemong ba ho ba moithuti mona University of the Free State (UFS) ho fetela boemong ba ho ba graduate ya UFS.

Baithuti ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa yunivesithi e nang le dilemo tse 120, le bile le tlotla ya ho ithuta setheong sa thuto se nang le nalane e ntle e kgemang le bomphato ba yona ba hlomphehang naheng, jwalo ka ha ho boletswe ho 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Ho na le bopaki bo hlwellanang hodimo bo bontshang hore thuto e phahameng e na le monyetla wa ho sebetsa jwalo ka kofuto e hlahisang phetoho le mokgwa o hlahisang melemo e mehoro ka ho fetisisa. Le hoja Mishini- thomo ya yunivesithi ya rona ka dinako tsohle e bile ho le hlomella ka tsebo le bokgoni bo hlokalalang ho etsa phetoho dithutong, re boela re lemoha hore dinto tsa boleng di bohlokwa ho etsa phapang metseng ya lona.

UFS e kgothaletsa haholo ho etsa bonnete ba hore baithuti le moifo ba na le boiphilelo bo hlaleletseng ka mahetla ba yunivesithi. Maikemisetsong a rona a ho hahamalla diphilelo tse ipabolang, re motlotlo hore tikooho ya rona ke e loketseng bakeng sa ho fana ka bohale le tsebo ho atleha. Ka lebaka lena, makgabane a rona bakeng sa diphilelo tse ipabolang, mehopolo e metjha le tshusumetso e ntle, boikarabelo, thokomelo, le toka e se nang leeme setjhabeng, le ho tswella ke dinto tse bopelatseng mesebetsing yohle ya setheo sena sa thuto.

Baithuti ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa yunivesithi, ho sa natswe hore na le tla etsa eng nakong e tlang, hopolang ho phehella ditabatabo tsa lona ka tjheseho, mme le tswelle pele ho ba le takatso ya ho etsa phapang bophelong ba batho ba bang. Etsang hore le dikadiketswe ke batho ba sebele metseng ya sebele, ha le ntle le ruta le ho jala mosa, kutwelobohloko, tjantjello, le temoho ya ditaba tsa sebele. Haeba le batla ho sebetsana le dipakane tse sa qetwang le ho theha lefatše le betere – hahang marogo, dulang le le bohale, le ho theha maqhama a lona a ditshebedisano. Bophelo e ka ba bo phephetsang haeba o sebetsa o le mong – le ha ho le jwalo, diphetho tse babatseheng di ka fihlellwa ka tshhebedisano le ho ba ngatana-nngwe.

Dinto di mahetleng a lona ho iphaphatha le batho ba nang le dipheo tse tshwanang, ho kwala dikgeo tse re arohanyang, le ho jara batho ba ileng ba siuwa morao le ba nang le mathata a ba sitisang.

Re thoholetsa baithuti ba Kopsies kaofela ba rona ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa bona tsa yunivesithi. E se ka le ka ba le katleho e tswelang pele mekutung ya rona kaofela!

Ditakaleto tse ntle
MOPROFESARA FW PETERSEN
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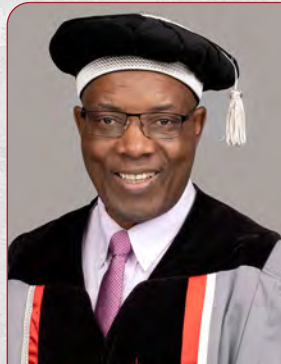
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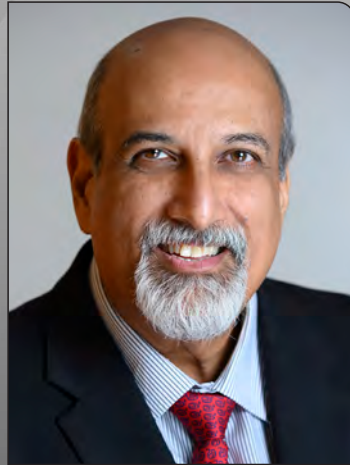
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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

