

GRADUATION CEREMONY

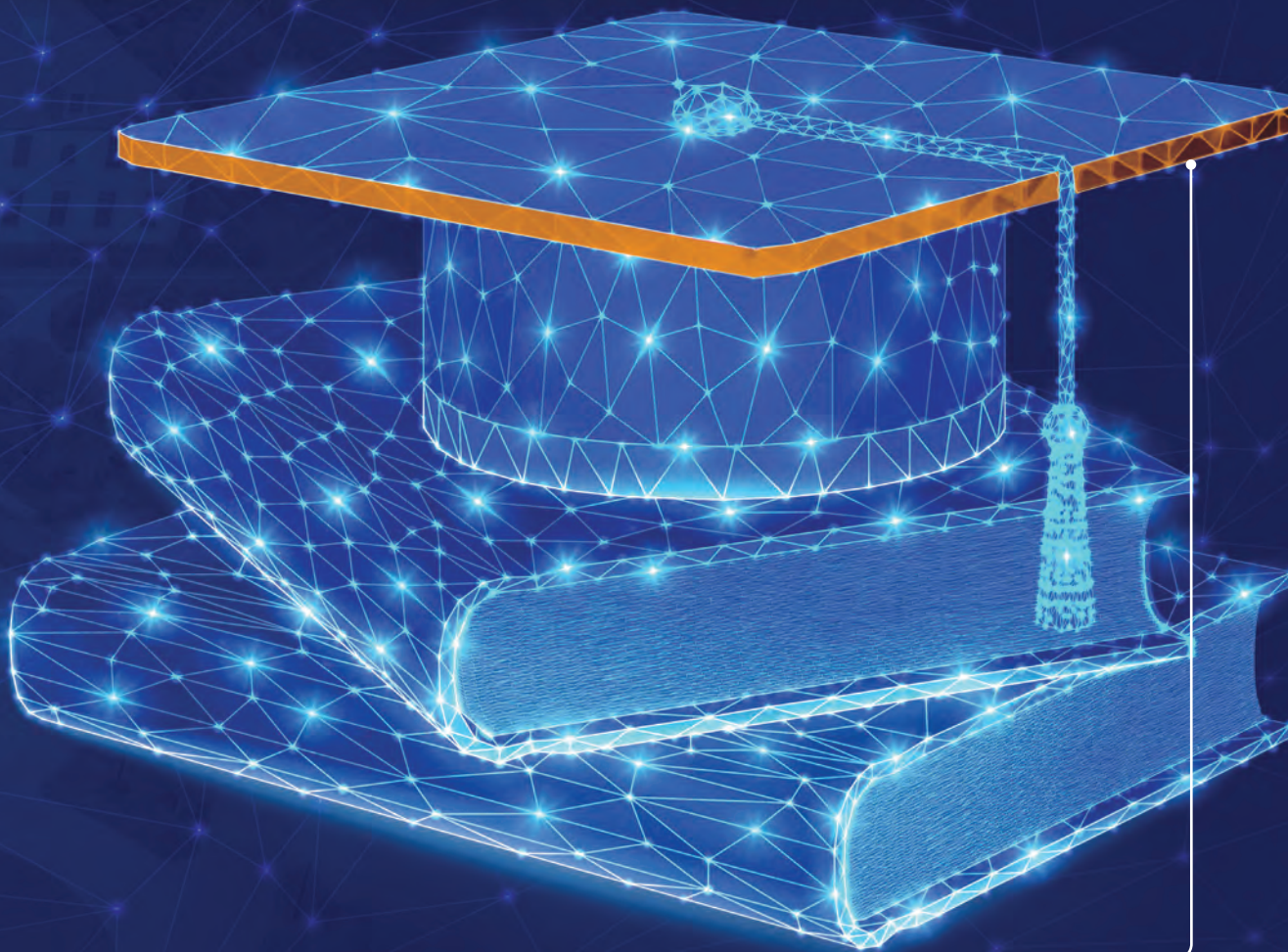
BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

VISION130
Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034



EXCELLENCE

WEDNESDAY | 9 APRIL 2025 | 08:30



Faculty of The Humanities

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



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



PROGRAMME

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFICIAL WELCOME

MUSICAL ITEM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

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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
- Please do not leave the hall before the graduation proceedings have been concluded
- Family and friends who are unable to attend may watch the full graduation ceremonies through our livestream link at <https://livestream.ufs.ac.za>

