



GRADUATION CEREMONY

BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023

08:30



VISION130
*Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034*

Faculty of Law

Bachelor's degrees, postgraduate diplomas, 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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

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List of candidates receiving degrees, diplomas, and certificates:

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

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

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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

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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- 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>.

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

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 40 000 students in its seven faculties (Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Health Sciences, the Humanities, Law, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Theology and Religion), with an increasing number of international students and associates, and an ever-widening scope of active involvement in and contribution to its surrounding communities.

For the past 119 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.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE UFS CREST OVER MORE THAN A CENTURY



1904

Up to 1935, the same coat of arms was used as the Grey College School.



1935

By 1935, with the name change to University College of the Orange Free State, the coat of arms fell into disuse, especially among students.



1947

In 1947, an agreement between management and students led to the new motto *Per Fidem ad Sapientiam* (Through faith to wisdom).



1950

In 1952, it was changed to *In Deo Sapientiae Lux* (In God is the light of wisdom). The traditional orange, white and blue, linking the UFS to the South African national colours, changed in the late 1990s.

The orange was replaced by cherry red.



2011

The academic brand - the historic University of the Free State crest that has been the symbol of the university since 1952, has evolved to embrace the aesthetic expectations of the stakeholders.

The shape of the traditional academic shield has been simplified and contemporised. Much of the symbolism of the crest remains intact, acknowledging the location of the UFS brand as one of the country's premier institutions of higher education, with a proud history of academic excellence and an ever-evolving, vibrant culture.



GRADUATION CEREMONY 2023

Honorary Awards | Honorary Doctorates

1950	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)	1987	JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)		MK Seely – DSc (h.c.)
1951	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)		WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)		C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)
1952	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)		B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)		F van Z Slabbert – DPhil (h.c.)
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)	1988	WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)		JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.)
1955	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)		JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)		PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)		FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)		L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.)
1958	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)		JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)		HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)	1989	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)	2005	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.)
1959	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)		N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)		JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)	1990	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)		JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)		JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)		WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.)
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)	1991	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.)		M Ramos – PhD (h.c.)
1960	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)		JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.)	2006	SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)
1961	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)		GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)		T Moss – PhD (h.c.)
1962	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)		JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.)		PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)	1992	E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)	2007	BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)
1963	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)		JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)		KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)		H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)	2008	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)	1993	JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.)	2009	JC Look – PhD (h.c.)
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)		RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)		LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)
1966	PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.)		SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)	2010	P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)	1994	JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)		BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)		JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)		AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.)
1967	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)		JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)	2011	M Jones – PhD (h.c.)
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)	1995	WA Landman – DEd (h.c.)		D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)		WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)		P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.)
1968	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)	1996	WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)		OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.)
1969	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)		NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)		RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)
	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)	1997	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)		A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.)
1970	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)	2012	RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.)
	HO Mönnig – DSc (h.c.)	1998	FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)		ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)
1971	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)	1999	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.)		M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.)
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)		JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.)		OW Prozesky – MD (h.c.)
1972	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)		S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)		FDJ Brand – LLD (h.c.)
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)		WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.)	2013	ZKG Mda – DLitt (h.c.)
1975	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		MA Ramphela – DPhil (h.c.)	2014	ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)		HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)		L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)		FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.)	2015	L Brahimi – DPhil (h.c.)
1976	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)	2000	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)		JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.)
1978	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)		TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)		MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)		I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)		JD Sacks – DEcon (h.c.)
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)	2001	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)	2016	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.)
1979	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)		NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)		TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.)
	G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.)		EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)		M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)	2002	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)		J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.)
1980	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)		BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)		F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.)
1981	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)		CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.)	2017	PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)		JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.)		M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
	SG Shuttleworth – DSc (h.c.)	2003	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)	2019	BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.)
1982	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)		HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)		J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
	GvN Viljoen – DEd (h.c.)		AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)		MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.)
1983	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)	2004	S Badat – DPhil (h.c.)	2021	ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
	SF Zaaiman – DPhil (h.c.)		R Bringle – DPhil (h.c.)		SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
1984	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)		J de Wet – DMus (h.c.)		RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)		CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.)	2022	WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)		GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)		DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
1985	L Alberts – DSc (h.c.)		WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.)		DE Mosenene – LLD (h.c.)
	GG Cillié – DPhil (h.c.)		A Krog – DLitt (h.c.)		AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
	SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)		K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)		MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.)		CJC Nel (Postuum) – PhD (h.c.)	2023	M Musk – DDiet (h.c.)
	J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.)		L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)		A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.)
1986	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)		T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)		D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
	FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)		YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.)		PCJ Vale – PhD (h.c.)

