

# Annual Report

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## Acronyms

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CSDA	Centre for Social Development in Africa
DBSA	Development Bank Southern Africa
DSD	Department of Social Development
IFS	International Foundation for Science
Sanpad	South Africa-Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development
UJ	University of Johannesburg
UNRISD	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

## Acknowledgements

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## Sponsors

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We have received support for various projects from:

- Central Research Committee and the Faculty of Humanities Research Committee of the University of Johannesburg (UJ)
- International Association of Schools of Social Work
- Sanpad
- UK Department for International Development
- United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

## Partners

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Over the past three years, we have collaborated with a wide range of organisations:

- Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa
- Central Gauteng Mental Health Society
- City of Johannesburg
- Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, UJ
- Department of Public Governance, UJ
- Department of Social Work, UJ
- Department of Sociology, UJ
- Development Bank of Southern Africa
- Erfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- International Association of Schools of Social Work
- National Council of Social Services
- National University of Lesotho
- Sanpad
- Soul City
- UK Department for International Development
- United Nations Volunteers
- University of Botswana
- UNRISD
- Volunteer and Service Enquiry Southern Africa (Vosesa)

## Advisory board

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The CSDA has an advisory board that provides strategic advice and guidance on CSDA initiatives. The board meets annually. Individual members are consulted on an ad hoc basis as required.

The advisory board members are:

- Carol Bews, Johannesburg Child Welfare Society
- Hanlie Van Dyk-Robertson, chief executive officer, African Management Development Institutes Network, and policy and special advisor to the former Minister of Public Service and Administration
- Prof Hanna Nel, head, Department of Social Work, UJ
- Helene Perold, executive director, Vosesa
- Prof Jean Triegaardt, professor, Department of Social Work, UJ
- Prof Marius Olivier, former director, Centre for International and Comparative Labour and Social Security Law
- Prof Maropeng Modiba, associate professor, Faculty of Education, UJ
- Prema Naidoo, former mayoral committee member for environment, City of Johannesburg
- Prof Rory Ryan, dean, Faculty of Humanities, UJ
- Dr Shireen Motala, director, Education Policy Unit, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
- Sibongile Mkhabela, chief executive officer, Nelson Mandela Children's Fund
- Prof Thea de Wet, vice-dean, Faculty of Humanities, UJ
- Dr Zaid Kimmie, senior statistician, built environment, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

## Staff

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### **Director: Prof Leila Patel**

Leila Patel is a professor of social development studies at the UJ. She was previously head of the department of social work, director-general of the national Department of Social Welfare and deputy vice-chancellor and vice-principal of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. She played a leading role in the development of South Africa's welfare policy after apartheid. Her research interests are social welfare, social work, social security and social development. She was the editor of the *Social Worker Practitioner-Researcher* until October 2009, and her 2005 book *Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa* (Oxford University Press Southern Africa) has been reprinted three times, in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

## Researchers

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**Admire Chereni** is a doctoral fellow on a ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius scholarship. Admire acquired a master's degree in social ecology in 2007 and an honours degree in social work in 2004, both from the University of Zimbabwe. Prior to joining the CSDA, he was a researcher at the Centre for Applied Social Sciences at the University of Zimbabwe. His research interests include migration and diaspora communities, social capital, identity and social ecological systems. He received a grant from the International Foundation for Science in Stockholm, Sweden.

**Chris Forrester** obtained his master's in social science cum laude from the Rand Afrikaans University (now the UJ) in 2003. He was a part-time lecturer at the UJ's Department of Social Work from 2003 to 2006 and joined the CSDA on a part-time basis

in 2007, where he has been involved with research and management of the *Johannesburg Poverty and Livelihoods Study*. Chris resigned in March 2009.

**Lauren Graham** is a development sociologist. She obtained her master's degree with distinction from the University of the Witwatersrand. Prior to joining the CSDA, Lauren worked at the Community Agency for Social Enquiry, where she managed a range of national research projects. She also lectured in sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand and has extensive experience in managing research projects and in research consultancy. At the CSDA, she is responsible for research on civic engagement, volunteering and youth development. She is currently pursuing her doctorate on youth, social networks and engagement in risk behaviour. Her services are shared with Vosesa, where she is the research and operations manager.

**Tessa Hochfeld** obtained her master's degree in gender and development from the London School of Economics in 2000 and her bachelor's degree in social work from the University of the Witwatersrand 1995. Prior to joining the CSDA, she was a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research and a lecturer in the School of Social Work at the University of the Witwatersrand. Her research interests include social welfare in South Africa, gender and social security and social work education in Southern Africa. She is currently studying towards a doctorate degree as part of a larger Sanpad-funded study entitled *A Gendered Impact Analysis of the Child Support Grant in South Africa*. She was the assistant editor of the journal *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* until November 2009. Tessa is a full-time researcher.

**Dr Grace Khunou** joined the CSDA in August 2009 for a six month period. She is currently writing a monograph and journal articles based on her doctorate, which was entitled *Maintenance and Changing Masculinities as Sources of Gender Conflict in Contemporary Johannesburg*.



## Junior researcher

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**Lisa Selipsky** completed her honours degree in social science with distinction at the UJ in 2006. She is currently studying towards a master's degree in social work at the UJ, and her project deals with substance abuse, programme evaluation and scale development.