ABOUT THE UFS



BLOEMFONTEIN, QWAQWA, AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UFS Honorary Awards | UFS Honorary Doctorates

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

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| | 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 Looock – 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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Best wishes

PROF HESTER C. KLOPPER
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL
UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beste wense

PROF HESTER C. KLOPPER

**UISEKANSELIER EN PRINSIPAAL
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Madume

MOPROFESA HESTER C. KLOPPER

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HONORARY DOCTORATE

Ms Joyce Ntombizanele Siwani's remarkable career in social work, education, and policy development is underpinned by a deep commitment to social justice and community empowerment. Ms Siwani has dedicated her life to shaping policies and initiatives that uplift marginalised communities across South Africa.

Siwani holds a BA in Social Science, majoring in Social Work and Psychology from UNISA, a Higher Diploma in Communication Studies from WITS, and additional qualifications in Adult Basic Education and project evaluation. Her professional journey has seen her in pivotal roles, influencing national policies and community-driven programmes.

As Principal Report Writer for the National Children's Rights Committee, she played a crucial role in drafting reports that informed policies on orphaned and vulnerable children. She further contributed to community development as a Community Liaison Officer for the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), where she mobilised communities for sanitation initiatives. Her expertise extended to housing and education, serving as a Project Consultant for Creative Associates and a Programme Designer at WITS.

Her impact on advocacy and leadership development is extensive. She worked as a Communication Officer for the South African Council of Churches and served as Executive Secretary of the South African Black Social Workers' Association. She has also consulted on cross-cultural communication, affirmative action, and leadership development, evaluating numerous projects, including those under the Kellogg Foundation Southern Africa Leadership Programme.

A key figure in the merger that formed the University of Johannesburg (UJ), Ms Siwani served on its Council, contributing to senior appointments and the formulation of UJ's Statute. Her contributions to national education policy were significant, having participated in the Eloff and Cillier Commissions in the 1970s and the National Education Policy Unit.

Her dedication has earned her numerous accolades, including the Mayor of Detroit's Award for Courage, the Ellen Kuzwayo Medal from UJ, and fellowships from Penn State University and WITS University. Beyond academia, she remains active in community service through the St. Paul's Anglican Church, and as a founding member of Fifty and Beyond South Africa (FABSA), a network supporting women over the age of 50.

The UFS is proud to honour Ms Siwani's exceptional contributions to society and her unwavering commitment to social change. Her legacy continues to inspire future generations to advocate for justice, equality, and community development.

PROF MPUME ZONDI



GUEST SPEAKER

Prof Mpume Zondi is an NRF-rated scholar and Vice-Dean: Research, Postgraduate Studies and Internationalisation in the Faculty of The Humanities at the University of the Free State (UFS). Prior to her current position, Prof Zondi was Head of the Department of African Languages at the University of Pretoria (UP) for seven years. Her academic career, which began at the University of KwaZulu-Natal where she studied and worked for 17 years, spans almost three decades. She has established herself as a scholar and academic leader committed to advancing research, teaching, and community engagement in the humanities.

As a recipient of the prestigious South African Fulbright Research Scholar Programme (2022-2023), Prof Zondi spent a transformative research period at the Ohio State University's Department of African American and African Studies. During that time, she took advantage of unique opportunities to enhance her research expertise, establish global collaborations, and increase her academic visibility. Her research expertise lies at

the intersection of gender and literature. She uses literature as a powerful platform to navigate and address pressing issues related to gender equality, inclusivity, and non-homophobic society.

In addition to her scholarly articles in reputable journals, Prof Zondi is the author of *Bahlabelelani – Why Do They Sing? Gender and Power in Contemporary Women's Songs* – a thought-provoking book that deconstructs her PhD research. She is also a principal editor of a recently co-edited manuscript titled, *Thetha Sizwe: Contemporary South African Debates on African Languages and the Politics of Gender and Sexualities*, a collection of thought-provoking debates by more than ten authors.