Shields of Honour, Council and Chancellor's Medals

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

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR | 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 an institution that commands a track record that is on par with well-regarded national peers, as reflected in the 2023 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 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 if you are on your own – however, great results can be achieved if 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 graduands. May you have continued success in all your endeavours!

Welkom by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat 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.

Gegradeueerdes, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n instelling te studeer wat 'n prestasierekord het wat gelykstaande is aan welbekende nasionale eweknieë, soos weerspieël in die 2023 Times Higher Education World University en 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 voortreflike 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.

Gegradeueerdes, 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 juiself met regte mense in regte gemeenskappe, terwyl julle welwillendheid, empatie, passie en bewustheid van werklike kwessies inskerp. As julle die onvoltooides doelwitte van hierdie land wil aanpak en 'n beter wêreld wil skep – bou brûe, bly moreel skerp-sinnig, en laat julle koalities 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 juiself 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 graduandi. Mag julle voortgesette sukses in al julle ondernemings behaal!

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

Letsatsi lena ke le kgethehlang 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 tshetsa leetong la lona. Ba bangata ba lona le ile la hlola maima a mangata leetong la lona ho filha moha kajeno. Ba bangata ba lona ke lona ba pele malapeng a lona ho fihlella sehlohlo 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 tlhoa 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, 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 2023 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 sebetisa jwalo ka kofuto e hlhisang phetoho le mogkwa o hlhisang melemo e mehlo ka ho fetisisa. Le hoja mishini ya yunivesithi ya rona ka dinako tsohle e bile ho le hlomella ka tsebo le bokgoni bo hlokalahalang 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 boiphihlelo bo hlaleletseng ka mahetla ba yunivesithi. Maikemisetso sa rona a ho hahamalla diphihlelo tse ipabolang, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona ke e loketseng bakeng sa fana ka bohale le tsebo ho atleha. Ka lebaka lena, makgabane a rona bakeng sa diphihlelo tse ipabolang, mehopolo e metjha le tshusumetso e ntle, boikarabelo, tlhokomelo, 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 ditabatabelo 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 ntse le ruta le ho jala mosa, kutwelobohloko, tjantjello, le temoho ya ditaba tsa sebele. Haeba le batla ho sebetisana le dipakane tse sa qetwang le ho theha lefatsho le betere – hahang marogo, dulang le le bohale, le ho theha maqhama a lona a ditshebedisano. Bophelo e ka ba bo phephetsang haeba o sebetisa o le mong – le ha ho jwalo, diphetho tse babatseheng di ka fihlellwa ka tshhebedisano le ho ba ngatana-nngwe.

Dinto di mahetlang 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 mora le ba nang le mathata a ba sitisang.

Re thoholetsa baithuti 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!

VISION130

*Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034*

The University of the Free State (UFS) aims to continue growing and extending its influence and impact locally, regionally, and globally. Vision 130 is an elaboration of our strategic intent to reposition the institution for 2034, when the university will commemorate its 130th anniversary. It reflects our ambition to be a university with a consistent outward focus, and to be profound in what we deliver – building on past achievements, while constantly transforming ourselves in order to stay relevant within the dynamic and ever-changing international higher education sphere.

VISION

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.

MISSION

The university's ultimate goal is to impart and generate new knowledge that impactfully supports societal development.

VALUES

The UFS subscribes to a set of values, explicated below, which shape and inform our culture and provide a framework for our actions and decisions.

Our values are realised through the conduct of the wider university community:

excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability.

