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“Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do.”

- Nelson R Mandela

The University of KwaZulu-Natal has been privileged and honoured to be associated with iconic statesman, former South African President, Nelson Mandela.

The 48th ANC National Conference took place in the Sports Centre, Westville Campus from 2-6 July 1991 where then ANC President, Oliver Tambo, officially opened the conference. It was at this conference, on 5 July 1991 that Mandela succeeded Tambo as ANC President.

UKZN has awarded Mandela two honorary degrees. In 1993, he received an honorary doctorate from the former University of Natal-Durban (now UKZN), and in 1999, from the former University of Durban-Westville (now UKZN).

On 29 July 2000, he lent his name to the University's Medical School – the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine. His deep commitment to improve the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our society was at the forefront of his vision as the first President of democratic South Africa.

In his speech at the naming of the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, Mandela said: “The challenges are great. We cannot grow in the competitive modern world without producing trained and educated professionals of the highest quality. We cannot survive and sustain ourselves without fighting and eradicating preventable disease, and creating the circumstances for healthy living amongst the masses of our people.”

Mandela valued education as a powerful force that drove individual and national change. This is evidenced by his famous words “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Above: Nelson Mandela when he received an honorary doctorate from the former University of Durban-Westville in 1999.

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FOREWORD



Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), Dr Albert van Jaarsveld, resigned recently to take up the position of Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Vienna, Austria.

Van Jaarsveld said he and his wife, Nina, had thoroughly enjoyed their time in Durban and although his overseas appointment was exciting and challenging, their departure from UKZN had been bittersweet.

This is van Jaarsveld's farewell message to UKZNTOUCH readers:

When I took up office as Vice-Chancellor and Principal of UKZN in February 2015, I did not have the slightest inkling that just over three years later I would be saying good-bye. There's no doubt that my time at the University has been shorter than anticipated.

The warm welcome, friends and collegiality my wife, Nina, and I enjoyed from the UKZN community was a huge highlight for me. We loved living in Durban, finding it a very exciting city.

Deciding to leave UKZN was difficult because I felt we were making significant progress and I was enjoying helping to move things forward. However, the offer from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Austria was massive, presenting an opportunity to do impactful work on a global scale, the import and context of which would probably not soon come my way again. It was just too good to turn down.

The Institute in Vienna is funded by 23 countries from around the world to tackle global problems such as poverty and climate change through a systems analysis approach. It brings together 320 researchers to work collaboratively on these problems and my job is to deliver on the strategic objectives as well as to direct research and ensure we have the skills and capacities to operate efficiently.

When I arrived at UKZN, the previous Strategic Plan had run its course and the challenge was to create a new one. Through a broad consultation process and buy-in from across the University, the exciting UKZN Strategic Plan 2017-2021 was developed and created from a few seed ideas put on the table at the outset. The Strategic Plan outlines the institutional culture, goals and enablers identified to help the University realise its full potential and to inspire greatness in all its stakeholders.



The plan belongs to the UKZN Council with the strategic direction of the University firmly entrenched and certainly not dependent on me as Vice-Chancellor for delivery and roll out which is currently taking place.

The Research Flagships became part of the Strategic Plan as it evolved with one of the objectives being for UKZN to differentiate itself from its counterparts in the field of Higher Education. It was realised early on that there was a need to develop strong attractors and core capacity to excel in well-defined areas of research endeavour in order to produce something really marketable. The flagships were thus established to provide a differentiator in the areas in which UKZN excels and is known for and I think it has succeeded in this respect.

To grow core competencies in these areas will take time. In the process of launching the flagships, UKZN is getting key research partners from the corporate and private sectors to come on board and work with it in strategic relationships.

It will soon become clear that the Institution has corporate and private sector backing for what it is doing which is not simply redirecting the University's internal research effort; something completely new is taking place in addition to what has been done previously. Certainly, UKZN is moving swiftly towards being a university plugged into a wide variety of communities, responding to the needs and requirements of the business, and public and private sectors – a position I believe is vital for its future.

The high point of my three years at the University is somewhat ironically where things are right now at UKZN. There has been growth and a repositioning. UKZN's position in respected university rankings – both locally and internationally – supports the fact that things are on the up, heading in the right direction. Thus, my decision to leave at this time is bittersweet.

On a positive note however, I believe I am leaving on a high and am confident that the trajectory of the University will continue well into the future.

There were some issues during my tenure which I can only describe as unnecessary distractions but they are history now and UKZN can move forward.

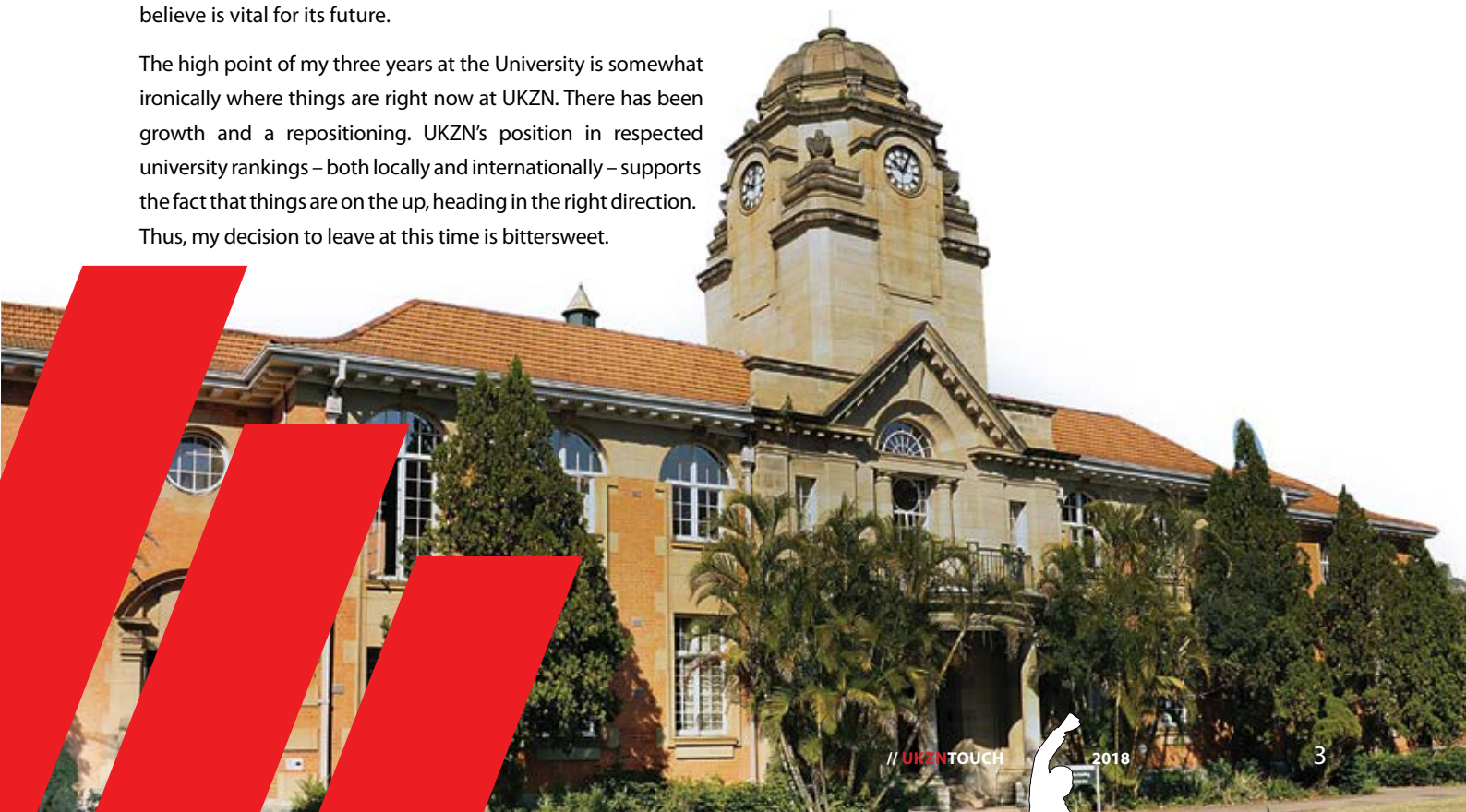
In retrospect, there is nothing major I would have done differently. I honestly feel that everything I have done I have tried to do in the best interests of UKZN and that is the principle I adopt wherever I go.

My dream for the University is well captured in the Strategic Plan – to be the Premier University of African Scholarship and also the people's university, where folk are valued and treat one another with respect and dignity; a place where people's lives are shaped and changed for the better.

I thank everyone – including the SRC, the Executive, Council members and every single member of staff – for the extraordinary experience I enjoyed in my short time at UKZN. I take fond memories away with me.

UKZN has boosted its sense of pride and dignity. I encourage the University community to wear these 'badges' with courage and conviction moving forward. ■

Dr Albert van Jaarsveld
Vice-Chancellor and Principal





EDITORIAL

UKZN ALUMNI LEADING THE WAY

My time in office as UKZN's Acting Executive Director: Corporate Relations Division (CRD) over the past year has been highly interesting and fascinating. I am proud to be an active member of a University that achieves so much and is a trail-blazer in a variety of areas.

Our alumni continue to make their mark in South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world. There are so many achievers among them who play vital roles in ensuring that UKZN is widely respected and viewed as a leader in the Higher Education sector.

Among a smorgasbord of interesting items, this edition of *UKZNTOUCH* highlights the University's latest achievements as well as those of our alumni, staff and students.

Alumni profiled include Brad Banducci, Managing Director of the Woolworths Food Group; CEO of the South African State Theatre, Sibongiseni Mkhize; Editorial Director of *Elle Magazine*, Lesley Ann Aupiais, and Alton's Group Chief Executive, Mteto Nyati.

There are also posthumous tributes to two legendary musicians who received honorary doctorates from UKZN – the late Hugh Masekela and late Philip Tabane.

We mourn the tragic and untimely death earlier this year of UKZN alumnus and Dean of the UCT Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Bongani Mayosi. A highly respected cardiologist and A-rated scientist, he achieved and contributed so much at his relatively young age and still had a lot to offer. Professor Mayosi was a great friend of UKZN and interacted with us in a variety of spheres.

The past year also saw the start of the roll out of the UKZN Strategic Plan 2017-2021 as well as the unveiling of our four new Research Flagships – Social Cohesion, African Health, Big Data Informatics and the African Cities of the Future.

CRD played an active role in spreading the good news about these exciting innovations which maintain UKZN's position as a leader in Higher Education.

On another sad note, we bade farewell to Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld, who resigned from his position at the University to head up the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Vienna, Austria, as Director General and Chief Executive Officer. He will be missed and the UKZN community wishes him well and thanks him for his highly valued contribution to the University.

I hope you enjoy the read! ■

Normah Zondo
Acting Executive Director:
Corporate Relations Division



HIGHLIGHTS

2017

US Lifetime Achievement Award for UKZN AIDS Researchers



At the awards ceremony in Baltimore from left: Professor Salim Abdool Karim, Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim and Dr Robert Gallo.

Leading South African AIDS researchers, UKZN's husband and wife duo Salim and Quarraisha Abdool Karim, were the recipients of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the esteemed Institute for Human Virology (IHV) for their contributions to the global AIDS response.

The award was presented to them at the 19th international meeting of the IHV in Baltimore in the United States by Dr Robert Gallo, who discovered HIV as the cause of AIDS and developed the first blood tests for HIV infection.

– Smita Maharaj



UKZN hosts its first Spring Graduation

A total of 1 503 graduands – 58% of whom were women – received their degrees at UKZN's first ever Spring Graduation. The University hosted three Graduation ceremonies on 6 and 7 September 2017, at the Westville campus' Sports Centre. Most of the graduates completed their studies between April and August 2017. Of these graduates, 998 received undergraduate qualifications while 505 received postgraduate qualifications.



A Chemistry demonstration for high school learners in Pietermaritzburg in 2017.

UKZN Ranked the Best for Physical and Chemical Sciences and Engineering

The University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP) for 2016-17 ranked 16 South African universities amongst 2 500 Higher Education Institutions across the world, and placed the UKZN at the top of the pile in the Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Chemical Engineering and Engineering field rankings for South Africa.

UKZN retained its same overall position based on previous rankings by URAP, and gained places in the field of Physical Sciences.

– Christine Cuénod

Challenges Facing Higher Education Explored at Conference

UKZN hosted a successful 11th Annual Higher Education Conference. The conference, held at Durban's Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani Hotel, attracted local and international delegates and keynote speakers.

Decolonisation and transformation of the curriculum was one of the thematic strands under the main theme of Higher Education today: Crisis, Contestations, Contemplations and Futures.

Keynote speaker, Statistician-General of South Africa, Dr Pali Lehohla released a report named: Whither a Demographic Dividend South Africa: The Overton Window of Political Possibilities. The report highlights the socio-economic conditions that are a fundamental requirement for a demographic dividend to take place.

– Sithembile Shabangu



The UKZN 11th Annual Higher Education Conference brought academics, researchers and policymakers together at Durban's Southern Sun Elangeni and Maharani Hotel.

Former President of Botswana Honours Memory of Chief Albert Luthuli

The former President of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Mr Festus Mogae, described Africa's first winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and President of the ANC Chief Albert Luthuli as a distinguished man of peace and a devoted Christian.

Mogae, President of Botswana from 1998 to 2008 when he was succeeded by current leader Ian Khama, was delivering the 11th Chief Albert Luthuli Memorial Lecture at UKZN's Graduate School of Business and Leadership.

The lecture – held in partnership with the Department of Arts and Culture, the Luthuli Foundation and the Luthuli Museum – was themed Luthuli Remembered.

Mogae said Chief Luthuli was an historic and heroic figure in Africa's political history. "He was a distinct freedom and human rights fighter. His major strategy was peaceful resistance and a passionate belief in peaceful co-existence of people, communities and nations."

– Sithembile Shabangu



Former President of the Republic of Botswana, His Excellency Mr Festus Mogae (left) greets UKZN Vice-Chancellor, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld as he arrives for the 11th Chief Albert Luthuli Memorial Lecture.



UKZN Professors and Scientists get Top Honours for Groundbreaking Health Research

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) awarded two UKZN scientists Gold Medals for their innovative scientific contributions to the fields of HIV and Tuberculosis research.

Professors in the College of Health Sciences, Frank Tanser and Thumbi Ndung'u, who both hold Professorships are also researchers at the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI). They were presented with the medals at the 2017 SAMRC Scientific Merit Awards gala dinner in Cape Town. The Gold Medal is awarded annually to established senior scientists who have made key scientific contributions that have impacted on the health of people.

– Lihle Sosibo and Hannah Keal



Professors, Thumbi Ndung'u and Frank Tanser.

UKZN Wins NRF Excelleration Award

UKZN won the 2017 National Research Foundation (NRF) Excelleration Award for the most improved research performance, measured against a selection of critical indicators.

The award was sponsored by Clarivate Analytics to show the company's support for the initiative and the acceleration of innovation in Africa.

UKZN's former Vice-Chancellor and Principal Dr Albert van Jaarsveld accepted the prize on behalf of the University.



Dr Albert van Jaarsveld (centre) received the Excelleration Award from Ms Justine Cresswell and Dr Rocky Skeef.

First Ever KZN Black Female Neurosurgeon at UKZN

Dr Nomusa Shezi is the first Black African woman to graduate in KwaZulu-Natal as a Neurosurgeon.

This was proudly announced by the Discipline of Neurology in the School of Clinical Medicine at UKZN which hopes Shezi's accomplishment will encourage other young people – particularly young women – to pursue careers in the field of medicine.

Shezi (32) completed her undergraduate studies at UKZN in 2008. She is a Medical Officer based at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital in Durban and now a qualified Neurosurgeon following her recent graduation and obtaining a Fellowship from the College of Neurosurgery, under the College of Medicine South Africa.

Growing up during the height of the HIV epidemic in the late 1990s, Shezi's dream was to one day be in a position to give sick people hope and nurse them back to good health. The trailblazer's dream is now reality!

– Lihle Sosibo



Dr Nomusa Shezi.

UKZN LLB Programme Fully Accredited by Council on Higher Education

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) has fully accredited UKZN's Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Programme.

UKZN is one of only three out of 17 South African universities offering the LLB Programme to receive confirmation of full accreditation. This comes after a rigorous national review of the LLB Programme in 2016.

The national review driven by the CHE in consultation with the South African Law Deans Association (SALDA), the General Bar Council and the Law Society of South Africa was undertaken to strengthen the quality of legal education provision across South African universities.

– Hazel Langa

UKZN's Quarraisha Abdool Karim Named as a UNAIDS Special Ambassador

Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim, respected as one of the world's leading AIDS researchers, was appointed as a UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents and HIV. As a UNAIDS Special Ambassador, Abdool Karim focuses on adolescents and HIV, while also championing the involvement of young women in Science.

Responding to her appointment Abdool Karim said that "as

we increase our understanding of the HIV epidemic and the transmission dynamics that place young people at higher risk of infection, all sectors of society must work together to make sure that adolescents have access to the information and services that can keep them safe and well through a crucial period of their lives and into adulthood."

– Smita Maharaj



Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim receives the certificate of appointment from Dr Michel Sidibé, (left) and Dr Aaron Motsoaledi at the event in Khayelitsha, Cape Town.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Academic is One of 25 Certified Clinical Sociologists in the World

UKZN Sociologist Dr Mariam Seedat-Khan was recently accredited as one of only 25 certified Clinical Sociologists in the world by the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS). She is also one of just three women in South Africa to be certified by the AACS.



Dr Mariam Seedat-Khan of the School of Social Sciences.

The recognition was conferred by the Certification Review Committee at the International Sociological Association World Congress in Canada.

Seedat-Khan considers this as a landmark moment in her distinguished career.

– Melissa Mungroo

UKZN's Newly-Elected SRC President – Sanele Hlongwa

Central SRC President Sanele Hlongwa says he will spend his tenure as leader of the student body at the University of KwaZulu-Natal championing the rights of students and embracing diversity at the University's five campuses.



He is committed to ensuring students at off-campus residences have the same facilities available to students housed on campus, citing wifi, hot water and security as some of the issues on his agenda. "We will work with the university in trying to bring better services to all students," he said.

Hlongwa, who is known as "Phoyisa" among his friends and comrades, is doing his final year Bachelor of Education in Maths and Geography at Edgewood campus. He plans on building a "harmonious and peaceful environment in UKZN, where our students and all members of the UKZN community support and embrace diversity and tolerate one another".

– Raylene Captain-Hasthibeer

Alumnus Donates 13th Cheque Towards Groceries for Deserving Student

UKZN alumnus and teacher Ms Jennifer Sheokarah used her first 13th cheque to buy groceries for a deserving student in residence.



Ms Jennifer Sheokarah (third from left) hands over groceries to Mr Simosabo Ntuli, in the presence of her family and DSRA official, Mr Julian King (right).

Recipient, Mr Simosabo Ntuli, who is studying for his Bachelor of Education degree on

the Edgewood campus, said: "This humbles me and I promise to work very hard to complete my degree."

Sheokarah said campus life had not been easy for her as she received no financial aid or a place in residence. A spot eventually became available and she occupied it for six consecutive years during which time she completed her undergraduate, honours and master's degrees.