GUEST SPEAKER

PROF SALIM ABDOOL KARIM



Salim S Abdool Karim is a South African clinical infectious disease epidemiologist who is widely recognised for scientific contributions to Aids and COVID-19. He is Director of the Centre for the Aids Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), Professor of Global Health at Columbia University, New York, and serves as Special Adviser on pandemics to the Director-General of the WHO. Prof Karim is Adjunct Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard University, Adjunct Professor of Medicine at Cornell University, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

He is a member of the WHO Science Council and Vice-President of the International Science Council. Prof Karim serves on the boards of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet Global Health*, and *Lancet HIV*. He has published more than 500 journal articles, co-edited three epidemiology textbooks, and authored the book, *Standing up for Science*. He is among South Africa's most cited researchers, having garnered more than 30 000 citations, with more than 120 papers having more than 50 citations, half of which have been cited more than 100 times.

Ranked among the world leaders in Aids research, Prof Karim has undertaken ground-breaking research on new HIV prevention that has transformed the approach to HIV prevention

globally, while his studies on the treatment on HIV-TB co-infection are saving hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

He is a member of the US National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Microbiology and is a Fellow of the Royal Society.



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Dissertation Title:
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SONDLANE, Hlengiwe*

Dissertation Title: GENOMIC ANALYSIS OF RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS CIRCULATING IN THE FREE STATE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Supervisor: Prof MM Nyaga

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MAASDORP, Shaun Donnovin

Shaun Maasdorp was born in Windhoek, Namibia, on 25 March 1978. He received his secondary education in Windhoek, where he matriculated at Windhoek High School in 1995. He obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBCbB) with distinction in 2001, a Master of Medicine (MMed) in Internal Medicine in 2009 and a Sub-Specialist Certificate in Pulmonology in 2012 at the University of the Free State. He started his career as a medical officer at Windhoek Central Hospital in 2003 and is currently employed as senior lecturer and head of the Division of Pulmonology at the University of the Free State and Universitas Academic Hospital.

With his thesis titled: **CORE COMPETENCIES IN CRITICAL CARE FOR GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA**, the candidate makes a contribution to competency-based education in the field of critical care. With this contribution, he attempts to provide guidelines on the contents of a postgraduate training programme in critical care for non-specialist medical practitioners. Using a mixed-methods approach, Maasdorp conducted surveys among clinical managers and medical practitioners at district and regional hospitals in the Free State. The results of this investigation identified an institutional need for competent critical care providers and an individual need for training in critical care by medical practitioners. A Delphi approach was subsequently used to establish core competencies in critical care that can be incorporated into a training programme. The study attempts to find a solution for the lack of competent critical care providers in South Africa, especially in settings where critical care specialists are not readily available.

Supervisor: Prof LJ van der Merwe

Co-Supervisor: Prof F Paruk

NAICKER, Nashua

Mr Nashua Naicker was born in Durban on 27 September 1979 and matriculated from Marklands Secondary School in 1997. He then completed his Bachelor of Optometry in 2002 at the University of Kwazulu-Natal (UKZN) and was the first appointed public sector optometrist in the province of Kwazulu-Natal. Subsequently relocating to the Free State province, Mr Naicker completed his master's degree in optometry through the UKZN and pursued a PhD in Health Professions Education at the University of the Free State (UFS). Mr Naicker is employed as a lecturer and as an assistant director optometrist with the UFS and the Free State Department of Health.

