

GRADUATION CEREMONY

QWAQWA CAMPUS

VISION130
Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034



EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY | 4 APRIL 2025 | 09:00



Faculty of The Humanities

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



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



PROGRAMME

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MUSICAL ITEM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

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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.

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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
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ABOUT THE UFS



BLOEMFONTEIN, QWAQWA, AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UFS Honorary Awards | UFS Honorary Doctorates

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

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

Shields of Honour, Council and Chancellor's Medals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to all our Kovsie 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**



Siyanamukela emcimbini wokuthweswa kweziqu waseNyuvesi yase-Free State.

U suku lwanamhlanje lungolukhethekile futhi olubalulekile kithi. Imibalwa imicimbi engaqhathaniswa nalo wokuthweswa iziqu, uma ubheka ohlangothini lwakho nalolo lwalabo ebebekuseka ngesikhathi uzabalaza lolu suku luyingqophamlando. Iningi lenu lihlangabezana nezingqinamba ezinhlobonhlobo kulolu hambo olujule kangaka. Iningi lenu ningabokuqala ngqa emindenini yenu ukuthi nifinyelele kuleli qophelo lempilo. Le mpumelelo ifike ngokuzikhandla kwenu ngakho kumele niwuthakasele lo mzuzu, futhi niziqhenye ngokuphindiwe ngomvuzo wezithukuthuku zenu.

Nina enizohlomula umvuzo-nibe nethuba eliyinqayizivele lokufunda esikhungweni semfundo ephakeme esineminyaka eyi-121 ubudala. Mihla yonke kumele uhlale ukutusa futhi ukuncoma ukubaluleka kwempumelelo yakho njengoba ususuka esigabeni

sokuba umfundi waseNyuvesi yase-Free State usunyukela esigabeni sokuba isifundiswa sakhona. Nginyanicele ukuthi nihlale nixhumene nozakwenu ebenifunda nabo ngokuthi niziqhenye ukuthi ningabanye bezingqalabutho ezanyathela emagcekeni ale nyuvesi.

Kuyiqiniso elingephikwe ukuthi impokophelo yeNyuvesi yethu kuhlale kungukukupha ulwazi namakhono adingekayo ukwenza ushintsho endimeni yakho yemfundo ephakeme, kodwa angeke sikulibale ukuthi amava nawo abaluleke ngokwedlulele ukuze wenze ushintsho emphakathini wangakini. INyuvesi yase-Free State iqinisekisa ukuthi abafundi baba nomunga ongekohlakale ngokwenzeka emanyuvesi. Emzameni wethu wokugcina ubuyoninco, siyaziqhenya ngokuthi isikhungo sethu singesivulelekile ekutheni umuntu nomuntu akhule ngokwemfundo nangokwempilo jikelele! Ukufakazela lokhu, amava ethu obuyoninco, ukuphucula nokuba neqhaza, ukuzibophezela, ukunakekela, inhlalohlale, nokulondoloza abonakala kuzo zonke izimiso nezinhlelo zesikhungo sethu.

Uma kungenzeka uye kwenye indawo yempilo okungesiyo iNyuvesi yase-Free State, ukhumbule ukuthi imfundo yakho iyisikhiye sekhethele. Ngiyakuncenga ukuthi uyisebenzise ukwenza uguquko olunzithelo, uyisebenzise ukulwisana nezimiso ezibekwe abaphezulu, nokuthi ukwazi ukufezekisa amaphupho akho ngomdlandla. Ikusasa alaziwa, kodwa ekugcineni kwakho konke lihlezi lifumbethe amathuba asuke elinde ukuthi uwamukele ngokwamakhono akho nangalokho okuphonse esivivaneni. Njengoba usuzoqala olunye uhambo lwempilo, hlala njalo ukhumbula izimiso osuzifundile kanye nokugququzeleka okutholile ukuze ucabe indlela yakho ethi 'wena!'

Thokozelani impumelelo yenu, nixoxe ngezamzukwana, niphinde nithakasele amathuba eniwaphathelwe ikusasa. Umhlaba ulindele ukuba niwuthuthukise, ngakho angeke sisakwazi ukulinda ukuthi sinibone nenza futhi niphothula izinto ezinhle.

Sithi halala kubo bonke abazokwethweswa iziqu namhlanje. Sengathi ningaqhakaza ngempumelelo kukho konke enikwenzayo.