Alumnus Forms Clinician Scientists Society

UKZN alumnus, Dr Salome Maswime, has launched the South African Clinician Scientists Society that aims to develop the next generation of experts and medical leaders in South Africa.



Alumnus Dr Salome Maswime.

"Our vision is to improve healthcare in South Africa through translational research,"

said Maswime, who will serve as President of the society.

Maswime qualified as a medical Doctor at UKZN in 2005; going on to specialise at the University of the Witwatersrand where she qualified as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in 2013 before completing her MMED and PhD.

– Lihle Sosibo, Photograph supplied by Salome Maswime

UKZN Bids Adieu to Dr Albert van Jaarsveld

"Do the right thing." These were the words of outgoing UKZN Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld at his farewell function on the Westville campus.

Van Jaarsveld said that, while he would miss UKZN, he could not pass up the opportunity to serve as Director-General and CEO of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. "Much of my career has been to try and drive global society towards the betterment of our planet and our relationship as a species with this planet," he said.



UKZN staff and students bid Dr Albert van Jaarsveld a fond farewell on the University's Westville campus.

He added that it had been an "honour and a privilege to serve UKZN".

– Raylene Captain-Hasthibeer

UKZN's Medical Degree Receives Full Accreditation for a Further Five Years

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) assessed UKZN's undergraduate Medical degree and recommended full accreditation for the next five years. The accreditation process of degrees is ongoing as curriculum content and in some cases, enrolment targets change periodically. The purpose of accreditation is primarily to promote excellence in educational preparation, whilst providing assurance to the public that the graduates would have a core of knowledge and skills required for competent, safe, ethical, effective, and independent professional practice. The CHS was congratulated for its improved communication, its excellent student support services, its homestay project in rural KwaZulu-Natal, which promotes social cohesion as well as its decentralised clinical training programme.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of CHS, Professor Busisiwe



The HPCSA accreditation panel with CHS Leadership and UKZN's Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld.

Ncama was delighted at the outcome, 'It is a result of teamwork among all staff including input from students and KZN Department of Health as partners. I wish to thank everybody that is involved in the MBChB programme for their dedication and hard work.'

– MaryAnn Francis

UKZN Turns Up the Heat on Research

UKZN launched its four research flagships on 5 September 2018.

The flagships are Social Cohesion led by Professor Relebohile Moletsane; African Health led by Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim; Big Data and Informatics led by Professor Francesco Petruccione; and African Cities of the Future headed by Professor Rob Slotow. They will encourage researchers to work together to produce relevant and impactful solutions that are globally recognised, promote transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research and drive economic growth and social upliftment.

Director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), and keynote speaker, Professor Salim Abdool Karim urged researchers to focus on improving the quality of life on the African continent.



Scenes from the UKZN research flagships official launch.

– Sithembile Shabangu

Enactus UKZN Clinches Place at Nationals

Enactus UKZN has won the South African finals five times, in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012. In 2013 and 2014, the team clinched second place.

The crew continued this winning streak as it secured third place in this year's nationals held at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, on 12 and 13 July.

Nineteen universities went head-to-head in this year's competition, showcasing their projects which seek to change lives and enable progress through entrepreneurial action.

Enactus is a global community of student, academic and business leaders with a vision of creating a better, more sustainable world.



Scenes from the Enactus South African finals where UKZN scooped third place.

Professor Receives Prestigious Ward Cates Spirit Award

The prestigious 2018 Ward Cates Spirit award was presented to Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim, honorary professor at UKZN and Associate Scientific Director of CAPRISA, at the Annual HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) meeting in Washington.

The first female recipient of the award, Abdool Karim was recognised for her "outstanding commitment and leadership to health as a right, internationally and domestically; scientific excellence and her magnanimity in mentorship and support."

The Ward Cates Spirit award honours the rich scientific legacy of the late Ward Cates, distinguished scientist and President Emeritus of FHI 360 that spanned more than 40 years.

– Smita Maharaj



From left: Dr Wafaa El-Sadr, Dr Myron Cohen, Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim and Dr Anthony Fauci, at the National Institutes of Health in the US.

UKZN Accounting Programmes Receive Top Rating

UKZN's Accounting Programmes received a level 1 rating from the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) following an intensive review by its Academic Review Committee (ARC).

This is a remarkable achievement as level 1 is SAICA's top rating and it means that the University – through its School of Accounting, Economics and Finance (SAEF) – has met all its accreditation requirements for the Accounting undergraduate



and postgraduate programmes.

SAICA's senior executive responsible for professional development, Ms Mandi Olivier, said the decision was informed by the many positive developments achieved by the School since the last monitoring visit.

– Hazel Langa

GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS 2018



Graduates from the College of Humanities during the 2018 Graduation ceremonies.

Fitness Trainer Graduates

Celebrity fitness trainer Sbahle Mpisane, also known as the FitnessBunnie, graduated with a Bachelors degree in Housing and Town Planning.

– Melissa Mungroo



Graduate Pays Tribute to Great-grandmother

The Law Graduation ceremony came to a standstill when LLB graduate Mr Njabulo Ntombela honoured his great-grandmother, Ms Nomkikilizo Ntombela (89), by leading her onto the stage where she was ceremoniously capped and hooded!

He said she had always been his pillar of strength even though she did not have the opportunity to obtain basic education.

– Hazel Langa



LLB graduate Mr Njabulo Ntombela shared the stage with his great-grandmother to honour her for the sacrifices she made for him to receive an education.

Against All Odds

Mr Lungelo Nzuza pursued the field of Law after his father was unfairly detained in 1995. Nzuza graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science degree in Law and Politics.

“My father was unfairly detained while serving in the South African National Defence Force. He was later released on parole, but I believe that ... he was not given a fair trial. I want to be the voice for the voiceless.” He expressed his thanks to his grandmother, Mrs Zalelaphi Ndovozi MaNxumalo Nzuza, who he described as his hero.

– Ziphezhinle Silindile Biyela



Mr Lungelo Nzuza with his grandmother Mrs Zalelaphi Ndovozi MaNxumalo Nzuza.

Engineer Extraordinaire Receives Honorary Doctorate

An honorary Doctorate of Science in Engineering was awarded to Dr Trueman Tandabantu Goba, former member of the National Planning Commission and current non-executive Chair of Hatch Africa (Pty) Ltd Consulting Engineers and Project Managers.



Dr Trueman Goba.

A UKZN alumnus, Goba has supported the University's Engineering initiatives in line with his vision for societal transformation through engineering and education.

– Christine Cuénod

Female Scientist Receives Honorary Doctorate

Professor Tebello Nyokong was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Science. She has made a name for herself as a female scientist, breaking new ground in scientific developments related to photodynamic therapy for application in cancer treatment, and in building capacity in chemistry.



Honorary graduate Professor Tebello Nyokong with former Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld.

– Christine Cuénod

Deputy Chief Justice Encourages Students to Protect the Constitution

Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa Justice Ray Zondo reminded Law graduates how fortunate they were to be graduating from UKZN when he delivered his keynote address at the College of Law and Management Studies Graduation ceremony.

He encouraged them to follow in the footsteps of those who walked before them, to give back and to honour those who played a role in their education, protected the Constitution and stood up for what was right for the people of South Africa.

– Sithembile Shabangu



Guest speaker, Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa, Justice Ray Zondo congratulated Law graduates.



Honorary graduate Dr Pali Lehohla shakes hands with Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld.

Former Statistician-General Receives Honorary Degree

South Africa's former and longest-serving Statistician-General, Dr Pali Lehohla, was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Science.

He is renowned for his work in population and social statistics at Stats SA, the organisation behind the national census that "painted the country yellow", said Lehohla, who is famous for his yellow suits during the count.

Lehohla has been called on for advice in conflict, post-conflict and fragile political environments and has assisted in various capacities with censuses in Cambodia, Sudan, Afghanistan and Iraq.

– Christine Cuénod

Honorary Doctorate for Renowned Jazz Musician

Legendary South African musician, Dr Vusi Mahlasela, who has addressed social justice issues throughout his musical career spanning over two decades, received an Honorary Doctorate in Music for his outstanding contribution to the betterment of South African society and the global music industry.

In his address, Mahlasela spoke of the power of music, noting that it not only has the ability to nourish the soul, expand the brain, heal the sick and keep families and communities together, but its power also transcends difficult times such as conflict and even death.

– Melissa Mungroo

Dr Vusi Mahlasela received an Honorary Doctorate in Music.



UKZN IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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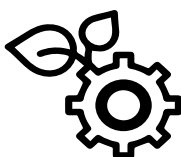


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UNIVERSAL RANKING BY
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FOR SUBJECTS PUBLISHED
BY THE INFORMATICS INSTITUTES,

UKZN
IS LISTED AS HAVING
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JOINTLY WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND



UKZN STANDS APART FROM WITS IS ITS UNIQUE PLACING IN
THREE SUBJECTS; NAMELY **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**,
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**,
WHERE NO OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES FEATURED.

WITH A SCORE OF
350.33
UKZN
WAS BESTED BY THE
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN (384.22)
IN **FIRST PLACE**

AND THE UNIVERSITY
OF THE
WITWATERSRAND
(358.00)
IN **SECOND PLACE**



A NEW RANKING BY THE
INFORMATICS INSTITUTE
AT THE MIDDLE EAST
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY,
TURKEY, LISTED THE
TOP 18 UNIVERSITIES
IN SOUTH AFRICA
IN WHICH THE
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KWAZULU-NATAL
SECURED **THIRD PLACE**.

URAP listed UKZN as third best university out of SA's top 18 universities. URAP is a research-only ranking using indicators that measure the quality, quantity and impact of publications, as well as international collaboration. The overall score of each HEI is based on its performance over several indicators, including current scientific productivity, research impact, research quality and international acceptance.



ALUMNUS FROM MTHATHA FLYING HIGH IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

The hard times he experienced growing up seem worlds away for Mr Mteto Nyati whose business acumen has seen him enjoy many successes.

Currently serving as Group Chief Executive of Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed ICT group, Altron, the 53-year-old recalls that his mother wept tears of joy on hearing that he'd been awarded a scholarship by the then University of Natal as making ends meet for a family of 10 was no easy task.

"My parents were both teachers in the apartheid era so their salaries were not enough to comfortably support our large family. Realising our plight, my mother left teaching to open her own general dealer store in Mthatha and almost single-handedly lifted us out of poverty," said Nyati.

"I grew up accepting I would have to shoulder some of my mom's financial responsibilities and was thrilled when St John's College in Mthatha – where I matriculated – gave me a bursary which saw me through my high school years."

His mother struggled to save enough money for his varsity fees and was overjoyed when he brought her the news of the scholarship he received during his first semester.

Nyati studied at a time when Black people were not allowed to stay in university residences. "This was a big problem for us as we had limited access to libraries and had long commutes. I stayed at Alan Taylor residence which was built for Black Medical students and thoroughly enjoyed my time there, being exposed to the underground structures of the ANC."

He said the University equipped him for the world of work. "One of the most important skills in the 21st century is problem solving – an Engineering degree certainly helps shape this leadership competence."

After being awarded his BSc degree in 1985, Nyati joined Afrox as an engineer-in-training and was later appointed regional manager at the company in the former Northern Transvaal province before moving to the Gases Operations Centre in Germiston as a process engineer.

In February 1992, he took up a position at Tastic Rice as an engineering manager, after which he joined Nampak, rising to the position of telecommunications and media executive.

"I joined IBM South Africa in September 1996 as a client



executive for the pulp and paper industry and in July 2001 I was promoted to Director of SMB Channels at IBM EMEA – a posting that took my family and I to France for four years. In 2005 I became Director of IBM Global Technology Services."

In 2008 Nyati joined Microsoft South Africa as Managing Director, a position he held until 2014 when he moved to MTN as group Chief Enterprise Officer. Less than a year later, in July 2015, he was appointed CEO of MTN South Africa. He assumed office at Altron in April last year.

In 2004, he was one of Yale University's World Fellows on Global Leadership. He was Male Business Personality of the Year in the Oliver Transformation and Empowerment Awards, and in 2014 he was the joint-winner of South Africa's 2013 IT Personality of the Year. In 2016, *Black Business Quarterly* named Nyati Hennessy Businessman of the Year.

Nyati is married to Zoleka and they have a daughter, Anda. ■

– Greg Dardagan

PUSHING BACK THE FRONTIERS

Dr Nomkhosi Luthuli (28), a lecturer at UKZN's Graduate School of Business and Leadership, has completed her PhD and is one of the go-to researchers in the male-dominated field of aerotropolis development.

She has no intentions of slowing down and has set her sights on becoming a recognised researcher before she reaches the age of 35.

"It will help me in my aspiration to become an expert and a go-to person in my area of focus. So I need to start writing and publishing papers. I also want to take on additional teaching and supervision of more students at Master's level," she says.

She admits that studying for her PhD seemed an insurmountable task at times. In 2017, she decided to quit and informed her parents and sisters of this decision. However, the spotlight was already on her and she received an interview request from one of the country's leading vernacular newspapers, *Isolezwe*, and a week later one from SAfm.

"I felt as though it was God's way of affirming to me that my work had a purpose to serve and so I kept going," said Luthuli.

Born of a preacher father and school principal mother, she says her parents instilled prayer and education as critical launch-

pads in her growth and that of her three younger siblings.

"Learning valuable lessons from either the bible or a book have as a result always been a crucial factor in my life and have kept me grounded in my journey," she says. Luthuli's journey at UKZN began when she studied for a Bachelor's degree in Community and Development Studies.

She worked for a non-governmental organisation for a short while, but later left to further her studies. She registered for an Honours degree at the University of Cape Town, and later pursued a Master of Commerce and PhD at the Graduate School of Business and Leadership.

Asked whether she encounters any difficulties as a woman working in male-dominated fields, she says, "Luckily for me, I know that I have earned being where I am through hard work so I am not apologetic to stand on podiums among men or among older people." ■

– Bheki Mbanjwa





RETAIL IS IN HIS BLOOD

From winning the trolley race championship at university to becoming CEO of a major supermarket chain, UKZN alumnus Mr Brad Banducci has catapulted up the corporate ladder.

Banducci is Group Chief Executive of the Woolworths Group in Australia. The father of two completed a Bachelor of Commerce, followed by an LLB between 1982 and 1986 at the then University of Natal's Pietermaritzburg campus.

"My mother went to school in Pietermaritzburg and I was keen to spend time there. I learnt to think for myself at university. It was a tumultuous time in South Africa and Pietermaritzburg was a relatively liberal university. It was a wonderful time to be part of the campus community," said Banducci.

He cited winning the University Trolley Race Championship in his first year at the William O'Brien residence as one of his most memorable moments.

"Ironical that I have ended up working at a supermarket later in life," said Banducci who is based in Sydney, Australia. He first travelled to the country to pursue his Master of Business Administration studies at the Australian Graduate School of Management in 1989.

He described his journey to CEO as circuitous. "I went from being a consultant for 15 years with the Boston Consulting Group before doing a business carve out with a private equity fund (Cellarmasters Group) that was acquired by the Woolworths Liquor business (Endeavour Drinks).

"I ran this group for four years before moving over to run Woolworths Supermarkets and becoming the Group CEO," said Banducci.

As Group CEO, his week is varied, ranging from engaging with the board and investors to working with store teams on improving the in-store customer experience.

"When I became CEO, I agreed on a three to five-year plan with our board. The team and I are hard at work to implement this plan. My long-term aspiration of spending more time in South Africa is unfortunately on hold while I focus on this," Banducci said. ■

– Taschica Pillay

VERSATILE LES AUPIAIS **KEEPS NAVIGATING** LIKE A NEW EXPLORER

She has been referred to as a media chameleon and slashie, befitting titles for UKZN alumnus Ms Les Aupiais whose long career in the media industry has seen her occupy a variety of roles.



Since graduating with her Bachelor of Arts, Aupiais has worked as a magazine editor, columnist, author, field reporter, director, scriptwriter and media trainer, to name but a few.

She said her choice of Drama and English as majors played to her natural strengths. One of her fondest memories of UKZN is playing a role in a play directed by late Associate Professor Rosemary Bamford.

"I'd love to say that it was my stellar performance that pulled

the audience (even from the Agricultural Faculty) but I suspect my revealing top and the fact that I played a cockney prostitute in an underground lavatory in London, might have done it. Still, Professor Bamford pushed me harder than I might have done voluntarily."

While she concedes that one of the difficulties she encountered was to confuse her love for her career with what she was worth financially, Aupiais attributes her versatility in the media industry to never turning away from even the most basic tug at her skills.

"I once wrote washing instructions on garment labels for very nice money ... only to learn that the same tight use of words was good training for TV script writing. I mostly say 'yes' first and scramble to up my game."

While her career has had many memorable moments, she cites two that stand out:

"An impromptu protest march in Kenya with the powerful, unforgettable eco-warrior Wangari Mathaai, while filming with *Carte Blanche* [and] editing *Sunday Life* magazine in which I could showcase excellent writing and photography"

Given Aupiais' illustrious career and achievements, one is tempted to think she has almost done it all. However, she said there is always the next hurdle and she therefore chooses to navigate like a new explorer.

"Just the other day, I was asked to co-present a new television show on the History Channel." ■

— Bheki Mbanjwa





LEGAL ROLE MODEL

From working as a legal aid secretary to being the Dean of Law at the University of Cape Town and sitting as an acting High Court Judge, UKZN alumnus, Professor Penelope Andrews, has made her mark in the legal fraternity.

Andrews' part-time job at a legal aid clinic and witnessing the struggles of people discriminated against by apartheid, motivated her to pursue a career in law. She completed her BA in 1980 and her LLB in 1982 at the then University of Natal.

"I applied for permission from the Minister of Coloured Affairs to attend the University of Natal which was a Whites-only institution," said Andrews, who added that the University contributed immensely to her success. "Without the degrees I have, my life story would be very different. Having a degree or two made an enormous difference in my life, as it will for everyone," she said.

Some of her most memorable times were engaging politically and socially with committed and smart activists. "The SRC at the University of Natal at that time consisted of an impressive group of people. I made lifelong friends. It was probably one of the happiest times in my life," she said.

Andrews, who is completing a term of three years as the Dean of Law at UCT, started her career with the Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg and

later received a scholarship for her studies towards a Master of Law (LLM) degree at Columbia Law School. "I then followed the path of academia," said Andrews.

She is serving as an acting judge of the North Gauteng High Court. "Being an acting judge is an intellectually challenging and exciting endeavour. For me, it is a great privilege to engage with the Law from this vantage point. Being in the middle of the judging enterprise has really expanded my legal and intellectual bandwidth. In the process, I have developed an even greater respect for the judiciary," said Andrews.

Amongst her many accolades, Andrews received the National Bar Association's International Award for her global human rights advocacy in 2015.

In recognition of her human rights work, the University of KwaZulu-Natal provides an annual award in her name. She has published four books and more than 50 articles on the judiciary, comparative constitutional law, gender and racial equality, human rights and legal education. ■

– Taschica Pillay



HIGH POWERED EXECUTIVE PAYS TRIBUTE TO UKZN FOR HIS CAREER SUCCESSSES

Chief Executive Officer of the South African State Theatre in Pretoria, Mr Sibongiseni Mkhize (47), credits UKZN for being the founding force of his highly successful career.