With his thesis titled: **A FRAMEWORK FOR POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT IN SPECIAL INTEREST FIELDS OF OPTOMETRY FOR SOUTH AFRICA**, the candidate explored the feasibility of expanding the postgraduate opportunities for optometrists through horizontal articulation pathways into clinical special interest fields of optometry which do not exist in South Africa. With optometrists predominately in clinical practice, opportunities to upskill remain constrained. Hence, the career path trajectory is hindered, resulting in limited comprehensive levels of optometric care. Practicing optometrists and optometry educators participated in a mixed-methods investigation that explored postgraduate pedagogies, assessment strategies, and programme design elements for coursework qualifications. With substantial endorsement from the key stakeholders in this study, a conceptual framework was developed by incorporating the pertinent educational elements underpinned by a technology-driven educational model. The proposed framework contributes towards broadening



the optometric education programme mix by providing direction to Higher Education Institutions in pursuit of the globalisation of the profession.

Supervisor: Prof AJ Munsamy

Co-Supervisor: Dr CB Witten

SLABBERT, Roan Stephanus

Roan Slabbert was born in Upington on 2 December 1983 and matriculated in the top sixth position at Hoërskool Duineveld in 2001. He obtained a Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSc) in Human Biology and a BMedSc honours degree in Pharmacology from the University of the Free State in 2004 and 2005, respectively. Roan graduated with a Magister Technologiae in Environmental Health from the Central University of Technology (CUT) in 2011 and authored several research publications. As a lecturer and the extended curriculum programme (ECP) coordinator in the Department of Clinical Sciences at CUT, he has developed 12 ECPs in health sciences education to date.

With his thesis titled: **IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAME-YEAR/LEVEL PEER-ASSISTED LEARNING FOR EXTENDED CURRICULUM PROGRAMMES IN HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY**, the candidate contributes to the delivery of effective and supportive foundation provision curricula in health sciences education (HSE). With this contribution, he has developed the first novel evidence-based strategic and operational implementation model for same-year/level peer-assisted learning for extended curriculum programmes (ECPs) in HSE. Findings indicated that the implementation model, employed as a teaching and learning strategy, is appropriately sensitive and responsive to the educational needs of marginalised ECP students in HSE at South African (SA) Universities of Technology (UoTs). The results of his study highlighted the importance of promoting the social justice agenda of the higher education (HE) environment and the “access to success” aim of foundation provision to foster employable healthcare workers for the SA health sector. His study delivered eight research papers.

Supervisor: Dr JGE du Plessis

Co-Supervisor: Prof MP Jama

SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

MOOKO, Teboho

Teboho Mooko was born on 22 August 1993 in Namahali village, Witsishoek, Free State. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Molecular Biology in 2015. He then obtained his Bachelor of Medical Science Honours in Pharmacology in 2016 and a Master of Medical Science in Pharmacology, *Cum Laude*, in 2018 at the University of the Free State. In 2019, he was awarded the Dean’s Medal for his Master’s degree in the Faculty of Health Sciences. His career as a pharmacology part-time lecturer at the Central University of Technology began in 2019 and continued until he commenced with his PhD degree.

With his thesis titled: **THE INFLUENCE OF APOLIPOPROTEIN ALLELIC GENE VARIANTS (G1 AND 2) AND HIV-1 PARTICLE MUTATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH KIDNEY FAILURE AND DETECTABLE VIRAL PARTICLES IN PERITONEAL DIALYSIS EFFLUENT WHILE ON ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY**, the candidate’s research findings suggest a significant



association of renal risk allelic variants of APOL1 gene with end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) development. Furthermore, the steady-state lamivudine pharmacokinetics of renally adjusted dosages and antiretroviral therapy (ART) drugs' penetrance into the peritoneal cavity are not a risk factor for HIV-1 shedding into peritoneal dialysis (PD) effluents. However, the presence of high-level HIV drug-resistance mutations which might have developed as a result of low plasma ARV drugs levels are suggested risk for HIV-1 shedding into PD effluents. Therefore, the findings of his study suggest the importance of strengthening ART adherence protocols even in ESKD patients managed with PD.