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

DJESSE, Wa Matchabo

Wa Matchabo Djesse is a citizen of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has over a decade of experience in strategic leadership and management of complex multi-sectoral humanitarian and development programs in both stable and fragile environments. He obtained his Bachelor of Education from Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Bukavu in the DRC in 2004 and his master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, in 2012. Currently, he holds the position of South Zone Operations Director for World Vision International (WVI) in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

With his thesis titled: **SMALL-SCALE CROSS-BORDER TRADE AND THE GENDERED POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE EVERYDAY: POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION IN NORTH AND SOUTH KIVU PROVINCES, DRC**, the candidate contributes to the fields of gender, political economy, and post-conflict reconstruction. Through a critical examination of liberal peacebuilding approaches, the candidate proposes an innovative African decolonial-feminist perspective. The concept of 'diffractive intersectionality' illuminates the daily experiences of small-scale cross-border traders at border posts in the Kivus, juxtaposing these experiences against the contemporary structures of power that shape their lives, including gender, coloniality (race), poverty (class), and violence.

Supervisor: Prof H Hudson

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MUSIC

COETZER, Johannes Stepanus

Johannes Stephanus Coetzer was born in Klerksdorp, in 1991, but grew up in the Western Cape. He matriculated at President High School in 2010 and subsequently obtained a Bachelor's in Music (2015) and a Master's in Music Education (2019) from Stellenbosch University. In 2024, he completed his PhD in Music at the University of the Free State. His career as a teacher began in 2013, teaching music at non-profit institutions Jamestown Sounds and D-Piano Lab, moving on to the Head of the Music Department in China. He is present Head of the Aesthetics Department and Förstelärare at Internationella Engelska Skolan Huddinge, Stockholm, Sweden.

With his thesis titled: **THE APPLICATION OF A SEAMLESS LEARNING APPROACH IN THE YEAR 9 LGR-22 MUSIC CURRICULUM USING THE SLED FRAMEWORK: A CASE STUDY**, the candidate contributes to the scholarship on technology-enhanced music education. His study focused on bridging formal and informal learning contexts to foster personalised student engagement through seamless learning. Using a qualitative case study incorporating classroom observations, semi-structured interviews and questionnaire reflections, Coetzer demonstrates how digital tools, flexible pedagogy and self-reflection enrich the Year 9 Music Curriculum in Sweden. Whereas many studies explore seamless learning, its application in music education remains under-examined. This study also underscores the significance of the SLED model in accommodating diverse student preferences for creating, presenting and interacting with course content. Coetzer presents the argument that structured yet



adaptable teaching approaches can enhance student engagement, promote self-directed skills development and create inclusive environments – ultimately transforming traditional curricula into dynamic technology-driven educational experiences.

Supervisor: Dr AMF de Villiers

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PSYCHOLOGY

PRETORIUS, Sheree Elizabeth

Sheree Elizabeth Pretorius obtained her National Senior Certificate from Goudveld Secondary School in 2008. She began her academic journey at the University of the Free State (UFS) in 2010, where she obtained a Bachelor of Social Science in Human and Societal Dynamics in 2014, followed by a Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Psychology in 2015. She went on to complete a Master of Social Science in Psychology in 2019 and a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology in 2025. In addition to her academic achievements, Pretorius has served as a facilitator at UFS, specialising in Psychology, Sociology, and Communication Science modules. She currently holds the position of postdoctoral research fellow at UFS.

With her thesis titled: **PSYCHOMETRIC PROPERTIES OF THE PRISON ADJUSTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE (PAQ) AMONGST MALE AND FEMALE INCARCERATED OFFENDERS IN SOUTH AFRICAN CORRECTIONAL CENTRES**, the candidate contributes to Psychocriminology, focusing on correctional adjustment. Correctional adjustment is crucial for offender rehabilitation, aiding emotional regulation, reducing conflicts, and minimizing recidivism. Wright (1983) developed the Prison Adjustment Questionnaire (PAQ) to measure offenders' adjustment, particularly discomfort with incarceration. This South African study investigated the PAQ's psychometric properties using a sample of 814 incarcerated offenders. Findings from Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analyses supported a two-factor model – Behavioural and Emotional Adjustment – instead of the original three-factor structure. This revised model offers a robust framework for understanding offender adjustment. The PAQ demonstrated strong validity and reliability, within the South African context, reinforcing its effectiveness in measuring correctional adjustment. These findings highlight the PAQ's potential for improving offender placement and rehabilitation efforts in South African correctional centres.