"I can honestly say that I would not be where I am today without the University," said Mkhize.

"Studying Psychology equipped me with the skills to understand human behaviour, while history taught me critical and analytical thinking, report writing, construction of arguments, leadership, hard work and respect for deadlines. At UKZN, I also met people who played an important role in shaping my career and widening my circle of friends and professional colleagues."

He said UKZN contributed significantly to the growth of his career as a researcher, historian and manager. "I got my first job in the culture and heritage sector because of the networks established while I was at UKZN. Lecturers from the History Department also invested in my career and always showed interest in my progression over the years, instilling in me positive values and principles of honesty, integrity, accountability, independence and a culture of excellence. These values have played a huge role in my career; more particularly, in matters relating to good corporate governance. I still maintain contact with my honours and MA supervisor, UKZN's Dr Tim Nuttall. I was honoured by his attendance at my PhD graduation at Wits in 2015," he said.

Mkhize said the then University of Natal was a melting pot of ideas during his years there from 1992 to 1998. He recounts his fascination with the freedom of association and the promotion of freedom of expression.

He is a proud UKZN alumnus, keeping in touch with his *alma mater* by reading the University's publications and regularly visiting its website.

Mkhize grew up Impendle in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, matriculating in 1989 at Amakholwa High School at Sinathing in Edendale. One of four children, his father worked on the railways and his mother was a housewife. His family struggled financially. When his father died 1987, the family had to



survive on his pension which meant that the young Mkhize was not able to immediately go to university. He worked part-time jobs for two years, saving enough for university. "I was fortunate to be awarded a Kellogg's bursary which covered tuition and accommodation from 1992 until 1995, thus enabling me to do my BA and BA Honours (History) without having to worry about the fees. In 1995 and 1996, I received research scholarships from the University's History Department, the South African National History Society and the Centre for Science Development," he said.

Mkhize was awarded his BA, BA (Hons) *cum laude* and MA from the then University of Natal and his PhD from Wits University. Positions he held prior to his current post include Chief Executive Officer at the Robben Island Museum in Cape Town and Chief Executive Officer of the Market Theatre Foundation in Johannesburg.

He is married to a teacher, Carol Lindiwe, and they have a son, Thembelani (25). ■

– Greg Dardagan



A GLOBETROTTING PROFESSIONAL



UKZN alumnus, Dr Joy de Beyer, spent most of her professional life at the World Bank.

The mother of two – who is now based in California – held various positions at the World Bank working on health, nutrition, population and education as well as labour market issues.

She obtained a BA in Economics and Sociology and Honours in Economics from the then University of Natal and was a junior lecturer in the Economics Department while waiting to take up a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University where she studied towards her Master's and Doctorate in Economics.

De Beyer received a scholarship that covered her fees and residence at the University of Natal.

She recalled the huge classes in first-year, and the anonymity that felt strange after attending a small high school where there were only 60 matric pupils and the teachers knew everyone.

"I moved into residence in my second year and the immersive experience was far better than living at home and finding rides with friends or hitch-hiking back and forth each day. I made wonderful and close friends in res. I loved being able to play squash in the evenings and swim in the early mornings," said De Beyer.

She said she especially loved her English classes; discovering the metaphors and images in poetry and immersing herself in inspiring novels.

After a friend arranged a summer internship at the World Bank at the end of her first year at Oxford, she returned each summer to work there, earning enough to live on after her three-year scholarship stipend ended.

In 1986, she became bored with her doctoral thesis and jumped at the chance of a six-month stint at the World Bank.

"My contract was extended for most of the year, during which time I was able to secure a 'real' full time job at the Bank (after a quick return to Oxford for a few months to finish my thesis)," she said.

She did not climb very high on the World Bank corporate ladder as she tried to juggle spending time in San Diego and Washington DC to accommodate her husband's career and to minimise travel when her children were young.

She retired at the end of 2016 and is now an independent consultant in Health Economics. She said she would like to learn to play the piano, improve her basketball skills, see more of the US – especially the beautiful national parks – volunteer to help small children in schools serving low-income and immigrant populations to improve their reading skills, and enjoy more time with friends and family. ■

– Taschica Pillay



IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND ACTION

UKZN provided the academic foundation and environment for alumnus, Dr Saleem Badat's development as a student, scholar and political activist.

Badat (60), Program Director of the International Higher Education & Strategic Projects (IHESP) Programme at the Andrew W Mellon Foundation in the US, was the first Black Vice-Chancellor at Rhodes University. Currently living in New York, he obtained a Bachelor of Social Science in 1979 from the then University of Natal and a year later, his Honours in Economic History.

"Some outstanding scholars in Economic History played a pivotal role in supporting my early development as a postgraduate student as well as cultivating my interest in becoming a scholar. They created opportunities for me to tutor in the Economic History Department and to work as a research assistant on the Economic History of South Africa Bibliography Project," he said.

Highlights of his years at the University include being presented with a Certificate of Merit Award for Outstanding

Student in Economic History in 1978 and 1979; the McIntyre Prize for Best Undergraduate Student in the Department of Economic History in 1980; an Honours Research Scholarship; as well as an involvement in student politics as Chairperson of the Wages Commission, a membership in the Black Students Society and Students Democratic Association, contributor to *Dome* student newspaper, membership in the regional committee that co-ordinated the 1980 education boycott, a membership of the Release Mandela Committee, organiser of anti-apartheid mass meetings on campus and being able to read books that were banned by the apartheid state. "Permission had to be obtained from the head librarian to read those books, and they could only be used in a special section of the library," he said.

Badat's work at the Andrew W Mellon Foundation involves administering a budget of some R225-million, inviting and reviewing proposals, motivating grants to the Foundation's leadership and trustees, monitoring the progress of programmes and projects that the Foundation funds, maintaining close contact with partner institutions and networking with other foundations and donors.

The Foundation promotes the Arts and Humanities through support for universities and arts as well as cultural institutions. The IHESP programme supports seven universities in South Africa, including UKZN. "I make annual visits to our partner institutions in South Africa."

Badat said his personal and intellectual life, research and work has centred on advancing social justice in and through universities in South Africa. "Knowledge and action is in my blood, and so I will continue to research, publish and contribute as best as I can towards building thriving and effective universities that produce socially committed and outstanding graduates and contribute meaningfully to their societies. I am African. When my work is done in the US, I will return to South Africa, specifically to my home city (which is) Durban," he said. ■

– Taschica Pillay



FROM UKZN LAW ALUMNA TO HARVARD GRADUATE

When UKZN *summa cum laude* graduate, Ms Priyanka Naidoo, was awarded the Emma Smith Overseas Scholarship at the 2016 UKZN Scholarship Awards ceremony, she was already pursuing a Master's in International Criminal Law.

She then planned to use the scholarship to pursue a second Master's degree at either Harvard University in the United States or at the University of Cambridge in England. Fast-forward to 2018, the top achiever is celebrating graduating with her LLM degree from Harvard.

"Students in my LLM year came from over 70 countries around the world. Being with this richly diverse group allowed me to understand my own culture, country and its place in the world. It also taught me a lot about people and their cultures and how that shapes them, their interactions with others and their experiences," said Naidoo.

While exploring her academic focus on Cyberlaw, she also worked as a Student Attorney for Harvard's Cyberlaw Clinic.

"I had no experience in Cyberlaw but had a keen interest. It is an area ripe for development and exploration in South Africa. During my time at Harvard, I was the Secretary for the Harvard African Law Association and the Interview Editor for the *Africa Policy Journal* (APJ). My role as Interview Editor for the APJ was immensely exciting as I got to interview profound African leaders, including the likes of South Africa's own (Professor) Thuli Madonsela. I also co-founded the Global South Dialogue (GSD), a student organisation whose aim is to facilitate a conversation on topics affecting countries from the Global South. Harvard needs a platform for Global South voices to be heard and I am proud that the GSD will provide this platform for years to come," she said.

While nine months may seem like a short time to complete a Master's degree, Naidoo was determined to benefit and grow from this experience in every way possible. She took on principal roles at two of Harvard's student organisations and co-founded another student organisation. She also participated in a Trial Advocacy Workshop – a three-week workshop involving simulated exercises led and supervised by experienced trial lawyers and judges. "I learned so much during this workshop and picked up trial related skills and techniques," she said.

Working at Harvard's Cyberlaw Clinic not only opened Naidoo's eyes to the importance of data privacy, but convinced her to choose Cyberlaw as a career.

"The Clinic challenged and pushed me, providing me with the opportunity to explore some of the many nuances of Cyberlaw and how to practice as a lawyer in this field. During my time at the Clinic, I acted for international NGOs having an interest in data privacy. I am particularly interested in data privacy and security and the repercussions that data privacy and security breaches have on users, tech companies and the state in general. My aim is to penetrate these spaces and contribute to the growth and development of Cyberlaw in South Africa," she said. ■

– Thandiwe Jumo



YOUNG, FEMALE AND IN CONSTRUCTION: BUILDING HER CAREER ONE STEP AT A TIME



UKZN alumnus and candidate engineer at the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), Ms Fulufhelo Luruli, shares her recipe for success.

As a 19-year-old from Ha-Magau village in Limpopo, Luruli struggled slightly during her first semester at UKZN. However, perseverance paid off and she was soon getting such good marks that she received a bursary from SANRAL.

Eight years on, and now employed as a candidate engineer at the South African National Roads Agency, she cites her time as a student at UKZN as an experience that shaped who she is today.

"At university, I learned how to be independent since I was away from my family. When you are independent, you also learn how to be disciplined. I learned how to work with people from different cultures and backgrounds. I also learned how to work as a team because most of the assignments were done as group

work. I am now applying these (skills) at my workplace," says Luruli.

As a young Black female in the construction industry, Luruli observes that she always has to prove herself and work extra hard. She has done exactly that and cites designing an interchange as one of her career highlights. "It was my first time doing it and I was designing it with less supervision, meaning my supervisor had trust in me," she said.

Advising young women interested in pursuing a career in Civil Engineering, Luruli said, "Remember not to let anyone tell you what you can or can't do. You are not what people say you are. Whenever you get an opportunity, grab it with both hands," she says.

Despite the difficulties that come with her demanding job, Luruli says she would not trade it for anything and is determined to continue learning.

"I want to do a Master's in Engineering, preferably in Pavement Engineering or Project Management," she said, adding that she is in the process of registering as a professional engineer with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). ■

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New Radio Telescope to Probe Dark Energy and Mysterious Radio Flashes

UKZN recently celebrated the launch of the Hydrogen Intensity and Real Time Analysis eXperiment (HIRAX) telescope.

Jointly funded with the Department of Science and Technology through the National Research Foundation, the multimillion-rand global project comprises a compact radio telescope array of 1 024 six-metre dishes that will be located at the Square Kilometre Array South Africa site in the Karoo and will have important synergies with the 64-dish MeerKAT. HIRAX will enable ground-breaking science in astrophysics, in fields that include dark energy and fast radio bursts (FRBs).

At the launch in Durban, Minister of Science and Technology Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane said that HIRAX will help South Africa develop innovative solutions, particularly in instrumentation and big data processing, directly impacting other economic sectors through technology transfer.

UKZN will manage the experiment that is a large global collaboration of national and international partner institutions, with researchers involved in building the instrument, carrying out observations and analysing the data.

Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University Dr Albert van Jaarsveld noted the importance of the HIRAX team's work at national and international level, particularly as it is led by a dynamic young team of astronomers that are breaking new ground.

HIRAX Principal Investigator, Professor Kavilan Moodley, who is based at UKZN, pointed out that HIRAX will determine the characteristics of dark energy during a critical period in our universe, between 7 – 11 billion years ago when it came to dominate the expansion of the universe. Furthermore, the main HIRAX array in combination with small arrays in partnering African countries will be able to localise and determine the origin of FRBs within their host galaxies, a feat never achieved before. ■

– Christine Cuénod



THE LAND EXPROPRIATION DEBATE

Land redistribution in South Africa is dominating local and international headlines against the backdrop of the slow pace of land reform in the country. UKZN academics weigh in on this issue.

Following a resolution at its national conference in December 2017, South Africa's governing party, the African National Congress (ANC), with the support of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), moved to have Section 25 of the Constitution amended in a bid to allow land expropriation without compensation – a thorny topic that remains highly controversial.

As witnessed in previous party conferences, the majority of ANC members have long felt that the 'willing buyer-willing seller' approach to land acquisition for redistribution purposes is not working and is responsible for the country's slow pace of land reform.

Public hearings held as part of the process to amend the Constitution have exposed deep fissures and the level of polarisation on this issue. While some have used the hearings to call for more aggressive land reform, others have warned that expropriation without compensation will have disastrous consequences, especially for the agricultural sector.

UKZN*Touch* spoke to academics from various disciplines to obtain their take on this issue and how they think it should be handled.

Lecturer in the School of Law, Mr Maropeng Mpya, believes that land redistribution is a matter of justice and should be addressed immediately. He points to shortcomings in various parts of Section 25 of the Constitution, including the fact that



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while it states that individuals dispossessed of land after June 1913 are eligible for restitution or redress, dispossession did not begin with the promulgation of the Natives Land Act in that year; other pieces of legislation facilitated the process. For example, the Glen Grey Act promulgated in 1894 and the Black Administration Act and Black Authorities Act that followed all "sought to locate Black people in certain reserves and ... to put White people in charge of the majority of the land... Land dispossession started ... the minute there was an encounter between Whites and Blacks," he said. Mpya is thus of the view that Section 25 did not intend to deal "with the first crime of land dispossession" but seems

more concerned with protecting privilege. He adds that this section only speaks of access to land. "Perhaps when we have amended the Constitution and the land is in the ownership of the state, then we can speak of access because everyone, Black and White can then speak of equitable access to the land."

Finally, Mpya feels that the Constitution should be scrutinised and amended where there is a need. "I don't believe in the sanctity of the Constitution. I don't believe it is a holy book," he said.

PhD intern researcher at the Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit, Mr Lukhona Mnguni, warns that if the land issue is not addressed quickly "society will soon explode" as was the case with the #FeesMustFall protests. Speaking about the reasons the matter has taken so long to be given priority, Mnguni



cited the first as the ANC believing in gradual policy change. "They believe you have to tinker with policy bit by bit and eventually, there will be transformation. Policy formulation ... is not disruptive," he says.

The second reason, said Mnguni, is competing interests within the ANC. "The political establishment is unwilling and incapacitated to deliver on the land question. ... they are [confronted with the question of] how to absorb society's impatience with the land question so that they can win the elections in 2019."

Mnguni is concerned that the focus is on land acquisition, with little attention to how it will be administered and used to promote economic participation. In a written submission to Parliament, Mnguni argued that instead of expropriating farm land, government should rather expropriate shares in farms and distribute them not only to bridge the wealth gap but also to create generational wealth. This is also an issue of justice, as "for ... justice to happen, the exploiter must also lose something."

Mnguni notes that the land issue has to be addressed if South Africa is to move forward as a nation.

"Black people did not lose the right to vote from colonialism. They lost land. The Black people's struggle was about the land that they lost brutally," he said.



DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, ———
FOOD PRODUCTION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
WILL DECREASE BY BETWEEN
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OVER THE NEXT 50 YEARS
WHILE THE POPULATION WILL CONTINUE TO GROW

Deputy-Vice Chancellor and Head of the College of Agriculture Engineering and Science, Professor Albert Modi, believes a proper land reform strategy is needed and warns that a haphazard programme that is not preceded by proper human capacitation will fail. "I believe what we need is the transformation of agriculture," he says, adding however that giving Black people land without imparting proper skills and technical know-how will set them up for failure. "Having land is not enough for you to succeed in

producing food. You must understand how to manage that land," he said.

He warns that the failure of the land reform project would have severe consequences for a country in which only about 25 000 commercial farmers are relied upon to produce food. Compounding the problem is that scientists are already predicting that due to climate change, food production in sub-Saharan Africa will decrease by between 15 and 50% over the next 50 years while the population will continue to grow.

Furthermore, agriculture makes a significant contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and disruption in this sector could have dire consequences for the economy.

While agriculture's direct contribution to GDP is small compared to industry and the services sector, Modi says it increases significantly when the sector's backward and forward linkages with the services industry are considered.

Modi is of the view that more education and “indoctrination in a non-partisan way” is needed to first make Black people proud of agriculture. “You cannot say to people who have not been given appropriate education and skills: ‘I am giving you this huge task of feeding the people and contributing to the economy of South Africa’, he warns.

He advocates that small rural communities be empowered to start their own farming ventures using the land available to them. Finally, Modi points to the need for a clear plan on land management post its acquisition. “They ... must clearly tell us what is the objective and everybody must be clear. They just jumped into the implementation.” Furthermore, such decisions should be “founded on the science of agriculture.”

Head of the Department of Family Medicine, Dr Bernhard Gaede, says the manner in which land redistribution is implemented will determine the extent to which the process will be a threat to the agricultural sector.

While those who are advocating for radical land redistribution argue that giving previously landless communities access to land will reduce poverty, Gaede warns this is not necessarily the case. Access to land may have changed the fortunes of some, but there have also been many failures.

“In many (if not most cases) the recipient is not a ‘blank slate’ but comes into the new context with considerable historical, social and (perhaps best phrased as) ecological expertise. This is critical to shift the established power relations inherent in the sector. It is crucial to draw on local wisdom, historical knowledge of land and climate, practices beyond simple access or ownership of land. It is not enough to simply redistribute land to poor people. While this needs to happen to redress the inequities of the past, a mindful and technically-sound approach is required to have an impact on poverty,” Gaede says.

In terms of food security in rural areas Gaede says the micro-dynamics within a rural community around the production of food, access and utilisation of locally produced food and levels of poverty are heterogeneous and complex.

He points out that areas falling under traditional authorities have very different dynamics from commercial farming areas. “Much of the rural landscape in South Africa is not explicitly linked to food production. There are large areas of land that are not suitable for economically-viable food production, and their ownership would not shift the quality or quantity of food production in any way, so the ownership of land (or even access to land), economic activity and food production are not in a linear relationship.”

He says a number of studies have shown that subsistence farming – and food gardening – is decreasing and people increasingly depend on an income to purchase food.

“This is in part due to higher levels of cash available than a decade ago (through grants as well as continued remittances) but also increased local economic activities (as more cash is available). In general, the mass production of foodstuffs is much cheaper, and so, particularly for the more economically active members of the ex-homeland populations, subsistence farming may well be a drain on resources rather than producing food security. So, having more access to land may not produce higher levels of food security at all. Only once the land becomes viable for production beyond subsistence, it may become a viable proposition. This is, however, an extremely complex environment,” he says.

Public hearings on land expropriation have demonstrated that land is an emotive issue. It is also clear that much has changed since Black people were dispossessed of their land. Population increase has prompted a move from small scale subsistence farming to industrial scale operations to meet demand. If it is to succeed, land reform will have to factor in past failures, such as post-restitution support to land claimants as a lack of skills, access to markets and mentorship can turn what was productive land into a wasteland. It is equally clear that for reform to work, cool heads need to prevail and buy in is required from all affected parties. ■

– Bheki Mbanjwa





THE GRIOT

Mandela, Biko: What's in a Name?