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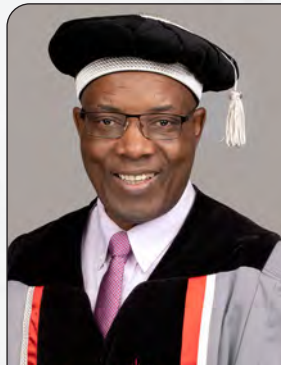
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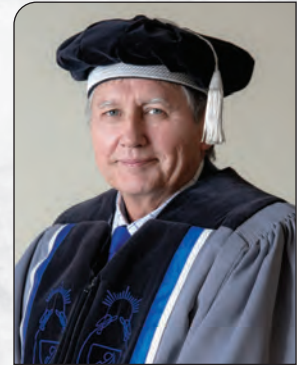
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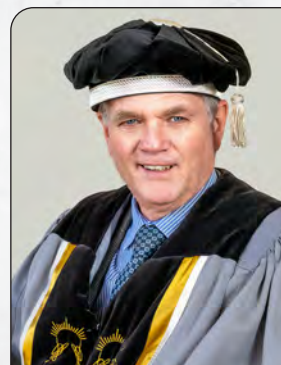
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Leah Molatseli is a lawyer, published legal tech author, speaker, and legal tech and innovation specialist who currently holds the role of Head of Business Development at Legal Interact. She focuses on the intersection between law, innovation, and technology, using her expertise to educate and empower the legal market. She is a guest lecturer at the University of Cape Town, where she develops and teaches legal tech and innovation-related courses to the broader legal industry. She is a Mandela Washington

Fellow, a University of Notre Dame alumna who enjoys everything that speaks to the use of technology and innovative processes to empower lawyers in whatever roles they find themselves – from practising lawyers to in-house legal teams.

She is a Council member of the University of the Free State, as well as a member of the ICT Committee, Chairperson of the Naming Committee, and Vice-Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee. She is part of the Advisory Board for the Global Legal Tech Hub and Women in Tech South African Chapter, a country member for the Global Legal Tech Consortium, and is one of the 2022 International Legal Technology Association's Most Influential Women in Legal Tech and one of the American Bar Association's 2022 Women of Legal Tech honourees. She was recently awarded the Schmidt Futures ISF 2023 Fellowship from Schmidt Futures, a philanthropic initiative founded by Wendy and Eric Schmidt, bringing talented people together in networks to test their ideas and solve complex problems in science and society. She is a 2023 Justitia Awards nominee and Institute for African Women In Law – 2023 Women to Watch.

Leah Molatseli is a University of the Free State LLB alumna. She then articulated at the UFS Law Clinic and was admitted as an attorney of the High Court in the Free State in 2012. She worked in private practice before founding a legal tech start-up business and publishing a legal technology book with Juta.

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ALEXANDER, Nadia

Nadia Alexander was born in Kimberley on 11 August 1980. She received her secondary education in Kimberley, where she matriculated at the Kimberley Girls High school in 1998. She obtained the degree Baccalaurus Legum (LLB) in the year 2002, the degree Master of Laws (LLM) with distinction in 2018 and her Doctor of Laws in 2023 at the University of the Free State. She started her career as a practicing attorney in Kimberley in 2002. In 2006 she was appointed in the Department of Education in the Northern Cape Province and at present she is an admitted Advocate and a senior legal advisor at the Northern Cape Department of Education.

There are numerous examples of strained relationships and litigation between the departments of education and school governing bodies, despite the constitutional imperative that organs of state should cooperate.

In her thesis, titled: **THE CREATION OF AN OMBUD OFFICE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COOPERATION AMONG EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS**, the candidate explores the suitability of an Ombud office to enhance access to justice for especially quintile 1–3 schools against administrative injustices and to improve cooperation among all stakeholders in order to maintain proper working relations between them, despite conflict. The candidate investigates the importance of access to justice for all stakeholders to ensure that they can contribute on an equal footing to the important project of quality education for all. She examines different types of Ombudman offices and the range of powers and functions that can be awarded to such an office to facilitate access to justice and cooperation among them.