Supervisor: Prof J Jordaan

Co-Supervisor: Prof KGF Esterhuysen

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN AFRICA STUDIES

DUBE, Jerit

Jerit Dube was born in Plumtree in Zimbabwe. In 2009, she matriculated at Dombodema High School in Matabeleland South Province of Zimbabwe. In 2016, she obtained a Bachelor of Social Science Honours in Geography and Environmental Science Degree at Monash South Africa University; and in 2019, she graduated with a distinction in the Master of Philosophy in Integrated Water Management Degree at Monash South Africa University. She started



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her career as a Research Assistant and at one point also doubled as an adjunct lecturer at Monash South Africa. Currently, she is a lecturer at the University of the Free State, QwaQwa Campus.

With her thesis titled: **ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESILIENCE AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION IN THE AFROMONTANE REGION: ANALYSING THE LIVELIHOOD STRATEGIES OF FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS IN QWAQWA**, the candidate's study contributes to the understanding of female entrepreneurship with a specific emphasis on entrepreneurship resilience and vulnerability reduction in the Afromontane region. Dube's findings reveal that the vulnerability exposure of female entrepreneurs cannot be understood as an elementary issue but as a multifaceted phenomenon. Furthermore, the findings indicate a higher vulnerability exposure and a lower resilience capacity of female entrepreneurs in QwaQwa. By thoroughly exploring vulnerability reduction and entrepreneurship resilience strategies, this study contributes to developing targeted interventions that empower women and foster sustainable economic growth in the Afromontane region.

Supervisor: Dr G Magaiza

LECHABA, Leshaba Tony

Mr Lechaba was born on 11 January 1981 in Limpopo. He attained his Bachelor of Arts in Communication Science degree with distinction at UNISA in 2012 and later obtained an Honours Degree in Media Studies in 2014 from the same institution. He was awarded a degree of Master of Arts in Communication with distinction from UNISA in 2019. His career as an academic began in 2016 when he was employed as a Junior Lecturer in the Department of Communication Science at UNISA. He later got promoted to the position of Lecturer in 2021, which is the position he currently holds.

With his thesis titled: **EXPLORATION OF BIKO AND SANKARA'S POLITICAL THOUGHTS AND PRAXIS IN RELATION TO AFRICAN RENAISSANCE AS A DECOLONIAL PROJECT**, the candidate contributes to the discourses of liberation, decoloniality and African historiography by examining the political thoughts and praxis of Steve Biko and Thomas Sankara and how they advance African Renaissance as a de-linking project. Employing a qualitative hermeneutical textual analysis approach and foregrounding Ubuntu as a philosophical lens, Lechaba explores how both Biko and Sankara's political thoughts respond to the rhetoric of coloniality and the perpetual dependency that emanates from the said condition. Through their lessons as reflected in their political thoughts and praxis, the thesis has demonstrated that Biko and Sankara should be read as providing powerful insights into the understanding of African Renaissance as a de-linking tool in the context of the entrenched persistence of coloniality. The thesis has elucidated the significance and relevance of Biko and Sankara's political thoughts for present-day Africa and argues for the advancement of a people-centric approach in responding to the prevailing African condition.

Supervisor: Dr M Leshoele

Co-Supervisor: Prof C Twala

OSO, Adedeji Odunayo

Adedeji Odunayo Oso was born in Ikare Akoko of Ondo State, Nigeria on 30th January 1982. He received his secondary education at Saint John/Mary's Unity Secondary School Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria. He studied Political Science at the University of Ado-Ekiti and graduated in 2008. He also bagged his M.Sc. degree in Political Science with a specialization in International Relations at the University of Ibadan in 2013. He started his career as an administrative officer at the Ekiti State University, Nigeria in 2011. Since 2016, he holds the position of lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Ekiti State University, Nigeria.



With his thesis titled: **DESTINATION EUROPE: MIGRATION GOVERNANCE ALONG THE NIGERIA-LIBYA ROUTE**, the candidate sought to understand the complex challenges of migration governance along the Nigeria-Libya route to Europe and to suggest solution-driven strategies that can facilitate safer, regular and effective migration management in Africa. The study deploys the World System Theory, Aspirations-Capabilities Model and Statist-Controlled Model as theoretical frameworks to unpack the complex migration governance. Data was gathered from relevant governmental actors, institutions, and stakeholders at the transnational and national spaces of the route and were analysed through the prism of qualitative content analysis using NVivo 14. Empirical findings revealed that state and non-state actors-induced dilemmas, restrictive cross-border control, parental/peer pressure, institutional capacity deficits, poor monitoring mechanisms, lack of funding, restrictive visas, and inter-agency rivalry, among others, undermine the migration governance of the Nigeria-Libya route. The study recommends a proposed migration governance framework (MGF) driven by realities on the ground.