Keyan G. Tomaselli*

My family and I were in the USA on sabbatical in 1990 when we heard a National Public Radio report that Nelson Mandela was to be released. Initially disbelieving, then realising that the report was accurate, our house in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, soon became a media hub. Press, radio and TV reporters sought us out. Our children were instant heroes at their primary school and invitations came fast and furious to both me and my wife, Ruth, to deliver talks here, there and everywhere. The USA was rejoicing along with most South Africans.

My third-year media class at the University of North Carolina proposed a research project on how Mandela's upcoming visit to the US would be covered. Amongst the class were journalists, DJs, activists, film makers and assorted media professionals. The students brought to bear their cultural, professional and media experiences analysed through the lens of how Americans and their media make sense of the world.

The first correlation identified by the students was a representational confluence between Steve Biko and Mandela. Mandela had a name, but no face, as photographs of him had been banned. Biko's photograph, however, was globally available, so he could be easily identified. So in the popular American mind, the two men merged into a single signifier, no matter their differing ideologies.

Secondly, in the week leading up to Mandela's release, *Time* magazine constructed an identikit for its cover. The resulting composite, said *Time*, was checked with Winnie, who was claimed to have approved it.

Then American pay television network Home Box Office (HBO) fished out of its cobwebs a four-part TV series: *Mandela*, screened during the week before the release. The *Time* reconstruction, revealed one student, was uncannily similar to the actor representing Mandela. Danny Glover had morphed into Mandela, and as the class pointed out, *HBO* and *Time* were owned by the same parent company. Was this a marketing ploy? Still, no-one knew what Mandela looked like. The SABC news team covering the event had little or no background on the man. The world waited with baited breath and listened to SABC commentary that had little or no substance.



The man who emerged with Winnie was not Biko or Glover and he was not the *Time* portrait. He was his own man, a personality he immediately stamped on the global media. American news anchors who barely knew where South Africa was, were in Cape Town for a day before jetting off on other global roadshows.

We watched the event in absolute awe on the small TV set in the living room of our rented house. All the time, journalists were phoning, banging on the door and wanting sound bites. Most remarkably, the American TV networks reported on Mandela's release for hours on end without any advertising breaks. For a country where advertisements consume more time than programmes, that was a real breakthrough.

Then Mandela came to the US, and a real bun-fight started as different constituencies laid claim to ownership of him. Pulled this way and that, as he toured the nation, he was reconstituted into identifying with factional constituencies and recruited into struggles that were American rather than directly South African. This in turn revealed the extent, competition and diversity of the anti-apartheid industry in that county.

Across the world, the lead-up had been grounded in a series of global 'freedomfests' driven by top musicians. The roots of apartheid's incorporation into pop music are Peter Gabriel's *Biko* (1980) and The Special AKA's *Free Nelson Mandela* (1984). Both became cult classics in America. *Biko* was used by the Amnesty International tours and records, and during FreedomFest itself. The 67 performers and their peers who pledged in the lyrics: *Ain't gonna play Sun City*, were produced by Steven van Zandt and Arthur Baker.

Ruth, who had been invited to talk about Mandela at a local primary school, was soon fielding questions from the children about water fountains, and who could use them. These American children were astonished, even perturbed, when she revealed that South Africa does not provide public water fountains. Provision of such fountains is considered a matter of municipal civic responsibility in the US. The lack of fountains in South Africa became the talking point as in US history, segregation determined who was allowed to use such fountains and who not and like buses and restaurants,

fountains became contested places where the racial micro struggles played out.

These are the kinds of sites that are contested by ordinary people in their everyday lives. While my students were able to connect the abstract structural elements on how the US media reported on Mandela's visit in terms of ownership, viewership and representation, and develop appropriate theory to explain these, the children generated their own personal frames of reference. In assessing both explanations, one realises that we are all theorists, some consciously so, the much younger others less so. What links these informed impressions is personal experience and memories of history, which are now called 'memes'.

The times were heady, and while Ruth and I were distanced from the euphoria that was unfolding in South Africa, we had the privilege of watching and analysing the events unfolding from afar. This gave us a new perspective on South Africa's potential place in the world and of a previously hidden leader who even so punched way above his weight. Our children who went to multiracial schools in the USA returned a year later to multiracial schools in South Africa. They later met Mandela when he received an Honorary Doctorate from UKZN. They absolutely insisted on being invited to the ceremony. ■



Steve Biko

The UKZN Griot

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UKZN Changing LIVES

Drawing on the legacy of Nelson Mandela, the UKZN Foundation initiated a new fundraising campaign in 2018 by appealing to stakeholders to support financially needy but academically deserving students through the R67 for Mandela Campaign.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world." Citing these wise words from former president Nelson Mandela, the UKZN Foundation – the University's fundraising arm – reached out to alumni, corporates, staff and the public at large to donate generously to make a difference and help graduates change the world by contributing to UKZN's bursary fund.

The R67 for Mandela Campaign started at the end of May. During this campaign, staff, students, alumni and members of the public were asked to support the bursary fund by contributing at least R67.

Foundation Executive Director, Professor Anesh Singh, said that this call was based on the 67 years that Mandela fought for social justice. "One of the strongest forms of social justice is education." The appeal was extended to international alumni to donate \$67 dollars.

On Mandela Day the people of KwaZulu-Natal were called upon to contribute a minimum of R67 towards the University's bursary fund. In excess of R360 000 was raised.

"Part of our strategic drive is to raise awareness amongst individuals. Alumni will bear testimony that education is the key to opening the world of work which breaks the cycle of poverty." Singh appealed to alumni to make a generous donation as often as they could.

Singh emphasised that the University had a wide range of funding needs. He added that disability is one of the lesser known challenges at the University. "Some students have very specific needs that we need to attend to. For the Disability Unit to function optimally, it needs to raise R11-million. Food security is another lesser known challenge at UKZN. At the end of 2017, the Foundation initiated the Share the Festive Cheer campaign to raise funds for the Student Food Security Programme."

In 2017, the Foundation raised R46-million for bursaries mainly

from corporates, trusts and foundations. "The #FeesMustFall protests raised awareness in the minds of donors that there is a dire need to provide access to Higher Education. Hence, many made funds available specifically for the missing middle."

In 2017, 46.5% of the total amount raised went to student bursaries, 27.4% was allocated to research projects, 13% towards outreach programmes within communities and 10% to teaching support.

The Mandela Day funds will help supplement bursaries received from corporates, foundations and trusts. ■

– Taschica Pillay



MANDELA DAY HIGHLIGHTS



Emulating Madiba

In celebration of 100 years since the birth of global icon, Nelson Mandela, UKZN's Student Society of Psychology (SSP) embarked on a mission to put a smile on children's faces by visiting the Home of Love and Hope (HOLAH) in Pinetown.

Based at Howard College, the SSP aims to assist students seeking information about the Discipline of Psychology and to uplift local communities and students through volunteer work and outreach programmes.

HOLAH is the founding project of non-profit organisation, Likhon Ithemba. It provides a temporary home for orphaned or abandoned babies where they are loved and cared for until adoption.



The Student Society of Psychology visited the Home of Love and Hope as part of the 67 Minutes for Mandela initiative.



UKZN students, staff and professional artists showcase the Religion mural they designed and painted as part of Mandela Day celebrations.

Mural for 67 Minutes for Mandela

In partnership with NPO the Creative Junkies Foundation, the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics participated in 67 Minutes for Mandela by painting a mural that represents religion and the critical and reflective issues covered in the Discipline's modules.

"Mandela was a supporter of education for the youth and society," said lecturer, Mrs Cherry Muslim, who spearheaded the project. "Campus can be a very intimidating ... and cold environment ... and I am hoping that [this] will ... encourage more students to enrol for the programme [and] discover that religion is an interesting ... way of critically engaging ... what happens in society."

Words and photographs: Melissa Mungroo

Mandela Celebrated Through Film

The Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) organised by UKZN's Centre for Creative Arts presented three films that provide fascinating insights into the late giant's life.

These included *Celebrating Mandela One Hundred*, *An Act of Defiance* and *The State Against Mandela and the Others*.

– Melissa Mungroo, Photograph supplied



An Act of Defiance and Celebrating Mandela One Hundred were part of the DIFF 100th Nelson Mandela anniversary celebrations.



Supply Chain Students Reach Out on Mandela Day



Members of the SCSA with pupils from Zwelinjani Secondary School.

As part of their community outreach on Mandela Day, the Supply Chain Student Association (SCSA) visited Zwelinjani Secondary School near Mariannhill.

Accompanied by lecturer, Ms Nomalizo Dyili, they provided information on the University's degree programmes and career opportunities.

SCSA Chairperson, Ms Zolani Mbindwane, said: "There is a lot of demand for Supply Chain professionals ... we want pupils to know about the value and benefits of pursuing this career."

Thanking the group, Deputy Principal of Zwelinjani, Mr Siyabonga Ndlovu noted that the school serves a disadvantaged community and that their efforts would help learners to make informed choices.

– Thandiwe Jumo, Photograph supplied

Celebrating the Mandela Legacy Through Jazz



Andile Yenana and Michi Stulz performed at the Mandela Day concert.

UKZN's Centre for Jazz and Popular Music presented a double bill with Mr Andile Yenana Sextet: Umnqongqo Wabantu and lecturer, Mr Burton Naidoo, in celebration of

the Mandela Centenary on Wednesday, 18 July.

Yenana presented arrangements of traditional isiXhosa initiation songs worked into jazz-inspired sensibilities and pulses.

Pianist, composer and arranger, Naidoo has transcribed some of Mandela's iconic speeches. 'Our Song' is inspired by his life and character. "The words are pitch classed and harmonised in the effort to create a musical backdrop to these iconic pieces," he said.

– Melissa Mungroo, Photograph supplied

UKZN Foundation Awards Bursaries to 10 Students

The UKZN Foundation awarded partial bursaries to 10 students as part of the Mandela Month Bursary Awards programme.

Guests at the function, which was hosted by the Foundation, included Vice-Chancellor, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld; East Coast Radio General Manager, Ms Boni Mchunu; Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chief Executive, Ms Palesa Phili; and Ms Surina Ramchander of PriceWaterhouseCoopers; as well as bursary recipients and their families.



The Mandela Month Bursary Awards on the Westville campus.

On Mandela Day, the Foundation partnered with East Coast Radio. An appeal was made to the people of KwaZulu-Natal to contribute a minimum of R67 and R366 840 was raised.

– Taschica Pillay

UKZN *Remembers*

OUR HONORARY GRADUATES AND ALUMNI



Photograph: University of Cape Town

Professor Bongani Mayosi: A Giant Falls

28 January 1967 – 27 July 2018

Healing hearts and making history were among the many achievements of the late Professor Bongani Mayosi, UKZN medical alumnus and the University of Cape Town's Faculty of Health Sciences Dean.

On 27 July, while South Africans from all communities gathered with their loved ones to view the total eclipse of the moon, the South African academic community was devastated by news that Mayosi had passed on.

UKZN alumni, staff and students gathered at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine to celebrate the life of Mayosi, an extraordinary man who was a cardiologist by profession.

The cause of death was first thought to be cardiac arrest. A renowned cardiologist, Mayosi and his research team made international headlines in 2017 for identifying a new gene that is a major cause of sudden death through heart failure suffered by young people and athletes.

However, the following morning, the medical fraternity was shocked to hear that the cause of Mayosi's death had been suicide as a result of clinical depression.

Professor Ncoza Dlova, a classmate of Mayosi's and UKZN's Dean of the School of Clinical Medicine recalled that fateful evening. "The news that Bongani, our brother, our friend and our mentor had passed on are words that I will never forget. It broke me and left me asking why?"

"The manner in which Bongani has passed on hurts more," said Dr Joe Phaahla, Deputy Health Minister. "There are so many questions but most of all there's a lot of blame. It is so difficult

to reconcile the reality but it is important for us to support his family. Let's pick up the baton and run the race to improve the health of all our people, including each other as medical professionals," said Phaahla.

Professor Busisiwe Ncama, UKZN's Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College Health Sciences, said, "Depression is a silent killer and we must address this for all healthcare professionals."

Head of UKZN's Department of Psychiatry, Professor Bonginkosi Chiliza said clinical depression affects 20 percent of South Africans.

Said Dr Suvira Ramlall, psychiatrist and academic leader of Registrars at UKZN, "Death is a certainty that we don't anticipate and cannot prepare for or accept. We need to confront suicide in the medical fraternity. In the United States, 400 doctors commit suicide annually. Bongani's death must be a wake-up call to us that we need to restore a holistic approach to how we practice Medicine and we should encourage young doctors to live healthy, happy lives. Let's spread the message that it's okay to acknowledge our vulnerabilities. Let's also seek the same high standards of treatment that we give to our patients and more importantly, lead the way to the destigmatisation of mental illnesses," said Ramlall.

Dr Brian Vezi, a UKZN alumnus and a cardiac electrophysiologist, spoke about his time with Mayosi, "We cannot understand why but we are learning to accept his death. He inspired all of us to reach our full potential. He gave us a sense of belonging and pride but ensured that he was always inclusive. Let's aspire to be the same."

An emotional Professor Thumbi Ndung'u, Scientific Director at UKZN's HIV Pathogenesis Programme and Programme Director for the Sub-Saharan African Network for TB/HIV Research Excellence, said, "As we serve humanity, let's ensure that we do it with a spirit of camaraderie. Bongani was an inspirational leader with an indomitable spirit. Above all else, he was a wonderful human being. Are we as institutions of higher learning doing enough to improve the well-being of our colleagues by creating conducive environments to live in as human beings who have families and loved ones? Let's rally together to see what it is that we can do to make the Medical School and South Africa a better place."

Mayosi joined the Medical School whilst aged 15 and graduated seven years later with two degrees, *cum laude*. "Bongani made an exemplary contribution to the healthcare sector," said UKZN's Professor Mergan Naidoo, who is also Chair of the South African Medical Association. "A giant has fallen and his death has left a gaping void in South Africa. Let us always remember him for the inspiring, warm and compassionate person he was," said Naidoo. ■

– MaryAnn Francis

A timeline of Achievements

This issue we bid farewell to a giant in the world of cardiology. Prof Bongani Mayosi.



When he first registered with the HPCSA, as a student studying towards an MBChB degree with the then University of Natal (UKZN), which he subsequently 1989 obtained his MBChB degree

1983



2017

He was the only African to be elected to the prestigious US National Academy of Medicine.



2016

Promoted to the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at UCT

1990

He then registered as an Intern from 12 January 1990 until December of the same year, when he was registered as a Medical Practitioner in the category of Independent Practice.



He was registered in the professional category of Independent Practice Specialist Medicine after completing his Registrar Training in recognised posts held at the University of Cape Town, attached to Groote Schuur Hospital, until December 2003.

8 April 1997



He was registered in the professional category of Independent Practice Subspecialist Medicine Cardiology after he served as a Consultant in the recognised posts held at UCT



1 December 2003



He became the first black Head of the Department of Medicine at the University of Cape Town



2006

He was awarded the country's highest honour, the Order of Mapungubwe (Silver)



2009

February 2015

Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi appointed Prof Mayosi to lead the Ministerial Task Team (MTT) to investigate allegations of administrative irregularities, mismanagement and poor governance at the HPCSA. This was as a result of progressive increase in the number of complaints made against the HPCSA by individual practitioners, professional associations, training institutions and other organisations. The MTT presented five recommendations, one of which was to overhaul the information communication technology, data and records management systems, and generally improve the efficiency of the HPCSA.

If you are struggling with **depression**, turn to someone for help.

Suicide Crisis Line: 0800 567 567,
24-hour helpline 0800 12 13 14,
to contact a SADAG counsellor:
011 234 4837



Dr Hugh Masekela

4 April 1939 – 23 January 2018

Dr Hugh Masekela was a multi-talented flugelhornist, trumpeter, bandleader, composer, singer and defiant political voice who despite having a highly successful international career, remained deeply connected to Africa. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the music industry, UKZN awarded him a Doctor of Music *honoris causa* in April 2017. An Honorary Doctorate is UKZN's highest honour.

When Masekela was 14, human rights advocate, Father Trevor Huddleston, gave him a trumpet and the Huddleston Jazz Band was formed. He was also a member of the legendary Jazz Epistles. In the 1950s, Masekela's signature Afro-Jazz sound featured in the musical *King Kong*.

Masekela began his 30-year exile from South Africa following the Sharpsville Massacre in 1960. He enrolled at the Manhattan School of Music and developed his own unique style that reflected African rather than American influences. He moved to Los Angeles during the 'Summer of Love' and performed at the Monterey Pop Festival. In 1968, his single *Grazin in the Grass* topped the American charts.

Masekela's solo career spanned five decades and he released more than 40 albums. He returned home in 1990 following the unbanning of the ANC and the release of Nelson Mandela from prison. He opened the FIFA Soccer World Cup Kick-Off Concert in June 2000 and during the same year, was honoured with The Order of Ikhamanga by President Jacob Zuma.

Masekela was passionate about the restoration of African Heritage. Speaking during the UKZN Graduation ceremony in April 2017, he remarked: "Volumes of African-language history and literature books lie covered with dust ... in basements ... all over Europe. African artisanship lies dormant but awe-inspiring as are our arts and crafts, design and architecture."

His legacy will live on and he will be remembered for his immense contribution to South Africa's political struggle through music. ■

– Deanne Collins



Dr Philip Nchipi Tabane

25 March 1934 – 18 May 2018

Inimitable guitarist and philosopher, Dr Philip Nchipi Tabane, was recognised nationally and internationally for his creation of Malombo music, a sonic tradition centred on the healing arts passed on to him by his mother.

He was credited for having fused ancient African rhythms with western instruments; creating a new and unique sound that saw world renowned musicians like Miles Davis standing in line to share the stage with him.

Tabane learned the pennywhistle at the age of seven and led a church ensemble in his hometown of Riverside. He started playing the guitar at the age of 10. In 1960, his mother bought him his own guitar – a Framers model. Tabane founded the Malombo Jazzmen in the late 1950s, a trio of young Mamelodi township street musicians who went on to win several jazz music awards. Whilst sadly under-recorded in South Africa, he enjoyed international acclaim; touring Europe and the United States with performances at the Apollo Theatre in New York and in the Montreaux Jazz Festival, amongst others. His musical genius enthralled audiences for more than six decades.

Tabane can best be described as an African Renaissance musician who expressed his creative spirit in a fusion of Pedi, Shangaan/Tsonga and Venda; the languages of his ancestral home. Despite his massive musical talent, he remained true to his African roots.

He was a recipient of the South Africa Music Awards (SAMA) Lifetime Achievement Prize and in 1998 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy of Music from the University of Venda. In 2015, UKZN awarded him the degree of Doctor of Music *honoris causa* in recognition of his contribution to the development of indigenous music and his phenomenal contribution to the music of Africa and the world. ■

– Deanne Collins

UKZN FESTIVALS

Festivals Highlights



Poetry Africa Opening Night Wows Audience

A line-up of 21 poets from around the world wowed the opening night audience at the Poetry Africa Festival at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre. Now in its 22nd year, the festival was hosted by UKZN's Centre for Creative Arts (CCA) in the College of Humanities.

The festival provides a space for intercultural exchange and dialogue by hosting an extensive community outreach programme characterised by poetry readings, performances and workshops in community centres and campuses. It also includes visits to schools across Durban where ideas about poetry are shared.