Supervisor: Dr KCZ Ndlovu

Co-Supervisors: Prof MM Nyaga and Dr TRP Mofokeng

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

EVBUOMWAN, Osayande

Dr Evbuomwan Osayande is a nuclear medicine physician with a special interest in nuclear medicine therapy, molecular imaging, and research. He trained as a nuclear medicine physician at the University of Witwatersrand, where he also obtained his MMED in nuclear medicine. He is also a fellow of the European Board of Nuclear Medicine after passing the fellowship of the European Board of Nuclear Medicine exams in 2023. He is currently a senior lecturer and nuclear medicine specialist at the University of the Free State/Universitas Academic Hospital, where he continues to train younger nuclear medicine registrars and undergraduate students.

With his thesis titled: **THE VALUE OF TECHNETIUM-99-METASTABLE-ETHYLENEDICYSSTEINE-DEOXYGLUCOSE (^{99m}Tc -EC-DG) IMAGING IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**, the candidate contributes to the value of technetium-99-metastable ethylenedicysteine-deoxyglucose (^{99m}Tc -EC-DG) in the imaging of patients with rheumatoid arthritis. The research showed that ^{99m}Tc -EC-DG, as an imaging radiopharmaceutical, could identify joints with active disease, showing a good correlation with poor prognostic markers, ultrasound findings, and clinical examination. ^{99m}Tc -EC-DG imaging was also shown to be useful in the assessment of treatment response and follow-up of patients with rheumatoid arthritis. The research findings indicated that ^{99m}Tc -EC-DG imaging would be a valuable tool to the rheumatologist in the management of patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

Supervisor: Dr J Horn-Lodewyk

Co-Supervisors: Prof MJ Labuschagne and Dr CHS Driver

SCHOOL OF NURSING

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

MUKURUNGE, Eva

Eva Mukurunge was born on 17 June 1977 in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe. She matriculated at St David's Bonda Girls High School in 1996. She obtained a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Biochemistry and Chemistry in 2000 and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours in Nursing Science from the University of Zimbabwe in 2009. In 2020, she graduated with a Master of Nursing Degree from the University of the Free State and became a nurse educator in 2015, where she rose through the ranks to become the Head of the Nursing Department at Paray School of Nursing, Lesotho in 2018. Currently, she works in the Emergency Department at the Peterborough City Hospital in England, a position she assumed in 2022.



With her thesis titled, **AN ASSESSMENT APPROACH FOR COMPETENCY-BASED NURSING EDUCATION IN A LOW-INCOME COUNTRY**, the candidate contributes to the quality of nursing education through the development of an innovative assessment approach. Assessment approaches associated with competency-based nursing education are often expensive and untenable in low-income countries, which compromises the quality of nursing graduates. An innovative, context-informed assessment approach tailor-made for a low-income country that adopted competency-based nursing education was developed in this study. Through a multi-methods approach underpinned by the Design Science Framework, the candidate conducted a scoping review to establish an assessment knowledge base and a qualitative study to understand assessment practices and opportunities within the country of interest. Consequently, findings from the previous phases of the study were used to develop a unique assessment approach for competency-based nursing education for a low-income country. The assessment approach was validated by experts in nursing education from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Supervisor: Prof CN Nyoni

Co-Supervisor: Prof L Hugo-van Dyk

SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN VIROLOGY

LITABE, Matefo Millicent

Matefo Millicent Litabe was born on 11 November 1984 in Marquard, Free State. She matriculated at Retief High School in 2012 and completed her tertiary education at the University of the Free State (UFS). She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Biochemistry and Microbiology in 2016, a Bachelor of Medical Sciences Honours in Microbiology and Virology in 2017, and a Master of Medical Sciences with specialisation in Virology in 2020. She started her career as an intern Medical Biological Scientist in 2020 at the National Health Laboratory Service, Universitas Hospital, Bloemfontein. Currently, she is a Laboratory Technician at the Department of Genetics at the UFS and will continue her career as a postdoctoral fellow in Virology.