Supervisor: Dr MWT Chibwana

Co-Supervisor: Prof M Mushonga

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCE

LOMBARD, Elbie

Elbie Lombard was born in Bloemfontein on 27 March 1973. She received her secondary education in Lichtenburg, Northwest, where she matriculated at Hoërskool Lichtenburg in 1991. She obtained the degree BCom Communication Science at the then Potchefstroomse Universiteit vir Christelike Hoër Onderwys in 1995, a BCom Honours in Business Sociology at the same institution in 1996, and a Master's degree in Communication Science at the University of the Free State in 2011. She started her career as Media Liaison Officer at the Northwest Provincial Legislature in Maheking in 1997. In 2005 she was appointed in the Department of Communication Science at the UFS, where she is a lecturer at present.

With her thesis titled: **SEE WHAT I SAY: WHITE AFRIKANER WOMEN'S USE OF TATTOOS TO COMMUNICATE IDENTITY**, the candidate examines what young Afrikaner women's tattoos tell us about changes in Afrikaner culture, values, and identity formation and expression. Using Hecht's Communication Theory of Identity as a way for Communication Studies to bridge Sociology and Psychology, her in-depth interviews and examination of participants' tattoos provide compelling new evidence of pressures on Afrikaner women and their responses in 21st century South Africa. As one examiner wrote, her combination of Hecht with other communication theory approaches also "contributes to the wider task of theorizing identity formation from a communication perspective".

Supervisor: Prof IE Glenn

Co-Supervisor: Dr W Marais

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN CRIMINOLOGY

PHILLIPS, Ashwill Ramon

Ashwill Ramon Phillips, a criminologist specialising in youth gang subcultures, was born on 5 October 1986 in Kimberley, Northern Cape. He matriculated from Grey College in 2004 and pursued his academic career at the University of the Free State, earning a Bachelor of Arts in 2008, a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Criminology (Cum Laude) in 2009, and a Master of Arts in Criminology (Cum Laude) in 2018. His work critically examines gangs,



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criminogenic variables, delinquency trajectories, and protective factors shaping youth misconduct. He is currently a lecturer in the Department of Criminology at the University of the Free State.

With his thesis titled: **EXPLORING GANG SUBCULTURE: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON INITIATION RITES, GANG DYNAMICS, SYMBOLISM, HIERARCHY, AND THE CRIMINOGENIC VARIABLES PERPETUATING GANG MEMBERSHIP**, the candidate makes a novel contribution to gang scholarship by developing a typology for occult gangs. Focusing on the Free State, the study highlights the integration of spiritism, mysticism, and esoterism into gang practices, a phenomenon largely underexplored in existing research. Through qualitative, interpretivist methods, the study reveals how occult beliefs such as muti-rituals, spiritual gatherings and blood-oaths are pivotal in shaping gang identity and dynamics. The research shows that these practices not only foster group cohesion and power, but also perpetuate criminal behaviour, with gangs utilising mysticism to assert dominance and evade law enforcement. The study provides a framework for understanding these subcultures and offers data to inform targeted interventions, policies and gang reduction strategies. This work opens new avenues for research on occult-influenced gangs globally.

Supervisor: Dr M Cronjé

Co-Supervisor: Prof F Steyn

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN ENGLISH

HENNING, Johanna Gertruida

Hanta Henning was born in Paarl, South Africa, in 1981. She completed her schooling in Krugersdorp, Gauteng, matriculating from Hoërskool Noordheuwel in 1999. She received her BA (Communication) degree from North-West University in 2003, followed by a BA Honours (English) *cum laude* and MA (English Linguistics) degrees from the same institution in 2004 and 2006, respectively. She lectured in English Applied Linguistics at NWU in 2005 before being appointed as lecturer at the University of the Free State in 2006, where she also pursued her PhD studies in English literary studies and where she remains employed.

With her thesis titled: **ALLEVIATING THE NARRATIVE BURDEN: SOUTH AFRICAN ADOPTION NARRATIVES, KINSHIP, AND BELONGING**, the candidate analyses adoption narratives by four South African authors to contextualise interracial adoption in the country. Her study addresses specific questions pertaining to how the adoption triad are represented in these texts and what readers can learn about the triad and interracial adoption upon reading these works. Using various theoretical frameworks, Henning explores what the authors indicate about interracial adoption and the triad through the literary works' semantic, spatio-temporal, and cognitive-affective maps and whether these four texts can be called sites of narrative unburdening for the South African adoption triad.