In his opening address, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the College of Humanities, Professor Nhlanhla Mkhize noted that, "Poets play a critical role in society and have the poetic licence to criticise. This is significant considering the state of the country. We also need to nurture the talent of our female poets." He paid homage to female activists that



Highlights from the 22nd Poetry Africa Festival at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre.

gave their lives for freedom, including the late Mrs Albertina Sisulu. The Wushwini Pan African Centre performed a riveting dance and praise poetry sequence chronicling Sisulu's life. The tribute included performances by renowned storyteller Dr Gcina Mhlophe and poet Lebo Mashile. – Melissa Mungroo

The Tokoloshe Opens Durban International Film Festival



There was praise all round for the opening night of the 39th Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) which featured the screening of the highly anticipated South African debut thriller/horror feature, *The Tokoloshe*. DIFF is hosted by the CCA within UKZN's College of Humanities.

Produced by Dumi Gumbe and Cati Weinek of The Ergo Company, the film was directed by Jerome Pikwane, who is the co-writer, with novelist Richard Kunzmann.

Starring Petronella Tshuma, Dawid Minnaar, Kwande Nkosi, Harriet Manamela and Yule Masiteng, it tells the story of a young woman crippled by suppressed emotions, who must find the courage to face an insatiable demon, wrought in her own childhood, when she tries to save the life of a girl-child abandoned in a run-down Johannesburg hospital.

– Melissa Mungroo, Photographs supplied



A highlight from the opening night of the Durban International Film Festival and a scene from *The Tokoloshe*.

Stunning Contemporary Dance at JOMBA!

The 'full house' signs were up at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre on the opening night of UKZN's 20th JOMBA! Contemporary Dance Experience presented by the CCA in the College of Humanities.

One of the few remaining contemporary dance festivals in South Africa, JOMBA! features performances over two weeks, offering dancers, choreographers and the public an opportunity to engage in workshops, discussions and master classes.

In her keynote address, UKZN Artistic Director and Performing Arts lecturer, Ms Liane Loots noted that JOMBA! is "a space of hope that has championed our collective deep abiding passion and need for art as well as the political and personal right of all of us to access cultural expression as our democratic birth right."

The opening performance featured Johannesburg-based Moving into Dance Mophatong (MIDM) which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. They performed in the very first edition of JOMBA! MIDM performed two new works: Sunnyboy Motau's *Man Longing*, a brooding yet beautiful

work that explores the sinister world of human trafficking and guest artist, Khutjo Green's collaboration with MIDM women dancers in *The Women Who Fell from the Moon*, an exploration of the collective power of women.

– Melissa Mungroo, Photographs: Val Adamson



The opening night of the UKZN contemporary dance show, JOMBA!

Successful Opening for 21st Time of the Writer



The 21st Time of the Writer Festival organised by UKZN's CCA within the College of Humanities had a successful opening night at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre.

The opening night featured 16 African writers who gathered for a thought-provoking week of literary dialogue, exchange of ideas and interesting discussions under the 2018 theme of Changing the Narrative.

The festival's activity-rich week saw audiences engage with the writers on the creative and technical processes and perspectives which shape their writing. In addition to nightly showcases, there were daily activities including book launches, seminars and workshops to promote a culture of reading, writing and creative expression.



Highlights from Time of the Writer 2018.

The day programme consisted of sessions hosted in four community libraries (Austerville, Westville, Chesterville Extension and Tongaat).

– Melissa Mungroo

UKZN ALUMNI MAKE IT TO THE TOP 200 YOUNG SOUTH AFRICANS LIST

A number of UKZN alumni are listed in the *Mail & Guardian's* prestigious Top 200 Young South Africans for 2018.

Science and Technology

Bonisile Luthuli (27)

PhD student, Africa Health Research Institute

There are people who spend their lives changing the world for the better on the macro scale, and then there are people like Bonisile Luthuli who are changing it on the micro scale. Luthuli is studying for her PhD in Medical Microbiology at the Africa Health Research Institute in Durban and her bodies of research are all focused on overcoming debilitating diseases.

Luthuli's Master's saw her develop a microdialyser to quickly and effectively identify drug-resistant TB, a device that was so small and effective — it can perform up to 120 TB tests at a time — that it was patented and published in *PLoS One*. It was the first international patent filed for an integrated microfluidic device developed in Africa. Today, Luthuli is researching HIV-transmitted/founder viruses to help inform future prevention efforts aimed at eradicating HIV and AIDS.

But her journey was not an easy one. "We had no library and only a few books at school," says Luthuli. "When I came to University to study Biochemistry I had never touched a

computer or looked down a microscope. But these things should never stop the commitment to achieve and believe in yourself."

Growing up in Nyanyadu, near Dundee, Luthuli saw how badly HIV and AIDS affected people, many only a few years older dying from the disease. She knew that there was an urgent need to end the HIV epidemic and sought out a career path that would allow her to be a part of this mission.

"I plan to apply my intelligence, along with the knowledge and skills gained from my training, to implementing innovative approaches to end HIV and AIDS," she says. "I would also like to solve other societal ills and provide opportunities for impoverished communities to increase quality of life, especially in rural settings." ■

— Tamsin Oxford



Science and Technology

Dr Veve Dladla (28)

Research Officer, Sugar Milling Research Institute



It takes a stack of determination and a ton of passion to emerge from a family of 21 children to become a scientist with a doctorate in Chemical Engineering, and that is exactly what Dr Vezekile “Veve” Dladla did. She managed to complete her matric in spite of the family falling on hard times and was selected as the first South African to participate in the James Madison University/University of KwaZulu-Natal exchange programme. This led to publication in a leading journal, an impressive achievement for one so young. She also engages in groundbreaking research and has managed to build a family, all in only 28 years.

“I’ve always been fascinated by science, especially chemistry,” she says. “I had a fully funded opportunity to work as a research scholar at James Madison University in the USA where we did materials science research with fellow undergraduates. My curiosity remained unsated and so I got my PhD.”

For Dladla, the journey wasn’t easy. Coming from a polygamous family where she was child number 20 of 21, her family didn’t have much money and her father, the breadwinner, lost his job

when she was 12. To fund her university application and acceptance fees, she had to apply for funds from her local church in Botha’s Hill.

“I was able to obtain a Study Trust bursary to pay for part of my undergraduate studies and finally got a scholarship from the National Research Foundation to fund my postgraduate studies,” she says. “My goal is to continue contributing to the development of a scientific body of knowledge and technologies that will improve the quality of chemically-processed daily use products such as sugar and paper.”

Dladla is intent on helping take South Africa into the frontlines of the Fourth Industrial Revolution to empower more South Africans by transforming jobs and creating new opportunities. She’s an inspiration for young women in South Africa who aspire to step into the sciences and change the world. ■

– Tamsin Oxford



Science and Technology

Jeshika Ramchund, PrEng (32)

Senior Engineer, Developments, Bosch Projects (Pty) Ltd



Jeshika Ramchund is a professional Civil Engineer with a BSc in Civil Engineering from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is a member of the FIDIC (International Federation of Consulting Engineers) Young Professionals Forum (YPF) Steering Committee and is the Chairperson of the GAMA (Group of African Member Associations of FIDIC) Young Professionals Forum. She has been Chairperson of the YPF, a Council and board member for several years and is committed to enhancing the roles of young professionals in the consulting engineering space.

"My dad worked in construction and exposed me to his world from a young age and I was fascinated by Engineering drawings and specifications," says Ramchund. "What frustrated me was that at the construction stage, there wasn't room for many creative or functional changes. I then learned about the built environment and knew that this is what I wanted as a career."

Ramchund received a scholarship from the Construction Industry Education and Training Services for her studies and then took on a series of roles that allowed her to enhance her skills and reputation in the industry. Then she was given

the opportunity to blend technical expertise with project management experience on a large water and sanitation project. "I knew that my career would take a different path at this point," she says. "I have been at Bosch Projects for just over two years and gained a wealth of experience. On the academic front I would like to complete my Master's degree in Environmental Engineering and then extend my studies to a PhD. I believe that professional excellence can only be achieved when practical experience and academia meet minds."

Ramchund has a passion for empowering women in the industry, helping them to grow and share their knowledge and experience with one another. "In consulting engineering our challenges are different and we lack an accessible mechanism for women to converse on the successes and challenges faced, coping mechanisms and a safe space to share ideas. My aim is to create that space and encourage these conversations." ■

– Tamsin Oxford



Science and Technology

Yashodani Pillay (28)

PhD candidate, University of KwaZulu-Natal



Yashodani Pillay believes in the power of compassion and the constant desire to improve herself and those around her gives her purpose. She defines herself through her connection to others and how they impact each other. This became clear after personal circumstances solidified her decision to dedicate her life to the health and education sector.

The Durban-born leader is currently completing the final year of her PhD in Medical Sciences with a specific focus on toxicology and molecular biology. "I really enjoy the innovation, discovery process and social impacts of science," she says. She has worked with organisations in health and education for both government and international communities, including the United Nations Association for Human Values in 2012. The experience helped her to better understand the specific needs and interventions required to tackle some of the most dire situations faced by many vulnerable people in society. It ultimately contributed to her interest in public health, the development of effective counteractive methods and the integral role of science and education in developing society as a whole.

She notes that some of her career highlights include presenting her work abroad, working with others and mentoring within the

science and education sector. "Our lab has a strong culture of paying it forward in terms of training, support and helping others where you can, and I've learnt from and been able to share in this capacity."

Pillay admits that she stands on the shoulders of giants near and dear to her heart. Her mother and aunt serve as powerful female figures in her life, always pushing the boundaries of what is possible. Their accomplishments and dedication to social justice issues as well as their compassion influenced her from a young age.

Above all, she is a strong advocate of doing one's best. She believes one can never know what you can do if you don't give it your all. ■

– Leigh Wils



Science and Technology

Simangele Mbali Msweli (24)

MSc candidate (Biological Sciences), University of KwaZulu-Natal



Simangele Msweli is a Science student who plays a role in translating Science to a non-science audience and in using science to influence policy. Biodiversity, the initial interest of the young scientist, is not distributed evenly on Earth; it is richest in the tropics and around the equator. It is for this and other reasons that she aspires towards not only doing research in South Africa, but Africa at large, because the continent is such a rich biodiverse land mass and the various fauna and flora remain largely under described.

Msweli recently submitted her MSc in Biological Sciences (specialising in Pollination Biology) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She completed her honours degree *cum laude* and has received various international student awards that have allowed her to present work in Australia (2015), Uganda (2016), the United Kingdom and China (2017).

Growing up in the beautiful and biodiverse Mtubatuba region of KwaZulu-Natal made Msweli curious about her natural environment. Her fascination with changes in vegetation, wetlands and the landscape in general led to wanting to understand the causes of those changes. In high school, she

joined an environmental club. "This launched my career, as it exposed me to more environmental issues through excursions for wild dog tracking and sea turtle tours, among many other activities."

Msweli participates in environmental education initiatives at UKZN, where they create an environment to share Science with primary and high school kids. An aspiring researcher and lecturer, she hosts community outreach programmes such as providing environmental education at the Happy Earth Festival and the Royal Show. An interest in policymaking led her to be a member of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network; she has participated in the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity in India (2012), Mexico (2016) and Canada (2017). She is a recent recipient of the UKZN Talent Excellence and Equity Acceleration Scholarship, which means the University will fund her PhD for the next three years and offer her an academic post for research and lecturing for three years after its completion. ■

— Sifiso Buthelezi



Science and Technology

Sinethemba “Nombala” Makanya (31)

Science communicator and PhD student, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research

Part of Sinethemba Makanya’s journey has been undertaking training to practice as a traditional healer. It is this journey, she believes, that led her to enrol for a PhD in Medical Humanities at Wits in 2015 on the topic of demystifying traditional healing by writing it down as a theory and model. Such an undertaking is often frowned upon by traditional gatekeepers, but such processes create an understanding of ancient African perspectives and knowledge that is transferred almost solely orally.

Makanya is doing her PhD at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research. Growing up in KwaZulu-Natal, amid many tales and myths, she completed her first degrees at UKZN. She then won a Fulbright Scholarship to complete a Masters in Drama Therapy at New York University. In 2013 she joined the Drama for Life programme at Wits as a lecturer in Applied Drama and conducted applied drama interventions with communities via Themba Interactive, a Gauteng non-governmental organisation. She also taught acting and drama in education at the University of Pretoria.

Makanya shines globally as a science communicator, giving three-minute talks on her research questions and initial findings. She

is a recipient of the three-year doctoral bursary from the Department of Science and Technology –National Research Foundation Centre of Excellence in Human Development. In September 2017 she won the Centre of Excellence’s Spark Talks competition for all their bursary holders. The centre nominated her as a participant in the 2018 Wits heats of Fame Lab, where she was the winner of the initiative. The heat seeks to rid science of its jargon and make the information accessible to the public. In three minutes she covered a lot of ground about African knowledge, mental health, decolonising knowledge and the Life Esidimeni tragedy. ■

– Sifiso Buthelezi



Environment

Nasreen Khan (31)

Conservation Officer on Aride Island, Island Conservation Society

I am a proudly South African fierce environmental steward, always up for an adventure to the mountaintops or ocean depths," says conservation officer Nasreen Khan.

Khan lives with nine other people on a conservation island reserve in the Seychelles run by the Island Conservation Society and is tasked to look after its biodiversity. She works with animals like seabirds, turtles and seals to produce scientific data to assist in preserving endangered species and fragile island ecosystems.

Inspired by adventurers in her parents' vintage *National Geographic* and *Readers Digest* magazines and the 1990s animation *Captain Planet*, Khan dreamed of a career in marine biology. Her school guidance counsellor told her she had no direction in life and wondered how she would survive on a career "looking at fish".

Khan's parents, anti-apartheid activists from Ladysmith, KwaZulu-Natal, nudged her toward conservation and environmental activism and she later joined Greenpeace.

As an eco-activist co-ordinating the Greenpeace urban group between 2012 and early 2016, she focused on all types of enviro-education and training, particularly on becoming energy autonomous with solar power.

As part of the team at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, she researched mercury in fish and helped educate South Africans on the safe meal limits for weekly fish consumption.

Khan has also been on numerous life-changing expeditions. She spent time at the South African scientific research station

on Marion Island, an uninhabited island located in the sub-Antarctic. Along with 19 other people she spent over a year isolated from the rest of the world to collect data in extremely harsh conditions.

"The elements and the land chisel you down to your very core, and flaunt your worst fears in front of you," Khan says. She collected valuable data and worked with killer whales, elephant seals, fur seals and endangered seabirds. Given the opportunity to name two killer whales, Khan named them Ayesha, from *Guardians of the Galaxy*, and Shere Khan, after the Bengal tiger from *The Jungle Book*. Those also happen to be the names of her parents.

Aboard the South African ship, *Mama Afrika*, her last expedition was to the Antarctic marginal ice zone where she worked for BirdLife South Africa and the Department of Environmental Affairs Oceans and Coasts Department to monitor and classify seabirds and mammals at sea, toward the end of the Southern Ocean.

There are many more eco-adventures in Khan's future – she dreams of finding her place in this world and contributing to protecting biodiversity wherever she can. ■

– Shaazia Ebrahim



Education

Dr Preya Pillay (29)

Lecturer in Curriculum Studies and Social Justice Education, University of the Free State



"Social justice is my passion. Every project I get involved in has to be about empowering people and challenging assumptions about race and gender," says Dr Preya Pillay. "Gender transformation is important for social cohesion and social justice to the perceived 'others'."

Pillay is based at the University of Free State, where she lectures curriculum studies and social justice education. Her research interest is school curricula, specifically commerce textbooks, to unveil ideologies of about how instructional materials shape representations of sexuality and gender. In her downtime she presents seminal talks in rural schools around the Free State on issues of social justice and empowerment.

Pillay studied at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, completing a Bachelor of Education in 2010. She subsequently did an Honours and Master's in Education. In 2014 she was granted the National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences Doctoral scholarship. Pillay's PhD examined the constructions of gender in business studies textbooks used in four southern African countries, revealing that management and entrepreneurship is scripted almost exclusively in favour of men.

"Gender norms embedded in patriarchy continue to be reproduced through exclusion and choices of inclusion. Thus a

move towards a gender inclusive curriculum continues to remain a pipe dream."

During the three years of her PhD studies she presented her research at various conferences, both internationally and locally. Last year she also presented a paper from her PhD at the world's largest education research conference – the American Education Research Association – in Texas, USA. She was also invited to the Georg Arnhold International Summer School, which took place in July in Braunschweig, Germany.

Her pedagogy is informed by a quest for commerce education which is socially just and more relevant. "My research argues that as teachers committed to educating students, we need to learn more about how instructional materials shape representations of sexuality and gender. Through insistent deconstruction of the norms that structure practice and belief, critical discourse analysis offers perspectives from which commerce educators and textbook writers can question assumptions embedded in textbooks." ■

– Rumana Akoob



Education

Ndumiso Ngidi (31)

Human Geography lecturer, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Human geography lecturer Ndumiso Ngidi's passion for social justice education and transformative education has been largely influenced by specific experiences and events in his life. Losing his mother to a heart condition when he was just 12 months old, and his father to an HIV-related illness when he was seven, Ngidi grew up an orphan, separated from his siblings and raised by various relatives and neighbours.

During this time, Ngidi experienced much abuse and neglect, including being raped by a family friend. These traumas sparked an interest in reading and education.

Throughout his schooling, Ngidi felt there was a mismatch between what was taught and his life experiences, and it was only in his second year of university that he experienced a breakthrough in his learning.

"The subject was a Psychology course that focused on violence, abuse and trauma. It was in those classes that for the first time in my life I was able to speak about my experiences, because the lecturer allowed a form of teaching and learning where we as students could contribute meaningfully to the subject matter and feel validated by sharing our experiences. My postgraduate work followed the steps of that Psychology course."

Ngidi began his work within the field of HIV and gender-based violence, working with groups of secondary school learners and university students. He developed innovative methodologies for teaching and learning, as well as research that relied on collaborative contributions by him and his students, whom he regards as co-educators. He also works with township and rural communities, and particularly with vulnerable learners,

trying to understand and address social injustices to which young people are exposed.

"I consider myself a transformative educator and visual researcher. I believe in teaching that fosters collaborative learning and empowers students to think creatively and critically. My teaching is rooted in participatory methodologies, encouraging students to be critical thinkers, participatory and active learners, and to seek alternative possibilities. In my teaching methods I have designed programmes that focus on creating safe spaces where students' beliefs, experiences and attitudes are not only validated but further re-evaluated.

"I want my students to graduate not only able to answer established questions, but asking critical questions about their relationship with the spaces they occupy. I have therefore introduced participatory visual methodologies – such as photovoice, participatory drawing, cellphilm, digital storytelling and collage – for students to unleash their voices in critically understanding the production of violent space."

Among numerous awards over the past few years, in 2018 Ngidi won the World Bank and Sexual Violence Research Initiative Award in the Development Marketplace for Innovation on Gender-based Violence Prevention. ■

– Linda Doke



Education

Hangwelani Hope Magidimisha (33)

Senior lecturer and academic leader, Planning and Housing, University of KwaZulu-Natal



Dr Hangwelani Hope Magidimisha is the first Black South African woman to achieve a PhD in Regional Planning from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). With a host of peer-reviewed publications to her name — the latest a book published this year on migration in Southern Africa — Magidimisha was a PhD researcher at the Human Sciences and Research Council before moving to UKZN, where she teaches and supervises Master's and PhD students and continues her research.