Promotor: Prof JM Reyneke

GCUMENI, Fungisai Gloria A

Fungisai Gcumeni (nee Maisva) was born on 10 September 1978 in Harare, Mashonaland Zimbabwe. She obtained her General Certificate Ordinary level at Anderson School in Gweru Zimbabwe in 1994. Her General Certificate Advanced level was obtained at Marondera High School Mashonaland East in 1996. She graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Law degree (Bcom Law) at Rhodes University, Grahamstown in 1999 and 2001 respectively. She graduated with a Masters in Law degree at Stellenbosch University, South Africa in 2009. Her career in law began in 2002 and later in 2007 she embarked in research development and human rights work.

In her thesis, titled: **THE VALUE OF PRE-COLONIAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION METHODS IN ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLATIONS COMMITTED IN INTERNAL CONFLICT SITUATIONS IN ZIMBABWE**, the candidate considers conflict resolution in addressing sexual violence against women with reference to precolonial African law. The study underscores the inadequacies of the present legal system and garners insights from African traditional justice mechanisms as employed during pre-colonial times. The African philosophy of Ubuntu is drawn on, to re-imagine an alternative jurisprudence that counters Western domination and marginalisation of African indigenous knowledge in post-conflict justice initiatives in Zimbabwe. The study explores the possibilities of integrating Western and pre-colonial African philosophy and systems in conflict resolution on sexual violence. The main contribution of the thesis is in the consideration of an integrated approach in resolving conflict-related sexual violations that places Ubuntu epistemology at the heart of current jurisprudential challenges to respond to gaps in present approaches aimed at protecting women in Zimbabwe.

Promotor: Prof Karin van Marle

MHLANGA, Lindani

Lindani Mhlanga was born on 28 September 1993, in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He matriculated from St. Patrick's Christian Brothers College in Bulawayo in 2011. Between 2012 and 2018, he received Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Pretoria. He currently works in the fellowship programme of the International Association of Law Schools.

In his thesis, titled: **TO REMAIN**, the candidate contributes to property law discourse by asking what legal form can be given to the situation that pertains when a court dismisses an eviction application because eviction would be unjust and inequitable, allowing occupiers without any right, to remain on land. He shows that our law has failed clearly to describe both the position of those remaining without right on another's land and the impact that their remaining has on the property right of the affected landowner. This failure he ascribes to the structure of and the approach of our courts to the law, which supports indifference and detachment. He concludes that this structure and approach hinder the transformation of our property law away from an unjust past toward a humane future and that our incapacity to account for the fact of remaining constitutes the missing of an important transformative moment.

Promotor: Prof JFD Brand

NAIDOO, Amanda

Amanda Naidoo was born in 1973 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. She matriculated in 1990 from Chatsworth Secondary School. She obtained the B Proc degree in 1995 from the University of Durban-Westville and a Master of Laws (Medical law) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, in 2015. She is currently employed as a lecturer at the Central University of Technology, Free State.

In her thesis, titled: **XENOPHOBIA AGAINST NON-NATIONAL ACADEMICS EMPLOYED AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA: A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE**, the candidate contributes to human rights, equality, and anti-discrimination law and theory by asking whether South Africa's legal response to xenophobia is sufficient to address xenophobia against non-national academics at higher education institutions. Working from the notion of transformative substantive equality, she shows that, although it manifests mostly in covert and symbolic ways, xenophobia is indeed a problem at higher education institutions in South Africa. Based on a survey of the antidiscrimination and employment policy of several higher education institutions, national policy, applicable legislation, and case law, she concludes that the current protective legal framework is indeed inadequate, and that xenophobia-specific legislation, based on a transformative substantive understanding of equality should instead be enacted to protect non-national academics.

Promotor: Prof JFD Brand

TAMBWE, Giteya

Giteya Tambwe was born in Yassa Lokwa in the Democratic Republic of Congo on the 19th of December 1961. She matriculated from the Lycee Ngang-Ambel in 1980. In 2015, she obtained her LLB from the University of South Africa. A Master of Laws was awarded her by the University of Pretoria in 2018.