Supervisor: Prof O Nyambi

Co-Supervisor: Prof MS Conradie

NDOU, Ndhivhuwo

Ndhivhuwo Ndou matriculated at Equisweni Secondary School. She completed her bachelor's degree in applied linguistics in 2012 and her master's degree in 2016 at the Tshwane University of Technology. She holds a TESOL qualification from the University of the Witwatersrand and has taught English at several institutions locally and abroad. In 2021 Ndhivhuwo was appointed as a lecturer in the English Department on the Qhubeka Development Programme for promising young academics.



With her thesis titled: **LANGUAGE PROGRAMME EVALUATION FOR MEANINGFUL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING IN DIVERSE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS: INVESTIGATING THE PARAMETERS FOR MORE EQUITABLE EDUCATION**, the candidate investigates the alignment of language policy in education and the prescribed Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) for Grade 10 English First Additional Language (FAL) with the needs of learners and teachers in quintile 1 schools. Through the application of Lynch's Context Adaptive Model for language programme evaluation, she analyses authentic data sets that provide a holistic view of the realities of English teaching in specific township and rural contexts. Her case study shows the need for ecologically sensitive education policy and practice to operationalise the democratic ideal of equality. The study has implications for policymaking, curriculum design and teacher training to address academic language and literacy challenges in quintile 1 schools and to implement the curricular philosophies of social reconstructionism and progressivism.

Supervisor: Dr CL du Plessis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION

ALLI, Asief

Asief Alli was born in Pietermaritzburg KwaZulu Natal on 10 November 1969. He received his secondary education in Pietermaritzburg, where he matriculated at the Karina Secondary School in 1987. He obtained the degree Bachelor in Technology Water Care in 2018, Post Graduate Diploma in Governance and Political Transformation in 2019, his Masters in Governance and Political Transformation in 2021 and the PhD in 2025 at the University of Free State. Asief Alli started his career as a pumpstation cleaner at Umgeni Water in Pietermaritzburg. In 2015 he was appointed in Gauteng at Rand Water and holds the position of Programme Manager.

With his thesis titled: **THE ROLE AND STATUS OF WATER INSTITUTIONS IN THE GOVERNANCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WATER SECTOR**, the candidate investigated the water sector through in-depth analyses of governance literature and frameworks. A critical analysis approach assessing water institutions' effectiveness, efficiency, trust and engagement was conducted, showing that policies failed to address water management issues in poor communities in South Africa. The strategic application of a theoretical framework that included governance theory, institutional theory and power theory provided a foundation to investigate the effectiveness and operational dynamics of water governance structures. The study also emphasised the importance of an innovative governance framework to address the challenges and to ensure sustainable water governance in the future. The contribution of the study is an advanced governance model that addresses current inadequacies and promotes more effective, equitable, and sustainable water resource management in South Africa.

Supervisor: Dr T Coetzee

LIPHOLLO, Moitshepi Thembaletu

Moitshepi Thembaletu Lipholo was born on 27 June 1992 in the south-east of the Free State Province in Zastron. He received his secondary education in Zastron, where he matriculated at Lere La Thuto High school in 2012. He obtained the BA degree in Governance and Political Transformation in 2017, furthermore, obtained Postgraduate Diploma in the same course in 2018, Master's degree in Governance and Political Transformation. He started his career as civic services official in 2023 at the Department of Home Affairs Zastron office and at present he is a policy compliance enforcement office at the Department of Home Affairs



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With his thesis titled: **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STRUCTURES, INSTITUTIONS, AND LEGISLATION TASKED TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA**, the candidate investigated Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) as one of the most essential South African governance systems required to address service delivery problems facing the country. The constitution stipulates that there should be structures, and institutions to promote and facilitate intergovernmental relations. The study evaluated the effectiveness of structures, institutions, and legislation mandated to promote and facilitate IGR. To optimize the structures, institutions and legislation, it must be evaluated and assessed according to criteria for governance effectiveness. This study argued that intergovernmental disputes, IGR structural tensions, and lack of adherence to the pieces of legislation governing cooperation between the different spheres of government denote the ineffectiveness of IGR structures, institutions, and legislation to execute the constitutional mandate. The study's contribution lies in creating a comprehensive IGR Effectiveness Criteria Model.