Magidimisha's administrative competency saw her being appointed as a senior lecturer and academic leader for the Housing and Town Planning cluster, as well as a member of the University Senate and Institutional Forum. She is also a Council member of the South African Council for Planners and a committee member of the KwaZulu-Natal Planning Tribunal. This caught the attention of the international community, specifically the International Society of City and Regional Planning, which appointed her to direct the first workshop for Young Professional Planners in South Africa in 2016.

"In my field, innovation is often seen as the ability to create value for use by others, and this has been my strategy when

reaching out to others. One of my innovative interventions focuses on ways to enable a greater number of students to complete their Master's degree programmes in a relatively short period of time, while still in keeping with university regulations," explains Magidimisha.

To achieve this, she introduced the concept of group supervision, an innovative strategy which relies heavily on group support mechanisms, learning by doing, experience sharing and moral support though under the strict guidance of the supervisor.

"The approach of group supervision removed the element of solitude among students, and helped to boost their morale. The eventual graduation of many students in a relative short space of time was enough testimony to the success of this intervention measure." ■

— Linda Doke



Education

Dr Nomkhosi Luthuli (28)

Lecturer, University of KwaZulu-Natal: Graduate School of Business & Leadership

I am driven by wanting to inspire others and by being impactful. I want to know that through my work, I am really adding value and bringing about change not just to myself, but also to the next person and ultimately, society," says Nomkhosi Hlengiwe Luthuli, the youngest female academic in the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Graduate School of Business & Leadership.

Luthuli has a bachelors and master's degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), an honours from the University of Cape Town and recently passed a PhD with the Graduate School of Business & Leadership. She teaches Integrative Local Economic Development Research at postgraduate diploma level.

Her PhD is entitled, "A Conceptualisation and Enactment of Regional Economic Development Through the Analysis of the Durban Aerotropolis in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa". It seeks to build on regional economic development theory through providing an account of how planning for big infrastructure projects and strategic investments such as the aerotropolis and special economic zones relies on the foundational intricacies of strategic spatial planning, multi-pronged governance dynamics, cluster and agglomeration economics as well as co-ordinated investments for regional marketing.

She has recently been nominated to represent UKZN in the area of "Urbanisation and cities in the 21st century" on the South Africa-Sweden University Forum, which will run between 2018 and 2020.

Luthuli says she is driven by breaking boundaries and changing beliefs on how things should be in society. "I want to change the perception that aviation and planning for airport cities is a man's terrain, and I hope to consistently challenge the generalisation that academia is for old people. I know for sure that a determined mind excels whether male or female, young or old in any space of influence, and that there's no sector too male-dominated and barrier of entry too great for me to break through and do the best I possibly can," she says.

Young black people should join the academy to drive the transformation and decolonisation agenda, Luthuli says. "As a young black woman, I teach and lecture at a university to address the educational injustices that are spoken about as issues of the past, when they in fact still prevail today." ■

– Rumana Akoob



Health

Nikhat Hoosen (34)

Researcher, Centre for Infectious Disease and Epidemiology Research, University of Cape Town



Nikhat Hoosen already holds three degrees — a BSc in Biological Sciences, a BSc honours in Biological Sciences and an MSc in Molecular Biology and Systematics — all from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is currently completing a Master's in Public Health, specialising in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Cape Town, after which she aims to head straight into her PhD.

Hoosen draws much of her strength from her childhood, during which she was surrounded by the strength and resilience of two women, her mother and her aunt. "Every day I watched them face and handle life's small and big hurdles by themselves and it taught me independence, self-sufficiency and that we are definitely not the weaker sex. Also that while we should take care to respect and treat others well, our validation does not come from others."

Hoosen went on to become the first person in her family to attain a bachelor's degree. She has worked at several leading South African research organisations including the Medical Research Council and the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa and is a researcher at the Centre for Infectious Disease and Epidemiology Research at UCT.

She is passionate about researching the maternal health of pregnant and postpartum women. For her MA and her future PhD she is looking at postpartum service provision; its adequacies and gaps.

"The mother's physical, emotional and mental needs at this time are critical but often get overlooked in the midst of the responsibilities of new parenthood," she says. "I want to see if we can find out what works, what doesn't and what can be improved for postpartum mothers."

She loves every minute of what she does. "I truly, truly learn more every day," she says. "Research is a mix of personal stories, hard science, medicine and that high school math everyone said I'd never use. You realise again and again patients have sometimes innovative ideas for their care based on their experiences — the key is that we need to listen to them — and then figure out how we can integrate what is needed and plausible into what exists to shape something better." ■

— Fatima Asmal



Health

Dr Thandeka Ngcobo (25)

Doctor, Mafikeng Provincial Hospital

Dr Thandeka Ngcobo is a Medical intern doctor at Mafikeng Provincial Hospital, an executive board member at the Godisanang Youth Empowering Foundation and a corporate affairs officer at Ngcobo Empire.

She hails from a small village called Hluthankungu in KwaZulu-Natal. She fought hard to achieve in spite of the difficulties life threw her way. Ngcobo wanted to be a doctor from a young age, but found out she was pregnant while still in her teens. She still managed to complete her matric the same year and achieve results that put her in the top 10 students for the region. She went to university and completed her first-year, even though she gave birth that same year. With this level of determination it should come as little surprise that she achieved her qualification and became a vocal advocate for young girls and preventing teenage pregnancy.

"I lost my niece when she was only five; the doctors said there was nothing they could do," says Ngcobo. "This inspired me to achieve my dream of becoming a doctor. I felt that if I joined the Medical field I could make a difference and improve the quality of healthcare, especially in rural areas."

Coming from a disadvantaged family and rural area meant that Ngcobo had to relocate from her village to a school in a Durban township. When she found out she was pregnant it never crossed her mind to give up.

"I was so disappointed in myself and had no idea how I would face my family, who had sacrificed and invested so much in me," she says. "Giving up was not an option. As much as my mother was disappointed about the pregnancy, she was more worried about what would happen to my studies at Medical school. I remember her asking me whether pregnant students were even allowed to study Medicine. She agreed to look after my baby while I went back to carry on with my studies."

Ngcobo's mother is her heroine. She could have told her to stay home and raise her daughter, but instead she gave Ngcobo the chance to thrive. And thrive she did. Today she is set to specialise in Paediatrics to ensure the children of South Africa are cared for. ■

— Tamsin Oxford



Sisa Ntlango (34)



He is the public sector leader of the firm, overseeing the regions of KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape, and seeks to form and maintain

The highlight of his achievements, he says, is having risen above the odds to become an inspiration for many gifted young people who also hail from seriously disadvantaged backgrounds and see no future for themselves.

Ntlango says he is driven by a desire to positively contribute to his clients and community through his professional expertise. Helping his clients achieve their goals and make the desired societal impact they seek to achieve is what he aims for, he says. ■

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Politics and Government

Zuko Ludwe Makaula (29)

Assistant Director: Training Logistics at the National School of Government



Zuko Ludwe Makaula is an Assistant Director in training logistics at the National School of Government (NSG). The NSG's legal mandate is to provide and facilitate education, training and development in the public service. In his current role, Makaula contributes towards building a skilled and professional public service to support, among other responsibilities, the National Development Plan's call to build a capable state to play a developmental and transformative role.

The training programmes that Makaula is responsible for include Gender Mainstreaming in the Public Service, the Advanced Management Development Programme and Diversity Management. "The transformation that training programmes that the NSG delivers provide great impact in the improvement of service delivery in the South African public service," he says.

Makaula holds an honours in Industrial Psychology and a postgraduate diploma in Business Management from Walter Sisulu University and the University of KwaZulu-Natal respectively. He is completing a Master of Commerce in Business Management at Johannesburg Business School while working.

"I am inspired by anyone who demonstrates qualities such as perseverance, grit and hard work towards achieving what

they are passionate about. For me, these qualities contribute towards the successful achievement of one's goals," he says.

Prior to his current role, Makaula did a stint at the University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Science, where he was a senior programme co-ordinator in the doctoral programme. He has also been a fieldworker supervisor at the Human Sciences Research Council. Makaula has presented a number of papers in conference proceedings, including at the 5th International School of Public Management and Administration Conference at the University of Pretoria, and the 2nd National Qualifications Framework research conference.

Makaula's passion is in training and development and he continuously mentors and assists young people from his rural areas to gain access in Higher Education. "I'm driven by the need to make a difference, hence I regularly advise and assist young people about accessing institutions of higher learning, especially from my home town of Lusikisiki," says Makaula. "I'm also committed to lifelong learning as I continuously develop myself." ■

– Aaisha Dadi Patel

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SPORTS ROUND UP



UKZN'S 'COMRADES LEGEND'

Mr Tony Singarum has never looked back since the Comrades bug bit him 27 years ago.

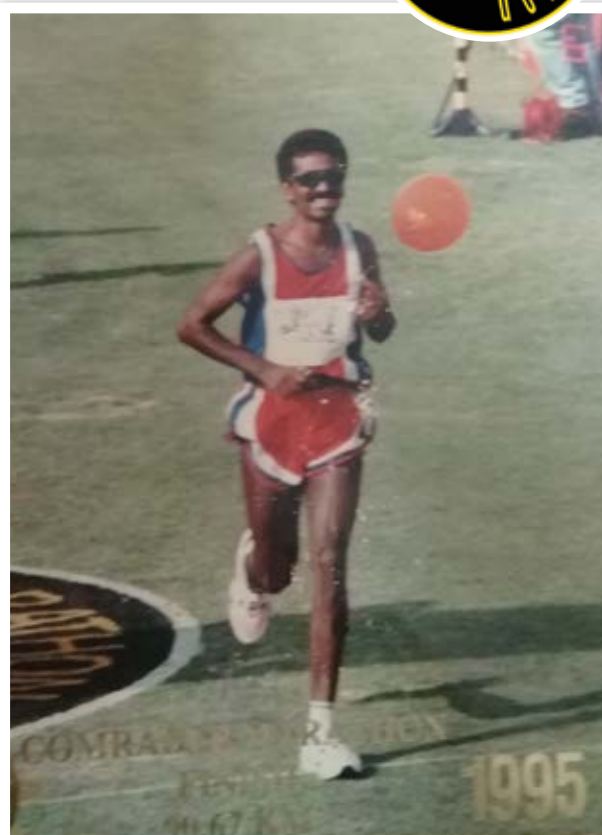


A project co-ordinator at UKZN's Institutional Planning and Governance office, Singarum (54), has completed 22 Comrades Marathons and 10 Two Oceans Marathons, to name but a few.

Earlier this year, he was awarded a blue number for finishing his 10th Two Oceans.

"I love Comrades. I can't not be part of it; whether it be running the race, assisting as a marshal or cheering from the side of the road. It has become like a potent narcotic that seeps into my veins and puts me on a running high. For me, the most powerful investment in life is the one you make in yourself and the Comrades Marathon is a lifetime investment and commitment to improve your quality of life. The whole experience has become such an integral part of my life that I can't imagine living my life without this iconic event. Every year, I look forward to standing at the start line whether I complete the marathon or not," he said.

As a young man, Singarum had a tough life. "I was told the Comrades Marathon is tough and I asked myself what could be tougher than my upbringing and the area I came from near the sugarcane plantation." He was 24 when he started thinking seriously about running. He ran his first marathon at the age of 27 in 1991. In 1995, he achieved his fastest time of seven hours and 59 minutes.



Singarum at the finish of the 1995 Comrades Marathon when he ran his fastest race.

"I used Comrades as a challenge and found running helped me to think clearly. It helps you deal with stress and persevere. It also made me more determined. I tell people not to give up. Like life, you have to work hard to achieve your goals. There are times when you have a bad patch and the key is to fight through and things will get better. The Comrades Marathon defines you as a person because it dictates your lifestyle, eating habits and self-image. The most valuable lesson that the Comrades taught me is the ability to have the mental strength to fight through the bad times. It not only builds your character, it also makes you grow as a person," he said.

Singarum, who has served the University for 34 years, joined UKZN's Athletic Club in 1994. The father of four participates in various events on the KZN Athletic calendar and races nationally.

Students refer to him as 'Uncle Tony, our Comrades Legend'.

"I am in the process of introducing time trials at UKZN for staff and students. It is to help them keep fit; not about getting into Comrades. We have a lovely track, facilities and professionals like physiotherapists and a sports science department who can assist and play a part," he said. ■

– Taschica Pillay



Singarum received his green number (permanent number) in 2000 from veteran marathon runner, Wally Hayward.



Singarum receiving an award after one of his races from former Proteas skipper Shaun Pollock.



Torture and Triumph for UKZN Comrades Runners

It was both ecstasy and agony for UKZN staff and students who participated in and finished the gruelling 2018 Comrades Marathon. Described by some as 90,184 km of pure torture, it is well worth it in the end as one savours the sweet fruit of victory after months of intense preparation.

A group of 30 men and women from UKZN participated in this year's Marathon on 10 June. This year's race, which was a down-run, kicked off at the Pietermaritzburg City Hall at 5h30, finishing in Durban at 17h30. Staff and students from the University abandoned the comfort of their beds and headed to the race route to support their colleagues and peers with cheers and refreshments.

– Nokubonga Nomasiko Jele



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Biyana leads UKZN Women's Football Team to Varsity Cup

UKZN men's and women's football teams qualified to participate in the Football Varsity Cup tournament for the first time.

Sports Science student, Ms Kholosa Biyana, led the team as Captain of the women's team to the competition held at North-West University in Potchefstroom in September.

Hailing from eNgcobo, a small "dusty" town in the Eastern Cape, Biyana lives by the motto: "There is no traffic on the extra mile". She said balancing her sports and her studies has ensured she excels on the field and in the classroom.

"I always make sure no day passes without me going to the library. I have to always ensure I am ahead



with my studying and finish my assignments very early," she said.

She added that: "I come from a very supportive family. There's a bunch of well-groomed siblings who understand my passion for football – two older brothers and one younger sister raised by amazing parents."

Having previously played for Banyana Banyana, Biyana said her focus is now on working and training hard to get back into the national team.

– Sithembile Shabangu

Captain of the UKZN Football women's team, Ms Kholosa Biyana led the squad to their first Football Varsity Cup tournament.

KZN Tennis Association and AfriHuB Boost UKZN Tennis

The UKZN Tennis Club received a much-needed boost in the form of tennis equipment and coaching funding to the value of R25 000 from the KwaZulu-Natal Tennis Association. The official handover was held at the renovated courts on the Howard College campus.

Executive President of the Association, Mr Leonard Morgas, said it was the first donation the body had made to a Higher Education Institution, adding that the plan is to extend support to other universities.

According to Morgas, "The current trend is that people play tennis while at school and then disappear from the sport until they are in their 30s". He added that such donations aim to bridge this gap and enable university students to feature regularly in the eThekweni Tennis Association (ETA) and university leagues.

UKZN Sports Administrator, Ms Nomkhosi Ndlovu, said that, since equipment is expensive, the donation will enable



Members of the UKZN Tennis Club with the donations from the KwaZulu-Natal Tennis Association.

students from disadvantaged communities to get involved in tennis.

– Sithembile Shabangu

UKZN's Sailing Team Competes in Back-to-Back Races

A team of intrepid UKZN sailors has set out to raise UKZN's flag – literally!

The UKZN Yacht Team recently participated in Winter Inter-Varsity match racing, the MSC Week and the Lipton Challenge Cup.

The Lipton Challenge Cup is one of the most popular races among sailors of Southern Africa and is a platform for young teams to prove their skill and establish themselves before moving on to international races. It is sailed annually on L 26 yachts offshore and, with the trophy's intrinsic value currently estimated at R2 million, it is the most valuable Cup in South African sailing.

Team UKZN was unable to compete in many of the Lipton races due to illness and injuries. Although they did not get the results they were hoping for, they said they learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The team excelled during MSC Week, which takes place offshore Durban, coming fifth out of 13. This was a sterling achievement as the teams that beat them were comprised of Olympians, and international and national champions.



The UKZN Yacht Team out and about on the KwaZulu-Natal coast.

The UKZN team consists of two first-year students Hannah Fokkens and Serah Goldman; three fourth-year students Rudi Fokkens, Ryan Naidoo and Gabriel Davies, and long-standing committee member, Edrich De Lange.

– Raylene Captain-Hashtibeer. Photographs: Willeper Martin and Bart Fokkens

UKZN Rugby Students Fly the University, KZN and National Flags

Male and female students, who are part of UKZN Rugby, were selected to the provincial and national rugby teams.

The male students played for the Sharks under 19 team while the female students were selected to the Sharks senior women's team. Some of the female students from the group were further selected to play for the South African Students team at the World Student Rugby Championships in Namibia while others represented the country in the senior national Springboks women's team.

The female students who made the cut were Ms Lindelwa Gwala, Ms Nontuthuko Shongwe, Ms Sanelisiwe Mkhize, Ms Nosipho Mkhwanazi, Ms Sizophila Solontsi, Ms Tshidi Thaane and Ms Busisiwe Ncalane, while the UKZN male representatives included Mr Onke Jiba, Mr Asanda Kunene and Mr Phelelani Zuma.

– Sithembile Shabangu



FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UKZN CONVOCATION

Another year has passed quickly with UKZN racking up numerous achievements in a variety of fields which have further enhanced its reputation and standing in the Higher Education and public arenas.

Convocation members are the ambassadors of the University and it is our responsibility to spread positive news about UKZN far and wide as we strive to present the Institution in a positive light.

We welcome the appointment of South Africa's Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng as Chancellor of the University. We are privileged to be served by a person of his stature and calibre, and are confident that through his great wisdom, the University will succeed in a wide variety of spheres.

Convocation celebrates the life and centenary of Nelson Mandela. We fondly remember that he was elected President of the ANC during the organisation's national conference at the Sports Centre of the then University of Durban-Westville in 1991. We also commemorate the centenary of Mama Albertina Sisulu, an inspirational leader of immense distinction who fought for the liberation of Black women – both old and young.

We congratulate our students who graduated during this year. We hope they will keep the UKZN flag flying high. Those that graduated for the first time are encouraged to further their studies because we want to produce the best for the nation in both the public and private sectors.

Convocation has been travelling the world to meet alumni to update them on the latest developments at UKZN. Countries visited included the United Kingdom, Zimbabwe and eSwatini (formerly Swaziland).

Finally, we thank former Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld, for his valued input over the past three years at the helm of the University. We wish him well in his new endeavours.

Convocation will participate fully in the process of appointing a new Vice-Chancellor and we hope to make an announcement in this regard early in the new year. ■

Fanle Sibisi
President of Convocation



New Convocation Executive Member – Uplifting Young Professionals

Alumnus and UKZN staff member, Ms Xolile Nonthuthu Kunene, is passionate about education and the development of young people.

Kunene's favourite quotation is by Franz Fanon: "Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it". Armed with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Management Studies, and an Honours and Master's Degree in Public Policy from UKZN, she aims to help young people change their lives for the better and uplift those of their families and communities.