With her thesis titled, **ADAPTIVE IMMUNE RESPONSE IN COVID-19 PATIENTS AND INNATE IMMUNE MODULATION OF SARS-CoV-2**, the candidate contributes to knowledge and understanding of the kinetics and duration of immune responses in individuals with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The immune response was monitored in a cohort of individuals over a period of up to three years post-infection, between March 2021 and March 2023. The results showed that specific antibody responses against the virus waned with time but were still detectable 24 months post-infection. Individuals who had received the vaccine demonstrated higher antibody levels than unvaccinated individuals, suggesting the vaccine had boosted the immune response. The knowledge from this study informs public health interventions and supports the implementation and continued use of vaccine strategies aimed at mitigating the impact of the virus on global health.

Supervisor: Prof FJ Burt

MOGOTSI, Milton Tshidiso

Milton Tshidiso Mogotsi was born in Batho Location, Bloemfontein on 13 April 1993. He received his secondary education at Sehunelo Secondary School and matriculated in 2011. He obtained his Bachelor's in Science (BSc) in Microbiology in 2014, Honours in 2015, and Master's in Science (cum laude) in Microbiology in 2018. He completed his PhD in Medical Virology in 2023 at the University of the Free State (UFS). He started his career as an NRF intern at the Microbiology and Biochemistry department and at the UFS-Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Unit in 2016. In 2017, he was appointed at the UFS-NGS Unit as a research assistant, and, at present, he is a coordinator of wet lab activities at the UFS-NGS Unit.



With his thesis titled: **LONGITUDINAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ENTERIC VIROME OF INFANTS FROM THE FREE STATE, SOUTH AFRICA, USING VIRAL METAGENOMICS**, the candidate makes a significant contribution to the understanding of the acquisition, biogeography, and temporal evolution of viral communities colonising the gastrointestinal tract of new-borns from Free State. Employing the metagenomics approach, his thesis characterised the enteric virome of a cohort of asymptomatic South African infants in their first six months of life. The study further endeavoured to assess the influence of birth mode, feeding practices, and HIV exposure in shaping the virome composition. The thesis revealed that the gut of new-borns is inhabited by a spectrum of medically important viruses from as early as one week of life, including the common aetiologic agents of paediatric gastroenteritis, such as rotaviruses. This work further provides insight into the complex nature of viral co-infections in new-borns, concurrently revealing significant temporal patterns of gut viral communities in early infancy. The thesis concludes that, soon after delivery, the neonatal gut becomes rapidly colonised by a multitude of viruses, increasing in diversity and abundance over time, even in the absence of clinical symptoms, highlighting the need for early surveillance of viruses present in the infant's gut.

Supervisor: Prof MM Nyaga

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THUSI, Andisa Minenhle
TLALI, Nyakallo
TOTSHI, Nokhangelani
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BACHELOR'S DEGREES

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

BALOYI, Victor
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DIBANE, Itumeleng Emmanuel
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GXEKWA, Khanyisile Mbali
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MINNAAR, Johannes Christiaan
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BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY HONOURS WITH SPECIALISATION IN CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY

MATYENI, Siphamandla

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MASTER'S DEGREES

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLE TRANSLATION

MULDER, Jurgens Jacques
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MASTER OF THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY

BOESAK, Samuel Aubrey*

MASTER OF THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN MISSIONOLOGY

DU PREEZ, Rudi Clive Wilfred

MASTER OF THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN OLD TESTAMENT

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MOTAUNG, Sejake Petrus

MASTER OF THEOLOGY WITH SPECIALISATION IN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

MDLULWA, Zinzile

DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THEOLOGY

CLEAVER, Bronwen

Bronwen Cleaver was born in Manchester, UK on 4th June 1972. She obtained an MA degree in law from Cambridge University in 1993, a BA degree in Biblical and Cross-Cultural Studies from All Nations Christian College (UK) in 1999 and an MA degree in Intercultural Communication with an emphasis on translation (USA) in 2021. She joined SIL in 2015 and is now Director of the Institute of Bible Translation in Russia and a Bible translation consultant.