Supervisor: Dr T Coetzee

VAN WYK, Anna Carolina

Carina van Wyk (Anna Carolina) was born in Kimberley, South Africa on 11 May 1972. She received her secondary education where she matriculated at the Success Correspondence College in 1990. She obtained the degree B.Soc.Sc in 1994, B.Soc.Sc Hons in Criminology in 1995, the degree Master of Art in Governance and Political Transformation in 2019, and the Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Governance and Political Transformation in 2024 at the UFS. In 2000 she was appointed in the Department of Safety and Security as an Assistant Director: Monitoring and Evaluation and in 2017 as Deputy Director: Policy and Research.

With her thesis titled: **A GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN SOUTH AFRICA**, the candidate investigated the obstacles and challenges to development, development planning and the successful implementation of such plans in SA, culminating in the proposed governance implementation framework for development planning in SA. Obstacles and challenges to development planning in SA were identified and analysed through a qualitative approach and descriptively categorised in terms of different thematic areas. The mutual beneficial relationship between good governance and development was confirmed throughout the study. Characteristics of a developmental vision include efficient democracy, good policies, and partnerships. The contribution of the study lies in the governance frameworks for development planning and implementation in the country. The success of the proposed implementation framework relies on the presence of critical success factors acting as supportive linkages that include, but are not limited to, good governance, risk management, and functional M & E.

Supervisor: Dr T Coetzee

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN LANGUAGE PRACTICE

DAKEY, Linda Esinam

Linda Esinam Dakey was born in Asante-Akyem Agogo in Ghana. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts (French) with distinction from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, in 2011. She holds a Master's degree in Teaching French as a Foreign Language from Université de Nantes and another in Translation from the Institute of Translators, Interpreters and International Relations, both in France. She started her career as an in-house translator for the



European Center for Law and Justice in Strasbourg. She is currently the Chair of the Professional Development Committee of the Ghana Association of Translators and Interpreters.

With her thesis titled: **THE COMPLEXITY OF TRANSLATOR EDUCATION IN GHANA: EXPLORING A HUMAN CAPABILITIES APPROACH TO CURRICULUM DESIGN**, the candidate explored the extent to which the translation and interpreting curricula at three universities in Ghana are responsive to a broad agenda for human development. By investigating the curricula and policy documents as well as through interviews with stakeholders from academia, the student body and industry, she painted a picture of the variety of views and practices in translator education in Ghana. She found both efforts towards a broader human development initiative and towards narrower academic or industry initiatives. She also found gaps between planning and implementation in this regard. Her study makes a valuable contribution to the field, not least because it allows for comparative analysis with other programmes on the continent and beyond.

Supervisor: Prof J Marais

Co-Supervisor: Prof M González Davies

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN PHILOSOPHY

BOSHOFF, Carel Willem Hendrik

Carel Boshoff was born in Pretoria where he matriculated and obtained the degrees BA (Theology) in 1986, BA (Hons) (Philosophy) in 1988 and MA (Cultural History) in 1992 from the University of Pretoria. During his career he was member of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature (2001-2009), president of the Orania Movement (2007-2019), head of the Freedom Foundation (2019–) and chairperson of the FAK (2024–). His published books include *NP van Wyk Louw en die derde Afrikaner* (2014), *Verder as vryheid* (2015), *Tuiskoms* (2022) and *Samehang* (2023). His present study resulted from a lifetime combination of community involvement and philosophical engagement.

With his thesis titled: **DIE OORVLOEDIGE LEWE AS ANTWOORD OP DIE SKAARSHEIDONTOLOGIE VAN DIE MODERNITEIT**, the candidate contributes to scholarship in philosophy, addressing the acute problem of scarcity, fundamentally rooted in a particularly modern concept of reality. He contrasts it with the experience of abundance that often features in non-modern communities. The first section starts with the displeasure peculiar to late modernity, contrasted in the second section with a theory of festivity. Then the modern economic anthropology is set against a classical understanding of the human condition, after which the structure of modern desire is contrasted with that of classical virtue ethics. While scarcity became necessary to understand modernity, with Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan* as a key source, a traditional perspective on culture and economy, with Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* as key source, offers an alternative. In conclusion, while the state serves to institutionalise modern scarcity, communities can give a home to abundance.