Onifisela okuhle

NGU-SOLWAZI HESTER C. KLOPPER

**ONGUSEKELA-SHANSELA APHINDE ABE NGU-THISHANHLOKO
WENYUVESI YASE-FREE STATE**

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

letsatsi la kajeno efela e le le ikgethileng. Ke diketsahalo tse mmalwa tse nang le bohlokwa jwaloka mokete wa hao wa dikapeso, molemong wa hao esita le bao ba nnileng ba o tshehetsa 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 phihlelo 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 diphihlelo 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 mohlo di 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 boiphilelo bo hlwahlwa ka yunivesithi. Mabapi le kgothaletso ya rona ya boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona e tshehetsa kgolo ya kekelo le mahlale esita le ntshetsopele ya botho. Ka tsela e jwalo, makgabane a rona a boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, boitshimollelo, sekgahla, boikarabelo, 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 boikemisetsa. Bokamoso bo ka bonahala bo sa kgothwehe, 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 ithutleng tsona le tshepo ya ho ipetlela tsela ho ya pele.

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

Ditakaletso tsa mahlohonolo ho baithuti ba rona ba Kovie 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

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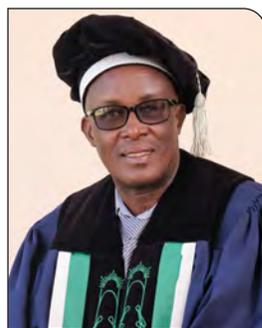
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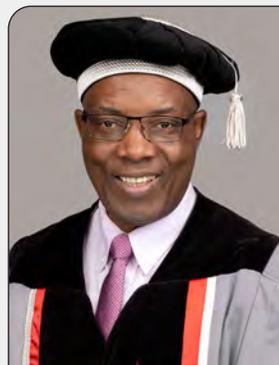
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MAKHABANE ALEC MOPELI



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Originally from Qwaqwa, Makhabane Alec Mopeli began his professional and educational journey in manufacturing and health care. After completing matric in 1989, he spent five years working as a general worker in various factories, gaining first-hand experience in the realities of the labour market. Determined to further his education, he enrolled at the Manapo School of Nursing, where he successfully completed his nursing qualification and worked as a nurse for six years.

In 2001, Mopeli transitioned from nursing to an administrative role, accepting a senior administrative position. His capabilities were soon recognised, leading to his appointment as Assistant Manager. However, his ambition did not stop there – he continued to further his education, obtaining a Bachelor of Administration (BAdmin) degree from the University of the Free State (UFS) Qwaqwa Campus. His academic pursuits continued at the University of South Africa (UNISA), where he earned both a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Master of Laws (LLM).

Mopeli's career in public service advanced steadily. In 2004, he was promoted to Deputy Director within the Free State Provincial Government. His expertise in labour relations led to his appointment as Director: Labour Relations in the National Department of Tourism in 2012. He later transferred back to the Free State Provincial Government, where he worked until resigning from public service to establish his own law firm.

Today, he is an admitted and practising attorney, conveyancer, and notary public of the High Court of South Africa, as well as an admitted advocate of the courts of Lesotho.



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

MAWIRE, Primrose Rufaro

Primrose Rufaro Mawire (a married mother of one) was born in Zimbabwe on the 5th of April 1979. She completed her high school education at Zimuto and Mutendi High Schools in Masvingo Province. She graduated with a BA Hons (English and Communication) and MA (African and Diasporan Literature) from Midlands State University (Zimbabwe). She currently serves as a lecturer at the same university's Communication Skills Centre, a position she has held since 2009.

With her thesis titled: **EMERGING FROM CRISIS: REPRESENTATION OF CHILDHOOD IDENTITIES FROM SELECTED ZIMBABWEAN SHORT STORIES OF THE *THIRD CHIMURENGA* ERA**, the candidate contributes to the growing body of scholarship on the after-effects of the post-2000 crisis [crises] in Zimbabwe. The central epistemological concern of this thesis is the emerging childhood identities as consequence of Zimbabwe's controversial and contested land reform programme, otherwise known as the *Third Chimurenga*. The thesis focuses on imagined or literary childhoods as represented in selected short stories told from the perspective of child narrators, thus making the case that children and the short story genre have been under-represented in academic scholarship about the literature that has emerged from Zimbabwe post-2000.

Supervisor: Dr KM Ngara

Co-Supervisor: Prof I Manase

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN ENGLISH

FINGSON, Kundai Watson

Kundai Watson Fingson is a BA Hons (English) and MA (English) graduate of the University of Zimbabwe. He served as a contract lecturer at the same university for a number of years after completing his Masters. Dr Fingson, a married father of one son, first enrolled for PhD studies in the English Department of the University of the Free State, Qwaqwa Campus in February of 2022. During the period of his studies he also served in the role of Junior Lecturer and Learning Facilitator in the department where he assisted with the language modules for teachers in training.