Kunene notes that her interest in public policy arose from the fact that, while South Africa has many sound policies on paper, implementation is a challenge. Her masters research thus focused on monitoring and evaluation of policies that will enable remedial measures to be identified. She is currently registered for a PhD on funding models and frameworks for post-school education that will promote economic development, with a focus on young people from rural areas.

She is currently employed as the Principal Programme Officer in the School of Health Sciences, the youngest woman in this position at the University. She manages the School's undergraduate, postgraduate and research programmes and was recently appointed as a change champion. She is committed to strengthening the relationship between support and academic staff and represents support staff on the Convocation Executive. She was recently appointed by the Head of the BRICS Skills Council (SA) to be part of a committee to establish a vehicle to facilitate the training of young South Africans in China.

Kunene has also been involved in various leadership and governance structures. She served as the Gender Officer of the South African Student Congress (SASCO) from 2007 to 2008 and was the President of Mabel Palmer Hall. From 2009 to 2010 she was the Deputy Chairperson for the Faculty of Humanities Council and in 2015 she served as the Manager of the Black Management Forums' Student Chapter and Young Professionals. In 2016, Kunene was elected as the KwaZulu-Natal Chairperson of the Black Management Forum – Young Professionals where she is spearheading programmes for



young professionals. She and other executive members work with the provincial government and the private sector to bring young professionals into the economic mainstream. They also provide career advice, motivational talks, mentorship and coaching at a school and host the Enterprise Development Summit.

Kunene has been involved with the Impendulo Youth Institute as a Director for Special Projects and is a co-founder and the Director of Kisima College that offers quality learning and products to the public and private sectors throughout Africa. She was deployed by the South African Youth for International Diplomacy (SAYID), to the inaugural BRICS Youth Summit in Russia in 2015 and represented South Africa at the 19th World Festival for Youth and Students at Russia-Sochi. ■

– Xolile Kunene



MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI RELATIONS

Dear Alumnus,

The Alumni Relations Team interacted with thousands of graduates at events, and through personal visits, emails, written and telephonic communication as well as via various social media platforms during 2018. Highlights included the Durban Alumni Association AGM held on the Howard College campus; alumnus dinners in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, and East London; the April Graduation ceremonies in Durban and Pietermaritzburg as well as the Spring Graduation Ceremonies in Durban in September; alumnus lunches in Zimbabwe, eSwatini (Swaziland) and Richards Bay; the Film Screening/Movie Evening at Musgrave Centre in Durban; Job Skills and Leadership Skills Workshops in Durban and the London Cocktail Reception. The Durban Alumni Association has been very active with many interesting talks and tours arranged throughout the year.

The country specific Facebook pages for alumni based in the United Kingdom, the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Lesotho have remained very popular. There has also been considerable interest in the main Facebook page for all alumni.

Communication via the website, Facebook, Twitter and SMS has increased and is an effective way of informing graduates of UKZN events and issues. In order to invite alumni to events we have planned and to keep everyone updated on University events, we are eager to secure the current contact details of alumni, especially email addresses and mobile telephone numbers. Please also encourage friends or relatives who are graduates and have not received any correspondence from the University in recent months to provide us with their updated contact details. This can be done via a quick email to alumni@ukzn.ac.za or the website using the following address: <http://alumniaffairs.ukzn.ac.za>

An exciting line-up of events is planned for 2019 which includes new events in Botswana and Namibia as well as various parts of South Africa and other neighbouring countries. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events! ■

With our very best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team

From left: Finn Christensen, Desiree Govender and Nomcebo Msweli.





CALL FOR CLASS NOTES 2019

The Alumni Relations Office requests graduates to submit 'Class Notes' for publication in UKZN's alumni publication: UKZNTouch 2019.

'Class Notes' is a collection of short biographies sent to us by alumni from all over the world highlighting their personal and professional achievements. Through these notes alumni keep in touch and find old friends. We are eager to receive information from graduates for 'Class Notes' as well as profiles and articles for possible inclusion in the rest of the publication. You may include a high resolution photo of yourself.

Please submit all contributions (maximum 10 lines) by 28 June 2019 to the Alumni Relations Office,
E-mail: alumni@ukzn.ac.za, Fax: 031 260 2236 or post to: Alumni Relations, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 232 Mazisi-Kunene Avenue, Howard College Campus, Durban, 4041.



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PROFILE ON ALUMNUS KOBUS GERBER

A Long and Fruitful Career

Seventy-four-year-old alumnus, Mr Kobus Gerber, says his degree has assisted him in his daily tasks in his early years in information technology and now in the hospitality industry.



Gerber obtained a BCom with Accounting and Economics as his majors in 1967.

The grandfather, who now lives in Port Elizabeth (PE) where he manages the PE St George's Club, says when he was based in Durban, he was inspired by the Comrades Marathon to take up road running. "Road running became a part of my life and its contribution towards me living a balanced life should not be underestimated. To date, I have run 131 marathon and ultra-races, including 15 Comrades. I still regularly partake in road running events up to standard marathons and ultra-marathon distances," he said.

Gerber worked as a clerk at the Durban City Council and attended lectures at night. "There was not much time for social activities or 'fun', but it also provided me with the opportunity to gain practical experience whilst doing my studies. The annual 'Rags' (The Natal University annual rag day) culminating in a float procession down West Street, in central Durban, provided opportunities to relax with your fellow students and I still have pleasant memories of those fundraising events."

After completing his studies, he worked as an accountant for a number of years before moving into information technology (IT). "Initially, I did computer programming but soon moved into systems design, project management and IT management. I later moved into sales and marketing, eventually retiring as

a regional director of a national IT company. I then had the privilege of being retained in an executive consulting role for a further eight years," he said.

After leaving IT, Gerber ventured into the hospitality industry as general manager of the PE St George's Club which has been in existence since 1866. "In this role, I have had the opportunity to apply the financial, sales and marketing experience gained previously to turn the club into a profitable establishment; serving the business leaders of Nelson Mandela Bay. Being semi-retired, I wish to continue on the road of contributing to the success of the club so that its services will be available for the next generation", he said, adding that he wishes there were more UKZN alumni in Port Elizabeth. ■



Photo courtesy of PE St George's Club

ALUMNI OUT & ABOUT

Alumni Gathering in Cape Town

– Finn Christensen | Photograph: Nomcebo Msweli



The Alumni Relations Office organised an alumni get together in Cape Town featuring a three-course dinner at which the guest speaker was UKZN alumnus and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Cape Town, Professor Penny Andrews.

Held at the Radisson Blu Hotel close to the Waterfront, the event was an opportunity for alumni, donors and friends of UKZN to renew acquaintances, meet fellow alumni and receive an update on developments at their *alma mater*.

Acting Executive Director of Corporate Relations at UKZN Ms Normah Zondo warmly welcomed guests and introduced Andrews who spoke on: 'What Would Dean Penelope Andrews (2018) tell BA Student Penelope Andrews (1977) today? Musings about Studying, Protest and Pleasure'. She entertained her audience with anecdotes from her university days and life experiences.

President of Convocation Mr Fanle Sibisi highlighted recent developments at UKZN and encouraged all present to support the University.

Executive Director of the UKZN Foundation, Professor Anesh Singh also asked alumni to assist the University and to make donations which some of those at the gathering did on the evening.

Guests went home with information packs containing a selection of UKZN publications and a corporate gift.

Networking Session with Zimbabwean Alumni

– Finn Christensen | Photograph: Nomcebo Msweli



The Alumni Relations Office organised the first of hopefully many alumni get-togethers in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Held on Saturday, 26 May, at the Meikles Hotel in central Harare, the well-attended event, with attendees from various parts of Zimbabwe, included an exhibition of UKZN study opportunities and a three-course lunch. Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Law and Management Studies Professor Nana Poku (now Acting Vice-Chancellor), was the guest speaker

The event was an opportunity for alumni, donors and friends of UKZN to renew acquaintances, meet fellow alumni and receive an update on developments at their *alma mater*.

Acting Executive Director of Corporate Relations, Ms Normah Zondo, warmly welcomed guests and introduced Poku who spoke on: UKZN – the Premier University of African Scholarship: Context and Opportunity. He highlighted recent developments at the University and answered numerous questions.

Mr Sbu Kheswa from the Schools Liaison Unit mounted a comprehensive exhibition of University material which was extremely well received by the graduates who enquired about various course options and study opportunities at UKZN.

Guests went home with information packs containing a selection of UKZN publications and a corporate gift.

Durban Alumni Association AGM

– Finn Christensen | Photographs: Nomcebo Msweli

The Durban Alumni Association AGM on the Howard College campus was followed by a very well-received address by Guest Speaker, Mr Bongani Tembe (CEO of the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra [KZNPO]). The large number of attendees enjoyed his positive message and insights into how the KZNPO operates so successfully in the current financial situation. Many questions followed and attendees enjoyed drinks and snacks in the adjoining venue. Durban Alumni Association talks and events during 2018 included talks by Mr Rodney Choromanski (now late), Mr Sean Wisedale and Professor Colleen Downs as well as tours of the National Sea Rescue Institute in Durban and the Albert Luthuli Museum at Groutville as well as the annual year-end lunch.



JOB SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Strengthening Alumni Relations and Helping them Succeed

– Finn Christensen | Photographs: Andile Ndlovu

Relations between UKZN and recent alumni (many of whom graduated in April and September 2018) were strengthened through their attendance at the Job Search Skills and Leadership Skills Workshops co-ordinated by the Alumni Relations office. The former took place in June 2018 and the latter in early October.

The day-long Job Search Skills Workshop facilitated by Dr Sheri Seetal attracted graduates from all four Colleges, with a number travelling from various parts of KwaZulu-Natal. Feedback included “extremely interesting”, “packed with essential information” and “a real learning curve.” Issues covered included the job search process; job adverts and cover letters, CV writing; and interview skills as well as workplace related issues such as work ethics, customer care and office skills.

The Leadership Skills Workshop that was also facilitated by Seetal covered a number of essential issues which will benefit graduates in their career paths and progress.

Similar workshops are set to become an annual feature of the Alumni Relations’ programme of activities. Alumni Relations welcomes suggestions on other types of workshops graduates would like to attend.

**Eastern Cape Events**

– Finn Christensen | Photographs: Nomcebo Msweli



The Alumni Relations Office co-ordinated two very successful and well attended events in the Eastern Cape in June. This was an opportunity to meet and renew relationships with a number of Port Elizabeth and East London-based alumni.

The dinners provided alumni with the opportunity to network, reminisce about their *alma mater* and receive updates on developments at the University.

Guest speaker, Convocation President and Chair Mr Fanle Sibisi, provided an informative and comprehensive overview of developments and projects at UKZN and encouraged graduates to participate in the affairs of the University.

At the Port Elizabeth event, Executive Director of the UKZN Foundation Professor Anesh Singh, requested attendees to consider ‘giving back’ to their University.

Ms Normah Zondo, Executive Director (acting): Corporate Relations Division, welcomed attendees at each dinner and was on hand to answer questions.

Guests were impressed with the content of each talk and the information in the information packs they received.

Attendees included graduates from the 1960s to the most current and from the former University College for Indians, Salisbury Island, and the Universities of Durban-Westville and Natal as well as UKZN’s five campuses. The alumni appreciated the opportunity to receive updates on the University, which reassured them of the international status of their qualifications and their *alma mater*.

Fun at Oceans 8 Screening

– Finn Christensen | Photographs: Andile Ndlovu



Fun was had by 120 alumni who attended the special preview screening of the much anticipated *Oceans 8* movie at Musgrave Centre in Durban on 14 June 2018.

The packed to capacity event highlighted UKZN alumni’s diverse professions. Each graduate received a pack of University material and participated in a lucky-draw for University mementos. These movie evenings are extremely popular and are an annual feature on the UKZN alumni calendar.

Engaging with eSwatini-based Alumni

– Finn Christensen | Photographs: Nomcebo Msweli



A group of 45 UKZN alumni from across eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) met on 21 July 2018 for a lunch and information-sharing session at The George Hotel in Manzini.

The group thoroughly enjoyed meeting one another, reminiscing about their university experiences and exchanging contact details. A range of professions were represented, including agriculturalists, teachers/lecturers, lawyers and medical practitioners.

Welcoming the graduates, Professor Anesh Singh, UKZN Foundation Executive Director spoke on the Foundation's work and encouraged attendees to "give back" to their *alma mater*. Guest speaker, Convocation President and Chair Mr Fanle Sibisi, provided a comprehensive overview on current developments at the University as well as information on enrolment, current ranking and research. Numerous questions followed, many of which related to registration and funding for international students as many of those present expressed a desire to undertake postgraduate studies at the University.

The alumni appreciated the opportunity to receive an update on the University, saying that this reassured them of the international status of their qualifications as well as that of their *alma mater*. The session also provided them with the confidence and knowledge to recommend the University to family and friends and motivated them to support UKZN. All attendees went home with UKZN information packs and a gift.



London Alumni Event

– Finn Christensen



About 100 guests attended the annual UKZN Alumnus Association in Europe function at South Africa House in London.

Chair of the Association Mr Bruno van Dyk welcomed guests and introduced UKZN alumnus and 'body language guru', Dr Peter Collett, President and Chair of Convocation, Mr Fanle Sibisi, and UKZN Foundation Executive Director, Professor Anesh Singh who spoke at the event.

Collett, a London-based psychologist, TV personality and body language expert, spoke on 'Mandela and His Smile: How to Read Politicians from their Body Language'. He explored Mandela's personal appeal and examined the role played by aspects of behaviour such as facial expression, posture, gesture and tone of voice in domestic and international politics.

Presenting clips from his TV programmes, Collett showed that while some non-verbal signals are deliberate, others are unintentional and therefore more revealing. He said that politicians' body language often determines whether not their attempts to come across as powerful and approachable succeed or fail.

Sibisi stressed the need for graduates to 'give-back' to their *alma mater* and updated the gathering on recent developments at UKZN, while Singh highlighted the role of the UKZN Foundation and encouraged donations to the University.

South African canapés and drinks were served after the talks, providing guests with an opportunity to network and interact with fellow graduates.

Acting Executive Director of Corporate Relations, Ms Normah Zondo, and Alumni Relations Manager, Mr Finn Christensen, were on hand to meet guests and answer questions about the University.

A lucky draw was held with winners receiving UKZN specific gifts while packs with the latest University information and mementos were distributed.

UKZN FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW US INITIATIVE



UKZN Foundation Executive Director, Professor Anesh Maniraj Singh, flew to the east coast of the US, and visited Washington, DC, where he made contact with a number of charitable foundations.

He then travelled to New York where he hosted an alumni gathering at the South African Consulate General on 10 May. The event was a huge success and a great launch of the new outreach in the US on behalf of the UKZN Foundation. About 30 people from several generations and various campuses intermingled, enjoyed reunions and made new connections.

“We detected a genuine interest among the alumni there that night in getting involved in any events that we organise in the future. We felt there was an important consensus that they wanted to get together again”, said Cheetah Haysom (BA, 1969), one of the two newly appointed US ‘ambassadors’ for the Foundation.

The other US ‘ambassador’ for the Foundation, Mandy Dhillon (née Sewpersadh, B.Sc. Property Development, 2008), spoke of her struggle to pay her fees and urged attendees to help support students at UKZN in whatever way they can.

Singh’s video presentations on the University as it is today, and on the Foundation’s objectives, were very informative and effective and an important step towards connecting

alumni in the wider New York region (including New Jersey and Connecticut) to the modern UKZN.

The success of the New York gathering suggests that other regions in the US might also have productive alumni gatherings. Plans are proceeding to organise alumni events in other parts of the US, including California. Alumnus, Bernard Wolfsdorf, who runs one of the top immigration law firms in the US, has volunteered to organise an alumni gathering in Los Angeles.

The two new ambassadors aim to make contact with UKZN alumni across the US to keep the community connected and informed, and, where possible, further the interests of the University through academic, intellectual, social and financial means. ■

– Cheetah Haysom, Photo: Supplied

Dhillon and Haysom can be contacted on
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FRIENDS OF UKZN AGRICULTURE ALUMNUS ASSOCIATION

The Friends of UKZN Agriculture Alumnus Association provides another facet to the University's Alumni Relations activities, focusing on graduates who have emerged from the Institution's lauded Agricultural Faculty, now housed mainly within the School of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences, with some related Disciplines falling under the Schools of Engineering and Life Sciences.

Friends of UKZN Agriculture was established in 2012 by motivated alumni and staff in the School of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences who aimed to establish not simply an 'old boys' club', but also a forum through which alumni can 'plough back' to their *alma mater*. Throughout the 70-year history of the erstwhile 'AgFac', as the faculty was for decades fondly known, its graduates have made a tremendous contribution to agriculture in a wide array of avenues across the continent. UKZN continues to contribute to scientific, sociological and ecological aspects of agriculture through its graduates and their contributions.

This Association aims to maintain contact and relationships with agricultural alumni, and also provides them with opportunities to give back to their *alma mater* in a number of ways, whether through visiting students to contribute expertise as a guest speaker, funding bursaries, scholarships

or research chairs, conducting research with University academics, ensuring the relevance of curriculum through industry input, recruiting graduates, offering field trip destinations and more. ■

Agricultural alumni who would like to stay up to date and any other interested parties, are welcome to get in touch with the Friends of UKZN Agriculture Networking Facilitator, Mrs Christine Cuénod, who is situated in Room 1 of the Rabie Saunders Building on the Agriculture campus. She can be reached on cuenod@ukzn.ac.za or 033 260 6557.

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GATHERINGS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS

THE DURBAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DAA)
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WHO CAN JOIN?

The Durban Alumni Association has widened membership of the Association to include alumni as well as anyone who has been connected with the University in any way or simply has an interest in the University or the activities.

The activities (approx.: 6 per year) arranged cover a wide range of interesting visits and talks and all take place in KwaZulu-Natal. The talks are held on the Howard College campus and the tours/outings are within the region.

ACTIVITIES?

COSTS?

The cost of membership in 2019 is R50.00 per person – which simply covers postage of invitations. If you prefer email invites, membership is free. If you would like to subscribe, please contact Nomcebo Msweli on: mswelin@ukzn.ac.za or on telephone 031 260 2016.

We look forward to welcoming new members and receiving ideas on interesting events to arrange.





CONTACTS & SOCIAL MEDIA



International and Lesotho Alumni Facebook Groups

UKZN's Alumni Relations office has created six country specific Facebook groups exclusively for graduates based in the **USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Lesotho**.

The sites will allow graduates to interact with one another, access information on and from their *alma mater* and to receive invitations to events, suggest get-togethers and create a vibrant UKZN graduate network in these countries.

These Facebook groups are private and each group will be administered/monitored by Ms Desiree Govender, UKZN Alumni Relations. We encourage you to interact with one another and our office and to spread the word to other UKZN alumni about these sites. Should you require any further information, please contact the Alumni Relations office on email: alumni@ukzn.ac.za or govenderd@ukzn.ac.za. Ideas/suggestions on how to improve the site are most welcome.

Please go to: <https://www.facebook.com/desiree.govender.9> and send Desiree a friend request. She will accept your invitation and add you to your specific country group.

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WHO PUBLISHED BOOKS RECENTLY

UKZN Alumnus Shines Spotlight on Bipolar Disorder Through Memoir

Written by Merryl Hammond, PhD

Merryl Hammond PhD graduated as a nurse and midwife from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in 1978. She did several psychiatric rotations as part of her initial and postgraduate nursing training, never dreaming she would one day become a mental patient herself. But bipolar disorder (used to be called manic depression) rudely interrupted at age 51.