In her thesis, titled: **THE IMPACT OF A ONE-PARTY-DOMINANT SYSTEM ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE: THE CASE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**, the candidate contributes to democracy discourse by asking what impact de facto one-party rule of the Party of the People for Reconstruction and Democracy (PPRD) from 2006 to 2018 in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) had on the right vote. Through a detailed historical analysis based on a conceptual engagement with the notion of a one-party state, she establishes that despite regular multi-party elections, the DRC during this time de facto constituted a one-party state. She shows that despite its de jure entrenchment the right to vote was gradually emptied of

meaning, so that the DRC became a democracy in form only. She reaches several important conclusions about the nature of post-colonial democracies in Africa and the threat posed to democracy by de facto one-party rule.

Promotor: Prof JFD Brand

DOCTOR OF LAWS WITH SPECIALISATION IN MERCANTILE LAW

MPOFU, Kudzai

Kudzai Mpofo was born on 26 November 1988 in Gweru, which is in the Midlands region of Zimbabwe. He matriculated at Mkoba 3 High School in 2007 and obtained a Bachelor of Laws in 2015. He received a Vice Chancellor's Merit Award as one of the best students at the University of Venda in 2015. He further graduated with a Master of Laws, specialising in business rescue, in 2017. His career as a researcher began in 2018. He is currently a research assistant and part-time lecturer at the University of the Free State.

With his thesis, titled: **A BUSINESS RESCUE MODEL FOR UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS ENTITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA**, the candidate makes a valuable contribution to the legal theory of business rescue, specifically pertaining to financially distressed sole proprietorships and partnerships. Mpofo used a comparative research methodology to evaluate the business rescue models of small enterprises in Kenya, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Africa. Based on the good practices in these jurisdictions, the candidate proposed a business rescue model that provides for eligibility criteria, a procedural framework providing a step-by-step rescue process and an institutional framework addressing the roles/duties of the debtor, business rescue practitioner, and the judiciary in ensuring that unincorporated business entities are rehabilitated. Two accredited articles from the thesis have been accepted for publication.

Promotor: Dr HJ Moolman

Co-Promotor: Prof E Snyman Van Deventer

REYNDERS, Candice Leigh

Candice Reynders was born on 08 August 1991 in East London. She attended Eunice High School in Bloemfontein and matriculated in 2009. The candidate obtained her LLB summa cum laude in 2013 and LLM in 2016 at the University of the Free State. In 2016 she completed a Higher Diploma in Taxation at the University of South Africa. She is currently appointed as a director at Phatshoane Henney Attorneys in Bloemfontein in the commercial department where she specialises in corporate law and taxation.

With her thesis, titled: **A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DIRECTORS' DUTIES TO CREDITORS PRIOR TO INSOLVENCY**, the candidate explores whether South African company law appropriately addresses the duties owed by directors to creditors and the extent of consideration given to creditors' interests before a company becomes insolvent, including when the company is in the realm of insolvency. For this purpose, Reynders employed a comparative research methodology and investigated international instruments and the position of creditors in the United States of America and the United Kingdom. The research study culminates in proposed amendments to the Companies Act 71 of 2008 to provide clarity on directors' duties to creditors prior to insolvency. The study also recommends guidelines that suggest the presence of financial distress indicators. These guidelines can be used by directors to determine the extent to which directors should consider the interests of creditors when a company enters the realm of insolvency.

Promotor: DR HJ Moolman

Co-Promotor: DR L Jacobs

DOCTOR OF LAWS WITH SPECIALISATION IN PRIVATE LAW**SEPTEMBER-VAN HUFFEL, Anthea-Lee**

Anthea-lee September-Van Huffel, born in Cape Town on 19 April 1985. Attended secondary school at Stellenberg High School in Cape Town. Obtained the degrees LLB and LLM awarded by the University of the Western Cape. She is an admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa. Practiced at ENS and Webber Wentzel law firms in Johannesburg. Anthea-lee commenced her academic scholarly career as a Lecturer at the University of the Free State in 2017, in the Law Faculty, Private Law department. She is married to Heinrich Van Huffel and the couple have a son, Zack Van Huffel.