With her thesis titled: **A DESIGN FOR A PERFORMANCE-BASED ORAL BIBLE TRANSLATION IN THE SOUTHERN ALTAI LANGUAGE (SIBERIA)**, the candidate focuses on designing a contextualised performance, based on biblical passages translated by oral Bible translation, to give oral preference learners in the Republic of Altai the best possible access to Scripture. On the basis of a comprehensive analysis of traditional Altai epics performed by "throat singers," the candidate develops a model for oral Bible translation in which biblical passages are performed in a culturally relevant way. This research uniquely adds to the existing body of knowledge on oral Bible translation, with a focus on internalisation, extra-linguistic exegesis and oral performance of non-narrative genres. This is significant research for oral Bible translation, and especially with respect to the performance of Old Testament texts in local genres within the broader discipline of Bible Performance Criticism.

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with a focus on internalisation, extra-linguistic exegesis and performing non-narrative genres within the broader field of Bible Performance Criticism.

Supervisor: Prof JA Naudé and Prof CL Miller-Naudé

Gya, Daniel Moses

Daniel Gya was born at Miango, Nigeria, on 30th September 1976. He matriculated at the United Missionary Theological College, Ilorin, an affiliate of the University of Ibadan in 2000 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 2004. He then translated the New Testament into his mother-tongue, Rigwe. He studied Biblical Hebrew at the Wycliffe UK Centre, the Jerusalem Centre for Bible Translation, and Hebrew University. He obtained a Master of Arts in Theology with Specialisation in Bible Translation at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in 2014. He is currently a Bible translation consultant with Seed Company and an adjunct lecturer at Trinity Western University, Canada.

With his thesis titled: **TRANSLATING BIBLICAL POETRY IN THE CONTEXT OF AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE: THE CASE OF THE RIGWE LANGUAGE OF CENTRAL NIGERIA**, the candidate applies complexity theory and the principles of semiotics to Bible translation with a focus on the Psalms. He analyses selected Psalms to find the poetic and rhetorical structures and styles that are in Biblical Hebrew. Then he draws insight from African oral literature, identifying the various poetic genres in Rigwe songs, a language in Central Nigeria, to find the various rhetorical and poetic structures and styles in the language. He demonstrates how understanding of the complex systems in both the source and target language communities are essential for a more meaningful translation through considering the similarity and alterity that exist between them. The candidate has already presented aspects of the research at the international BT [Bible Translation] Conference in Dallas (USA).

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Supervisor: Prof CL Miller-Naudé and Prof JA Naudé

MARCHINKOWSKI, George Wilhelm

George Marchinkowski was born in Cape Town on 14 May 1973. He matriculated at the Settlers High School in Bellville before proceeding to Rhodes University where he graduated with a BA (with distinction) (1997) and a BD (Postgraduate) (2000). George is a minister in the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa and has served congregations in Margate, Edenvale, Bryanston, and now Somerset West. In 2011, he graduated as Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary (Atlanta, USA). From 2010 to 2012, he served as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly. At the University of Free State, he graduated with a MTh in Spirituality in 2020.

With his thesis titled: **A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART. HENRI NOUWEN'S SEARCH FOR THE EMBRACE OF LOVE**, the candidate makes a contribution to Spirituality as an academic discipline within the Christian tradition. The research explores the process of an individual's spiritual transformation in the writing of Catholic author Henri J.M. Nouwen. The project considers Nouwen's unusual metaphor for spiritual transformation, a series of swings between poles. It then considers three of his 'movements of the Spirit': loneliness to solitude, hostility to hospitality, and illusion to prayer before reflecting on his understanding of the unitive stage in the spiritual life. The study demonstrates how Nouwen articulated a coherent mystical path toward unity with the Divine, highlighting two characteristic themes, the spiritual path as a journey toward home, and the significance of 'the heart' referring to the deepest source of human spiritual life and the Divine Heart - the place of true belonging.