With his thesis titled, **COSMOLOGIES OF MADNESS: EXPLORING REPRESENTATIONS OF MADNESS IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN LITERARY AND CULTURAL TEXTS**, the candidate contributes to the budding scholarship on African and non-western approaches to psychology and mental well-being. The central epistemological concern of this thesis is the marginality of African epistemologies and the privileging of Western models in the analysis of African literary texts which have madness as their central theme. This is in keeping with the thesis' characterization of the literary and cultural texts as enabling the reclamation of "spaces for the visibility of African and postcolonial bodies by reimagining their cosmologies to articulate contemporary African sociopolitical realities and possible solutions". Relying mainly on the literary method of close reading and the application of



relevant theories and concepts, the candidate explores depictions of madness in seven recent African literary and filmic texts in an attempt to recentre marginalised African cosmology.

Supervisor: Dr KM Ngara

Co-Supervisor: Prof O Nyambi

MOOPI, Peter

Peter Moopi, born and raised in Rustenburg in the Northwest Province, matriculated at Kwenatlase High School and studied for a Diploma in Marketing at Tshwane TVET College. He later studied here at the UFS, Qwaqwa campus, from 2016, for a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in English, Business Management and Psychology, a Bachelor of Arts Honours in English, Master of Arts with specialisation in English, and the current Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in English. He has worked as an Online Tutor at the Centre of Teaching and Learning, and as a Learning Facilitator in the Department of English, where he is currently working as a Lecturer of English Studies.

With his thesis titled: **APPROACHES TO, AND REPRESENTATIONS OF, THE DECOLONIAL QUESTION: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SELECTED SOUTH AFRICAN AND ZIMBABWEAN LITERARY TEXTS**, the candidate contributes to scholarship on African decoloniality and nation-building agendas in former colonised nations. The thesis explores, drawing mainly on the decoloniality theoretical framework, how selected South African and Zimbabwean texts depict the nature of and complexities evident in the imaginaries of the decolonial question. The study considers on the one hand, how selected South African texts treat issues that include access to education and economic empowerment, the persistence of economic inequalities, migration and the reconfiguration of democratic and “rainbowist” agenda within a schema of the challenges defining the imaginings of the nation in relation to decoloniality. It considers, on the other hand, the Zimbabwean texts’ focus on the land issue, the anti-Euro-American agenda and radical economic empowerment campaign, nationalist governance and shifting political transformation to discern the imaginaries of de-Westernisation and Africanisation and the associated paradoxes such as the entrenchment of violence and repressive governance and economic crises. The thesis makes a significant contribution to scholarship on prevailing modes of understanding the intricate dynamics of evolving strands of decoloniality in southern Africa, especially in the context of emerging discourses of radical economic transformation in South Africa and the black nationalist and Pan-Africanist anti-imperialism and the struggle for land and resources that emerged in Zimbabwe post-2000.

Supervisor: Prof I Manase

Co-Supervisor: Prof R Makombe

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN SOCIOLOGY

SOKO, Mavis

Mavis Soko was born on 7 July 1977 in Goromonzi District, Zimbabwe. She matriculated at Chabwino Secondary School in 1994. She obtained diplomas in Secretarial Studies (1996) and Industrial Relations (2006) from Ranche House College and the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) respectively. Mavis further received a BSc Hons in Psychology (2010) from the Women’s University in Africa and an MSc in Population Studies (2013) from UZ. She began her



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career as an administrator at UZ in 2002, rising to Faculty Administrator in 2022. Mavis began her career as an academic in 2023 and continues to lecture at UZ and the Zimbabwe National Defence University.

With her thesis titled: **ETHNIC AND GENDERED IMPLICATIONS OF SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL RIGHTS: PROSPECTS FOR AN ETHNIC-SPECIFIC INTERVENTION AMONG KARANGA AND ZEZURU WOMEN IN ZIMBABWE**, the candidate contributes to scholarship on sexual rights (SR) by exploring the intersectionality of gender and ethnicity in understanding sexual rights and autonomy among women in Zimbabwe's rural communities. Using a mixed-methods approach, the study surveyed 450 respondents and conducted interviews with community leaders and health workers to explore how persistent patriarchal norms and harmful cultural practices limit women's access to sexual rights. Findings reveal significant knowledge gaps on SR, reinforcing the need for culturally sensitive interventions. The study argues that the intersectionality of gender and ethnicity is essential in shaping effective SR policies and programs, highlighting the importance of community-driven engagement in advancing sexual rights among the Karanga and Zezuru women.

Supervisor: Dr D Nzima



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