In her thesis, titled: **A CRITICAL INVESTIGATION OF STATE CUSTODIANSHIP AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROPERTY REGIME**. In the doctoral thesis she investigates state custodianship of rural agricultural land, particularly within the context of land reform initiatives and increased regulatory controls over natural resources like water and minerals for public interest; and the efficacy of the construct of state custodianship should it be applied to land as a natural resource. In so doing, she considers the socio-political basis for the legal construct of state custodianship and whether this novel construct has yet proven capable of delivering transformative outcomes. The original contributions highlighted by the examiners are: the comparison of public trusteeship with state custodianship and that of rural land tenure; The implications of a state custodianship model to rural communal land tenure; and the efficacy of a state custodianship approach as a tool for transformative constitutionalism.

Promotor: Dr JG (Marda) Horn

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND PHILOSOPHY OF LAW**BLOEM, Martie**

Martie Bloem was born in Pretoria on 9 January 1980. She attended primary school at Laerskool Laeveld in Mbombela and completed secondary school at Hoërskool Jim Fouché in Bloemfontein. She matriculated with 6 distinctions whereafter she enrolled for LLB at the UFS in 1999. In 2004, she was the best candidate attorney to receive an LLB degree and she was admitted as an attorney of the High Court. She practiced as an attorney until she was appointed as a lecturer in 2016. She obtained a LLM with specialisation in Private Law with a distinction in 2018 whereafter she enrolled for a PhD.

In her thesis, titled: **THE REQUIREMENT OF 'FIT AND PROPER' FOR THE LEGAL PROFESSION: A SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE**, the candidate challenges the current understanding and application of the 'fit and proper' requirement for admission to legal practice, finding that it is superficial and one-dimensional. She argues for a re-imagining of the requirement to allow for diversity and for the critical thinking needed to enable transformation of the legal profession. The study relates the requirement to the role of the legal professional in society and draws a direct link between objectives such as public interest, access to justice and social justice. The candidate proposes that being 'fit and proper' should be a continuous responsibility of all legal professionals and informed by Constitutional values and not mere compliance with fixed rules of conduct. With this thesis the candidate contributes significantly to the transformation of the legal profession as well as legal education.

Promotor: Prof K van Marle

RAMAKHULA, Thabang

Thabang Ramakhula was born in Maseru, the capital city of Lesotho, on the 19th of April 1990. She matriculated from Lesotho High School in 2008. In 2014, she was awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by the National University of Lesotho and in

2018 she graduated with a Master of Laws degree from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. She is currently employed as an interim project assistant with the European Union Delegation to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

In her thesis, titled: **THE IMPACT OF CUSTOMARY LAW AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN LESOTHO**, the candidate asks why, despite various interventions to improve it, women's political participation in Lesotho has progressively declined. From a postcolonial and African feminist perspective, she examines the relationship of custom and constitutionally entrenched customary law with women's social status and political participation. She shows that custom has formed and sustained social and political stereotypes concerning women's social status. Customary law, bolstered by its constitutional status, further formed, sustained, and entrenched women's subordination, negatively impacting their social status and political participation. The combined effect of custom and entrenched customary law, she concludes, is that women's subordination is woven so tightly into the fabric of Lesotho society and polity that legislative and policy measures introduced to improve women's political participation are likely to have little effect.

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YOKE PATTERNS

Yoke pattern for the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor



This Seanamarena pattern is an interpretation of a design used exclusively for the king and chiefs – which means 'to swear by the king'. This blanket has the highest status of all Basotho blankets.

Yoke pattern for the Chairperson of the Council



This Seanamarena Victorian crest motif appeared after the visit of the Prince of Wales to Lesotho in 1925, which made a profound impression on the local people. Customers refer to this blanket as 'lesiba' – meaning feathers – when buying it.

Yoke pattern for the Vice-Rector




This Seanamarena Poone design symbolises good crops, wealth, and fertility. The Poone is given as a present to honour an important visitor.

Yoke pattern for Registrar



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