Supervisor: Prof JH Rossouw

ELOFF, Philip Réné

Réné Eloff was born on 11 June 1982 in Pretoria, South Africa. He matriculated at Paul Roos Gimnasium in 2000. He graduated with a B.A. (Law) degree at the University of Stellenbosch in 2004 and attained an honours degree in philosophy with distinction in 2005 at the University of Stellenbosch. He briefly worked as an article clerk in a law



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firm before completing a Master's degree in Philosophy with distinction in 2011 at the University of Stellenbosch. He has taught philosophy on a part-time basis at the University of Stellenbosch and the University of the Free State and currently serves as the managing editor of the peer-reviewed academic journal, *Acta Academica: critical views on society, culture and politics*.

With his thesis titled: **SERVING THE VOLK AT HIS FEET: AN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY OF NEO-CALVINIST PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE, 1942-1968**, the candidate contributes to the intellectual history of philosophy as a discipline in South Africa, as well as to the intellectual history of Afrikaner nationalism. Making use of archival material, the candidate reconstructs the story of how neo-Calvinist philosophy became institutionalised at the University of the Free State between 1942 and 1968. He also seeks to show how the institutionalisation of this philosophical tradition related to the radicalisation of Afrikaner nationalism that occurred during the mid-1930s. The study shows that neo-Calvinist philosophy presented academic philosophers at the University of the Free State with an intellectual resource that could counter the perceived dominance of British imperialism, which later provided an interpretative framework that allowed them to justify the ideology of apartheid.

Supervisor: Prof JH Rossouw

VAN RENSBURG, Rudolf Ernst

RE (Rudi) van Rensburg matriculated from Pretoria Boys High School in 2003. In 2007 he completed his undergraduate degree in BCom Marketing & Communication Management at the University of Pretoria. In his final year of BCom he discovered philosophy and later completed a BA Honours in Philosophy (2011) and MA in Philosophy, *cum laude* (2016), at UP.

With his thesis titled: **DIE PARADIGMA VAN DIE DIGITALE: 'N FILOSOFIESE ONDERSOEK**, the candidate develops a philosophical methodology for analysing and interpreting the process of digitalisation as a historical formation of a new relation to knowledge and co-existence between humans, machines and the Earth. He defines the digital through the philosophical concept of a paradigm, showing that the digital represents an analog form of knowledge that can be understood through the comparison of interobjective and intersubjective relations. Interobjective relations are represented by the epistemology of modern science and the development of information and communication technology, culminating most recently in generative A.I. systems. Intersubjective relations are described by the contextual experiences of being embodied during the time of digitalisation, observing its effect on social relations and how collective intelligence is both formed and challenged by the growth of automated interconnections between humans and machines on a planetary scale.

Supervisor: Prof JH Rossouw

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN SOCIOLOGY

VELELO, Nontombi Lenah

Nontombi Velelo was born on 14 March 1985 in Bloemfontein, where she matriculated from Tsoseletso High School in 2002. She obtained her first degree in Social Sciences at the UFS in 2006, followed by Sociology Honours in 2008. Her career began as Junior Lecturer in the Bloemfontein Sociology Department in 2012, where she continued her studies, obtaining a Master's in Social Sciences (Sociology) in 2017. Her PhD studies were underway when she was promoted to Lecturer in 2021, a position she currently holds, in addition to being the Social Sciences Programme Director. In 2025 she graduates with a PhD.

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With her thesis titled: **MASCULINITY AND FATHERHOOD: A NARRATIVE STUDY OF SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK MEN LIVING IN MANGAUNG**, the candidate opens out new understandings of a field that remains under-researched – what it means to be a Black man and father. A key theoretical contribution of this study is how it integrates Western Interpretive Sociology with an Africentric gaze. Integration also occurs at the level of research methods – the research is qualitative with data collected from more than 50 participants via individual interviews, focus groups, and traditional lekgotla gatherings. Careful attention is paid to the perceptions, understandings and meanings that men draw from their everyday lived experience. Findings reveal the complex nature of manhood and fatherhood in the context of several sets of relationships, circumstances, and cultural practices. This is achieved by focusing on participants' whole personhoods – on private and on shared aspects of their spiritual, communitarian, and everyday lifeworlds.

Supervisor: Dr AHM Rau

Co-Supervisor: Prof JK Coetzee

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