

INVITATION

The Research Capacity Development Unit of the Postgraduate School at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) in collaboration with the North-West University (NWU), University of Fort Hare (UFH), University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), University of Mpumalanga (UMP), University of Pretoria (UP), Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), and the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria is inviting students, staff, and post-doctoral fellows to join the

Inter-Varsity Plagiarism Panel Discussion

DATE **20 June 2022**

TIME - 08:30-10:30

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PANELLISTS:

North-West University (NWU) – Mr Zander Janse van Rensburg
University of Fort Hare (UFH) – Dr Sive Makeleni
University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) – Dr Thishana Singh
University of Mpumalanga (UMP) – Dr Eurika Jansen van Vuuren
University of Pretoria (UP) – Professor MS Thantsha
Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) – Professor Rudi Wynand De Lange
Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria – Dr Lukman O Olasunkanmi

We hope that this discussion will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn from one another while also emphasizing the gravity of this issue and the possible harm it may cause to one's career and integrity.

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TIME	ITEM
08:30	WELCOME Professor Penny Govender Director: Research Capacity Development: UJ Postgraduate School
08:35	INTRODUCTION OF THE SESSION AND PANEL SPEAKERS Professor Mahloro Hope Serepa-Dlamini
08:45	PANEL DISCUSSION North-West University (NWU) – Mr Zander Janse van Rensburg University of Fort Hare (UFS) – Dr Sive Makeleni University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) – Dr Thishana Singh University of Mpumalanga (UMP) – Dr Eurika Jansen van Vuuren University of Pretoria (UP) – Professor MS Thantsha Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) – Professor Rudi Wynand De Lange Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria – Dr Lukman O Olasunkanmi
10:00	Q & A
10:25	CLOSING REMARKS – Professor Mahloro Hope Serepa-Dlamini
10:30	CLOSE



CHAIR

Professor Mahloro Hope Serepa-Dlamini
University of Johannesburg

Prof MH Serepa-Dlamini, is currently an Associate Professor and deputy Head of Department at the Biotechnology and Food Technology, Faculty of Science, University of Johannesburg. She holds a PhD (Microbiology and Biotechnology) from the University of the Witwatersrand. She currently teaches Fundamental Genetics (BTN1GB1) and Applied Molecular Biotechnology (BTN7X05) at

undergraduate level. She previously taught Microbiology (MCB1XA1 and MCB1XB2). She leads the Bacterial Genomics and Biotechnology research group and supervises postgraduate students at Masters and PhD levels. She has published articles in peer-reviewed Scopus journals. She is currently a Guest Associate Editor for Frontiers in Genetics journal from 2022-2023.





Mr Zander Janse van Rensburg

Mr Janse van Rensburg is a lecturer in the North-West University's (NWU) Academic Literacy Department (South Africa), where he contributes to the Institution's academic writing development strategy. In accordance with this strategy, he also established the NWU Writing Centre in 2014, where he still serves as manager. In 2019, the Registrar appointed him as the university's subject specialist on plagiarism. His work, in this regard, focuses on forensic investigations into misconduct at all levels of academic practice. For these purposes, he has also led the development of specialized forensic software aimed at investigating

various forms of academic misconduct. Further research interests include philosophical inquiry and, more specifically, hermeneutic phenomenology.



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Dr Sive Makeleni

Dr Makeleni holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree, from the University of Fort Hare. He is a Language Education lecturer, and a Head of School, in the School of General and Continuing Education, in the Faculty of Education, University of Fort Hare. Dr Makeleni is lecturing undergraduate modules and supervises Master of Education and Doctoral students, in the field of Language Education. He has more than five years of teaching in a Higher Education Institution. Dr Makeleni has externally examined six dissertations so far, from other universities, in South Africa.



Dr Thishana Singh

Dr Singh is a computational chemist in the inter-domain field of Physical-Organic Chemistry at the University of Kwazulu-Natal since 2018. Prior to joining academia, she has worked in both the industrial and medical environments. She successfully completed a two-year postdoctoral visit at Stockholm University, Sweden, with Prof PG Andersson from 2012 to 2014 where she worked on transition-metal catalysed reactions.

Dr Singh's research area falls into two categories: Green Chemistry and Computational Nutraceutics. Computational chemistry is used as a tool in the field of Green Chemistry to develop efficient catalytic systems using abundant, inexpensive, and environmentally friendly metals. Computational Nutraceutics is used for predicting the molecular structure, spectroscopy, and chemical reactivity of bioactive compounds. The aim is to understand enzyme-inhibitor interactions that will aid in the synthesis and strategic design of novel drugs for the treatment of diseases such as diabetes and TB.



Dr Eurika Jansen van Vuuren

Dr Jansen van Vuuren is a senior lecturer for Life Skills (Performing and Creative Arts, Physical Education, Technology, and Social and Natural Sciences) in the Foundation Phase BEd programme at the University of Mpumalanga (Siyabuswa campus). She started her career as a Music, Arts and Culture, English, and Afrikaans teacher in 1982. Joining the KZN Department of Education as a Senior Education Specialist in 2008 involved her in educator development and training in Arts and

Culture. Her career in Higher Education started at the University of Johannesburg. She has published several articles in academic journals and chapters in books. She delivers papers at national and international conferences, focusing on Learning in and through the Arts. Her more recent research focusses on Decolonization of the Arts, and Arts-integrated Mathematics.



Professor MS Thantsha

Prof Thantsha is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology, Division of Microbiology, at the University of Pretoria. She holds BSc (Hons) degree from the University of Limpopo, PhD (Microbiology) and Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE) from the University of Pretoria. Her academic career started as a Junior Lecturer at UP in 2003. She is actively involved in teaching and learning at both undergraduate and

postgraduate levels. She currently teaches Bacteriology (MBY 251) and Food Microbiology (MBY 262) modules, both at second level. Previously, she also taught MBY 161 and MBY 362 modules. She is involved in the teaching of several Honours modules and supervises postgraduate students at Honours, Masters and PhD levels. She has published a number of papers in peer reviewed ISI Scientific journals.



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Professor Rudi W de Lange

Prof de Lange is an emeritus professor at the Tshwane University of Technology. He holds a PhD (Didactics) from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, taught design and photography, and served as a faculty research ethics chair and the university's research ethics deputy chair. He supervises postgraduate students in design and art-related disciplines and published about legibility, misleading advertising and ethics in design.



Dr Lukman O Olasunkanmi

Dr Olasunkanmi is a University Lecturer and Researcher with more than 10 years of experience. He had a PhD in Chemistry from the North-West University, South Africa. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the North-West University, and University of Johannesburg. He is an active researcher and science scholar with more than 80 published articles and book chapters in highly rated peer reviewed journals and publishing outlets. He has strong research collaboration network that

cuts across Africa, Asia, Europe, Saudi Arabia and America. He has won several researchexcellence awards, such as the Most Productive Science Scholar Award of the Faculty of Science, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria (2017), and the Nigerian Young Academy (NYA) National Young Scientist Award in Chemical Sciences (2017). Dr LO Olasunkanmi is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria and the Vice Dean, Faculty of Science in the same University. He is also a Senior Research Associate of the Department of Chemical Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

