In her 2018 memoir, *Mad Like Me: Travels in Bipolar Country*, she writes: "Bipolar caused me to disappear from the stage of my own life for two full years, from the age of 51 to 53. I was exiled, lost, shocked, confused and ashamed." (Hammond, 2018:13)

Hammond used all the academic skills she developed as a graduate from UKZN (B. Soc. Sc. Nursing 1978, B. Soc. Sc. Hons. 1980), Unisa (Dip. Adv. N. Sc. 1984) and the University of the Witwatersrand (MA 1982, PhD 1989) for her book. She kept copious notes and documented everything she experienced as a bipolar patient. She's graphically captured the sights, sounds and other-worldly experiences she lived through to help readers understand what it truly feels like to live with bipolar disorder.



After a few years of dramatic mood swings and two psychiatric hospitalisations, she finally achieved mental stability again, and can now devote herself to helping fellow bipolar patients and their families better cope with the disorder.

Her memoir, *Mad Like Me: Travels in Bipolar Country* is available from:

Exclusive Books <https://www.exclusivebooks.co.za/product/9780987678881>,

The Book Depository <https://www.bookdepository.com/Mad-Like-Me-Merryl-Hammond/9780987678881?ref=grid-view&qid=1539038931757&sr=1-1>, and

Amazon https://www.amazon.com/Mad-Like-Me-Travels-Bipolar/dp/0987678884/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1536170333&sr=8-2.

Please visit www.merrylhammond.com for video clips, photos, reviews, articles, excerpts from the book, a radio interview, contact details and other news.

Alumnus and Veteran Dance Writer Adrienne Sichel Launches New Book

The Ar(t)chive, South Africa's award-winning theatre dance and physical performance archive, launched the ground-breaking new publication, *Body Politics: Fingerprinting South African Contemporary Dance* by UKZN alumnus and veteran dance writer Adrienne Sichel at this year's 20th JOMBA! Contemporary Dance Experience.

Over the past 40 years, Sichel has painstakingly documented and critiqued the changing landscape of contemporary dance in pre- and post-democratic South Africa, earning her the respect of both the national and international dance community.

In her latest work, she sketches the eras and genres which make up this art form in South Africa and on the African continent.



Whilst being acutely aware of the gaps, Sichel's outline aims to be as comprehensive as possible in framing, tracing and tracking a remarkable, intrinsic component of our cultural ethos. Featured artists, companies and festivals include early pioneers as well as contemporary players.

Body Politics: Fingerprinting South African Contemporary Dance was originally edited by Tammy Ballantyne and Clare Craighead. It retails at R400 and is available from all major bookstores.

The publication was made possible through the support of Business and Arts South Africa (BASA), RMB, Porcupine Press and Ian Hamilton.

— Melissa Mungroo, Photograph: Val Adamson

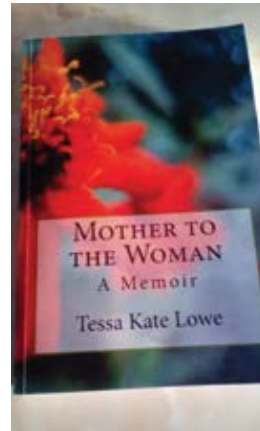
Mother to the Woman – A Memoir

By Tessa Lowe

I was at Durban University (as it was then) from 1964-66 majoring in Economics and Psychology. Thereafter I did an Honours in Psychology at UCT and worked one year as a Teacher/Psychologist at the Constantia School (formerly a Borstal under Dept. of Prisons) before marrying an Englishman and moving with him to England in 1968.

The book is (self) published by Create Space and is available from Amazon. Volume 2...*On The Move*...which covers the first four years in England...will hopefully be available soon, in both print and kindle versions.

I hope to bring out *Mother to the Woman* as an audio book soon.



Notes on My Fridge – A woman's endurance... Most women's silent life

Written by Sarisha Rameshlall Komal

Notes on My Fridge – A woman's endurance... Most women's silent life is a non-fiction book of poetry, short notes and relationship quotes which are a collection of real lived experiences shared by females whom I've met and counselled over the many years. It also includes my own experiences.

"The book addresses issues, challenges and emotional accomplishments that women and people in general are not comfortable speaking about in the open. My book is but one avenue for women to be heard. It affords the reader an opportunity for self-reflection and self-correction. It is also a signal to know that it is OKAY to give expression to one's vulnerability and challenges.

"It is not an easy read (as it was initially meant to be used as conversation starters during my Female Empowerment workshops) but reviews National and International have affirmed that it is certainly a profound read on its own. Ultimately *Notes on my Fridge* is about the indomitable spirit of females.



"Moreover, it is very interesting to note that selected males that reviewed the book welcomed this humble offering as a means to understand human relations and reflect on their roles as men. I hope that the book is equally well received by the general male populace.

"My book is different as it's boldly honest, direct and the experiences can apply to a diverse community of females. It's not exclusive but inclusive of a majority of people."

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ON THE BOOKSHELF

Recent publications from the UKZN Press

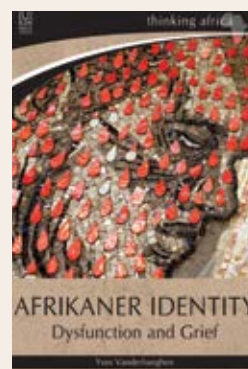
Afrikaner Identity: Dysfunction and Grief

Yves Vanderhaeghen

ISBN: 978 1 86914 392 3

What have we done?' is a plea heard amid the wreckage of Afrikanerdom. 'Afrikaner' in South African public discourse is more often than not a swear word. This close media study considers how, squeezed in the moral vice of past and present, Afrikaners look in a mirror that reflects only a beautiful people. It is an image of upstanding, hard-working citizens. To hold on to that image requires blinkers, sleights of hand and contortion.

Above all, it requires an inversion of the liberation narrative in which the wretched of South Africa are the historical oppressors, besieged in their language, their homes, their jobs. They are the new 'grievables', an identity that requires intricate moral manoeuvres, and elision as much of the past as of transformation.



At the Fault Line

Writing White in South African Literary Journalism

Claire Scott

ISBN: 978 1 86914 394 7

Social identities within post-apartheid South Africa remain highly contested with issues of race and racism often dominating the national discourse.

In order to find their place within the

national narrative, White South Africans need to re-think their stories, re-define their positions in society and re-imagine their own narratives of identity and belonging.

By exploring whiteness and White identity through the lens of literary journalism, this book reflects on ways in which writers use the uncertainties and contradictions inherent in this genre to reveal the complexities of White identity formation and negotiation within contemporary society. Authors such as Rian Malan (*My Traitor's Heart*), Antjie Krog (*Country of My Skull* and *Begging to Be Black*), Jonny Steinberg (*Midlands*) and Kevin Bloom (*Ways of Staying*) are writing at times of political and social flux. By working at the fault line of literature and journalism, these literary journalists not only mirror the volatility of their social setting but also endeavour to find new narrative forms, revealing the inherent anxiety and possibility of whiteness in contemporary South Africa.

Chota Motala

A Biography of Political Activism in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands

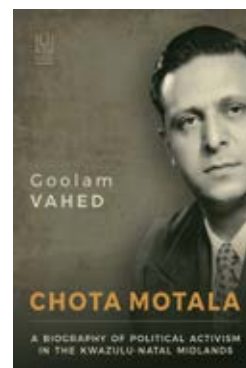
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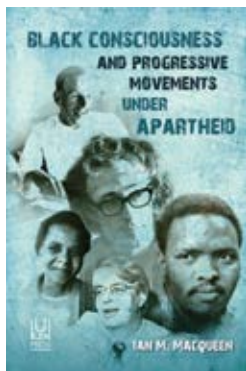
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Chota Motala, medical doctor, family man, and political activist, lived out over eight decades of his life in communities that

preceded, and ultimately succeeded, the hegemony of formal apartheid in South Africa. For most of this time, Pietermaritzburg, the capital of KwaZulu-Natal, was home to Motala, who helped to shape the politics of the Midlands and whose legacy is vibrantly woven into the city.

Pietermaritzburg spawned strong alliances between trade unions, political organisations and communities that cut across race, class and religious lines. This book examines Motala's intellectual project and activism from his childhood years through to his role as an ambassador in the new South Africa, and throws light on poorly documented episodes in Pietermaritzburg's history.





Black Consciousness and Progressive Movements under Apartheid

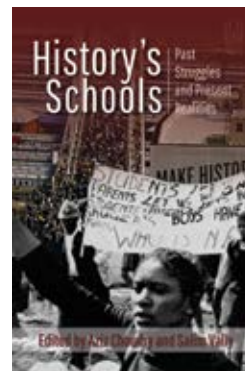
Ian M. Macqueen

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Accounts of Black Consciousness have tended to place the discourse in a continuum of resistance to White minority rule and to assess its significance in bringing about

the downfall of apartheid. While these are valid historical narratives, they have occluded some of the wider resonances and significance of both the movement and the body of ideas. This book takes its cue from Steve Biko's own injunction to see the evolution of Black Consciousness alongside other political doctrines and movements of resistance in South Africa. It identifies progressive thought and movements, such as radical Christianity and ecumenism, student radicalism, feminism and trade unionism, as valuable interlocutors that nonetheless also competed for the mantle of liberation, espousing different visions of freedom.

These progressive movements were open to what Ian Macqueen characterises as the 'shockwaves' that Black Consciousness created. It is only with such a focus that we can fully appreciate the significance of Black Consciousness, both as a movement and as an ideology emanating from South Africa in the late 1960s and 1970s. *Black Consciousness and Progressive Movements under Apartheid* thus presents an intellectual history of Black Consciousness in South Africa in the comparative perspective that Biko originally called for.



History's Schools Past Struggles and Present Realities

Aziz Choudry and Salim Vally

ISBN: 978 1 86914 416 6

How do educators and activists in today's struggles for change use historical materials from earlier periods of organising for political education? How do they create

and engage with independent and often informal archives and debates? How do they ultimately connect this historical knowledge with contemporary struggles? *History's Schools* aims to advance the understanding of relationships between learning, knowledge production, history and social change. This unique collection explores engagement with activist/movement archives; learning and teaching militant histories; lessons from liberatory and anti-imperialist struggles; and learning from student, youth and education struggles.

Six chapters foreground insights from the breadth and diversity of South Africa's rich progressive social movements; while others explore connections between ideas and practices of historical and contemporary struggles in other parts of the world including Argentina, Iran, Britain, Palestine, and the US.

Besides its great relevance to scholars and students of Education, Sociology, and History, this innovative title will be of particular interest to adult educators, labour educators, archivists, community workers and others concerned with education for social change.



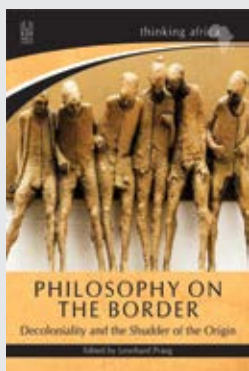
Performing Zimbabwe A Transdisciplinary Study of Zimbabwean Music

Luis Gimenez Amoros and Maurice Vambe

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Performing Zimbabwe presents a transdisciplinary analysis of Zimbabwean music, drawing from different disciplines such as sociology, ethnomusicology, history, journalism, development studies, English, philology and drama. It offers a re-evaluation of Zimbabwean music by Zimbabwean scholars and, in so doing, reconsiders the work of international academics on the subject. It thus highlights the significance of local scholars in the study of Zimbabwean music. Given that this book features a wide range of perspectives, it provides a solid foundation for future studies on Zimbabwean music, either historically in the precolonial and colonial periods, or in the contemporary postcolonial period.





Philosophy on the Border Decoloniality and the Shudder of the Origin

Leonhard Praeg

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In 2015 and 2016 Institutions of Higher Education across South Africa exploded in a series of protests/revolts, collectively referred to in this volume as #MustFall. An important sub-discourse articulated

the student protests/revolt as an iteration of the founding of South Africa as democratic Republic. As such, the protests/revolt constituted a total onslaught on the politico-juridical and epistemological order, which is, in many ways, a continuation of old apartheid into democratic South Africa. This shudder reverberated through the very foundations of the new Republic and its institutions of higher learning and acted as a catalyst that once and for all propelled us beyond sentimental nationalist notions of 'Africanising' this or that and talk of 'transformation' carefully circumscribed by neo-liberal commitments to maintaining the status quo.

The essays in this volume are direct or indirect responses to that shudder. They either directly address some aspect of #MustFall or discuss debates that pre-date the movement, but have gained renewed interest and urgency, in part, because of it. A shudder of the origin, being what it is, can never be addressed or even outlined in its totality. The objective of this collection of essays is therefore to simply walk along the fault line that has opened up as a result of that shudder in order to trace some of the contestations between Subject (philosophy) and subject that have emerged as a result of it; a fault line where the disciplinary nature of a Subject is being questioned and interrogated by subjects who will no longer be disciplined by it.

Xhosa Literature Spoken and Printed Words

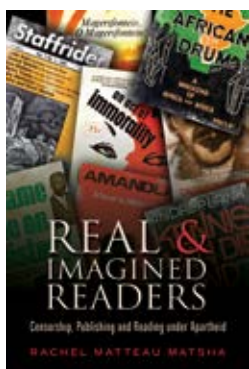
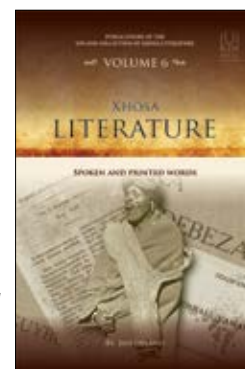
Jeff Opland

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Xhosa Literature: Spoken and Printed Words consists of fourteen essays addressing Xhosa literature in three media – the spoken word, newspapers and books. Literary critics tend to focus on Xhosa literature published in books; some attention has been paid to Xhosa oral poetry and tales, but by and large the contribution of newspapers to the development of Xhosa literature has been overlooked. This book explores aspects of Xhosa literature in all three media, and their interconnections.

Six of the essays treat historical narratives (*amabali*) and praise poetry (*izibongo*), setting out the social and ritual function of poetry and the poet (*imbongi*), mapping changes in the *izibongo* of three poets as South Africa moved towards democracy in the 1990s, and analysing recordings of two poems recited by S.E.K. Mqhayi. Three essays are devoted to the first Xhosa novel, Mqhayi's *U-Samson* (1907), to the publication of the greatest novel in Xhosa, A.C. Jordan's *Ingqumbo yeminyanya* (1940), and to the first published poem in praise of Nelson Mandela, D.L.P. Yali-Manisi's 'UNKosi Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela' (1954). There follow accounts of Xhosa literature in the nineteenth century and the appropriation of the press by Xhosa editors towards the end of that century, of Nontsizi Mgqwetho's fiery poetry published in *Umteteli wa Bantu* and of poems by Mgqwetho and Mqhayi published in *Abantu-Batho*, two Johannesburg newspapers. The volume concludes with an exposition of an imaginative response to David Yali-Manisi and his poetry.



Real and Imagined Readers Censorship, Publishing and Reading under Apartheid

Rachel Matsha

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Real and Imagined Readers looks at an important period in South African literary history, marked by apartheid censorship and the extensive banning of intellectual and creative voices. Returning to the archive, this book offers a reader-centric view of the successive censorship laws, and the consequences of publication control on the world of books. Books and print culture created intersectional spaces of solidarity where ideas and knowledge were contested, mediated and translated into the socio-political domain.

By focusing on these marginalised readers, Matsha sheds light on the reading cultures and practices that developed in the shadow of apartheid censorship, creating alternative literary spaces. Real readers engaged in an elusive dialogue with the censors' imagined readers, and definitions of literature and readerships emerged from this unusual connection, leading to the formation of literary conventions that inform reading politics to this day. By understanding reading as a complex and dynamic activity, this book stresses the importance of appreciating books in relation to the social context in which they are written and, most importantly, read.

Voices of Resilience

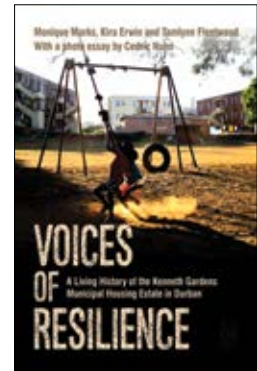
A Living History of the Kenneth Gardens Municipal Housing Estate in Durban

Monique Marks, Kira Erwin and Tamlynn Fleetwood | With a photo essay by Cedric Nunn

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Kenneth Gardens is Durban's largest low-income municipal housing estate. Initially built for 'poor Whites', Kenneth Gardens today is arguably one of the most socially diverse living spaces in the city. While the estate is significant in terms of its size, history and social make-up, very little has been written about it. This book provides a history of Kenneth Gardens through the oral history stories of its residents. It is a rich tapestry of narratives as told by people who resided in Kenneth Gardens during apartheid, those that moved into the estate when the Group Areas Act began to be defunct, as well as stories from residents who have more recently moved into the estate.

Although this book is about Kenneth Gardens itself, it is also about the history of social housing, identity formation and change, urban planning, and state regulation. Many of the story tellers reveal intimate moments of struggle in their lives. But what emerges more strongly than vulnerability and hardship is embedded resilience and adaptability. Through the narratives we come to understand how a subsidised rental apartment becomes home, and how relative strangers can form a neighbourhood based on shared circumstances, proximity and an urban planning design that fosters familiarity and belonging. The narratives are accompanied by a unique photo essay created by acclaimed photographer Cedric Nunn. The authors invite readers to dwell in the everyday lives and memories of the people of Kenneth Gardens, and in so doing unravel the complexities of social housing, local government, regulation, urban identity politics and human agency.



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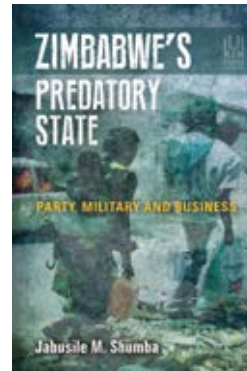
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This isiZulu poetry anthology comprises 30 poems, penned by a range of poets – from budding new voices to seasoned writers. They cover a range of topics and themes that are relevant today. These include the importance of language, love, death, heritage, politics, and problems experienced by the youth – to name a few. The writing styles and the issues addressed will resonate with a broad audience of readers.



Zimbabwe's Predatory State

Party, Military and Business

Jabusile M. Shumba

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By the dawn of independence in 1980, Zimbabwe had one of the most structurally developed economies and state systems in Africa and was classified as a middle-income country. In 1980, Zimbabwe's GDP per capita was almost equal to that of China. More than 30 years later, Zimbabwe had regressed to a low-income country with a GDP per capita among the lowest in the world. With these dark economic conditions, discussions concerning structural problems of a country once cited as Africa's best potential are reignited. Shumba interrogates the ruling elite political reproduction, modes of accumulation across key economic sectors and implications for development outcomes. The book raises some pressing questions in search of answers. If Zimbabwe was the golden darling after independence, why did this happen? Was it inevitable? What were the crucial choices made that led to it? Did the ruling elite know that their choices would lead to Zimbabwe's developmental decline?





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