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Supervisor: Prof JA van den Berg

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

KEET, Eugene Elmar

Eugene Elmar Keet was born in Kylemore on 23 April 1970. He received his secondary education in Stellenbosch, where he matriculated at the Cloetesville Secondary School in 1990. He obtained the Diploma in Agriculture in 1992, the BA Degree in Bible, Theology and Ministry in 2012, the Degree Bachelor of Theology in 2016, and the Degree MTh in Practical Theology in 2019 (passing with distinction). He is an ordained pastor in the Apostolic Faith Mission Church of South Africa since 2014.

With his thesis titled: **A MISSIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ROLE OF FATHERS AND THE MORAL DECLINE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DWARS RIVER VALLEY**, the candidate makes a contribution to the discipline of Missiology. With this contribution, the objective was to determine the role of fathers in the context of the moral degeneration of young people in the Dwars River Valley. Following a critical realist approach the researcher later in the study also included father figures (mothers, guardians, and other role players). Through a combination of world café and semi-structures interviews with five congregations in the Dwars River Valley the researcher investigated the role of the father figures and that of the church. The study found that congregations can play a role in empowering fathers and father figures through its participation in the *missio Dei* and can serve as a transformative space for fathers and father figures to address moral degeneration of the youth.

With his thesis titled: **A MISSIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ROLE OF FATHERS IN THE MORAL DECLINE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DWARS RIVER VALLEY**, the candidate makes a contribution to the discipline of missiology. The candidate discusses fatherhood within a *missio Dei* paradigm, carefully navigating between theological and feminist critiques on fatherhood within Christian ecclesial praxis. Through a world café method, and a critical realist approach, the candidate explores the notion and praxis of fatherhood, which subsequently compels for ecclesial re-imaginings and a conceptual re-construction of such a notion in Christian ecclesial praxis to address moral degeneration among the youth.

Supervisor: Prof E Baron

PIENAAR, Zachery Chalwyn

Zachery Chalwyn Pienaar was born on 25 July 1968 in De Aar to parents Johnny and Shirley Pienaar. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister. He completed his school career at Orion Senior Secondary School. He married in 1989 and has 3 children. He started his ministry 31 years ago in Mariental (Namibia); served as minister for 22 years in the Uniting Reformed Church, and 9 years to the present at the Dutch Reformed Church throughout Namibia and South Africa. He studied BTh Honours at the University of the Western Cape and MTh at the University of Stellenbosch.

With his thesis titled: **DIE MISSIONALE ONTWIKKELING VAN DIE KLEIN PLATTELANDSE GEMEENTES: 'N EMPIRIESE ONDERSOEK NA DIE VGKSA VRYSTAAT/LESOTHO**, the candidate makes a contribution to the development of a missional ecclesiology for small rural congregations. Small rural congregations struggle to survive and are mostly vacant or served by a relieving minister. The research aimed to critically analyse fifty of these congregations' missional development. The congregations' aim, community involvement, resources, and leadership were analysed using a mixed methodology. The main



finding of the research was that the congregations were struggling to survive. Small rural congregations need a paradigm shift from maintenance to a missional-oriented congregation. This implies a movement from a self-centred ecclesiological understanding to a missional orientation, as the congregation exists for the *Missio Dei*. Small congregations can only develop as missional congregations if there is a move away from a traditional leadership style towards a missional leadership style.

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Supervisors: Prof WJ Schoeman and Prof HJ Hendriks

DEAN'S MEDAL

AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO ACHIEVED THE BEST RESULTS IN RESPECT OF A FOUR-YEAR BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

VENTER, Juan

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY

AWARDED TO A STUDENT WHO ACHIEVED THE BEST RESULTS IN RESPECT OF A BACHELOR HONOURS DEGREE IN THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

MAKHOROLE, Kegomoditswe Iris

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MISSION

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