## Administrator

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**Prema Chetty** joined the CSDA in March 2008 after working at Nemai Consulting as a social consultant and at Milne Imports as an administrator.

## Research assistants

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**Jennifer Maina** is currently completing her master's degree in sociology at the UJ. She is examining the social impact of water cost recovery policy on female-headed households with a specific focus on Ivory Park. She works at the CSDA on a part-time basis.

**Jacqueline Moodley** completed her honours degree in psychology at the UJ in 2008.

## Research associates

In order to strengthen research capacity in the Centre, research fellows and a visiting professor were appointed in 2009. Some of these appointments were of a short-term nature while others are for a three-year period. They are of a non-remunerative nature unless project funding is secured. The research fellows and the visiting/honorary professors provide high-quality support to the various research projects and mentorship of young researchers. They also deliver seminars and collaborate with us in various research and publishing initiatives. The Centre enjoys the *ad hoc* collaboration of paid research associates in a consultancy capacity. An honorary professor will be appointed 2010.



## Research fellows

**Prof Lara Allen** obtained her doctorate in ethnomusicology from Cambridge University. She is a project manager and capacity builder for the community-based organisation Tshulu Trust and co-editor of the online review website the Johannesburg Salon, which is part of the Johannesburg Workshop in Theory and Criticism.

**Dr William Rowland** holds a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Cape Town. He is currently the manager of resource mobilisation and public relations at the Thabo Mbeki Development Trust, of which he was formerly the chief executive officer. Dr Rowland is also president of the World Blind Union, chairperson designate of the International Disability Alliance, a member of the United Nations panel of experts on disability, and honorary life president of both Disabled People South Africa and the South African National Council for the Blind. He has extensive business leadership experience, political networks and knowledge of the disability sector.

**Dr Jeanette Schmid** joined the CSDA as a visiting research fellow in 2008. She is based in Switzerland and is engaged in collaborative research and publishing under the auspices of the CSDA. She obtained her doctorate from the Wilfrid Laurier University in Canada in 2008. Her dissertation was entitled *The Story of South African Child Welfare: A History of the Present*. Dr Schmid also holds a postgraduate diploma in public policy, development and administration (1991), a master of education (1990), a diploma in remedial education (1986) and a bachelor of social work (1981), all from the University of the Witwatersrand. An experienced teacher, facilitator, researcher and publisher, she has worked as a consultant in different social services settings including South Africa and Canada.

## Visiting professor

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**Prof Pundy Pillay** works as a freelance economist. He is also a visiting professor at both the Institute for Social Development, University of the Western Cape, and the School of Public and Development Management, University of the Witwatersrand. Previous positions include senior research economist for Research Triangle Institute International, head of the policy unit in the South African Presidency, executive director of the Financial and Fiscal Commission and senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town. His research interests are in the economics of the social sectors (particularly education, labour markets and poverty) and public finance.

## Research associates

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**Rayna Taback** obtained a master's degree in public and development management in 1999. She also holds a master's degree in social work. She has worked as a freelance consultant focusing on social development programmes across various fields of service. These have included social welfare, health, land affairs, policy development, project formulation, international donor management and mentoring. Ms Taback has provided research consultancy support to the CSDA.

**Theresa Wilson** has 16 years' experience in social development research, planning and evaluation; a significant amount of this work pertains to services for orphaned and vulnerable children. In 2001, she obtained her master's degree in environment and society with distinction from the University of Pretoria.

## Honorary professor

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Distinguished international scholar **Prof James Midgley** holds the Riva and Harry Specht chair at the University of California-Berkeley's School of Social Welfare. We hope to finalise his appointment in 2010. He will play an advisory and mentoring role, supporting young researchers in their publishing endeavours.

## Vision, aims and strategy

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### ***Vision***

The Centre is dedicated to basic, applied and strategic research in social development and developmental welfare. The Centre's *raison d'être* is consistent with the UJ's and higher education's broader mission and strives to be a leading research and social development site in Africa. The Centre's research agenda connects with the needs of local communities and the larger society in a changing regional and global context by aiming to contribute to improvements in service delivery, policy debate as well as in the expansion of knowledge through cutting-edge disciplinary and interdisciplinary research.

### ***Aims***

The CSDA aims to:

- produce quality, innovative and relevant research engaged with pressing social welfare and human development needs and concerns;
- integrate research, teaching and community outreach;
- optimise research opportunities in nationally and regionally identified focus areas;
- build research capacity and leadership in social welfare and development;
- promote dialogue between different actors involved with furthering social development through hosting seminars, think "action" tanks;
- conduct research in collaboration with a range of research partners including postgraduate students; and
- build strategic local, national, regional and international research partnerships and academic staff and student exchange programmes.

## Strategic goals

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The CSDA has set itself the following goals:

- To conduct leading edge research in the field of social welfare and social development in the African context
- To contribute to the dissemination of research, foster debate and build research capacity
- To develop and implement research partnerships locally, regionally and globally to advance the work of the CSDA
- To ensure that the Centre operates in an accountable manner and is effectively and efficiently governed and managed.

## The year in review: director's report

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The past year has been one of consolidation and growth for the CSDA. Although our contribution remains a modest one, we are beginning to occupy an important space in the field of social development in South Africa with some inroads being made in Africa and further afield through a diverse portfolio of research initiatives and partnerships. Our research, policy and community engagement efforts do not only address pressing national, regional and global concerns, they also address important knowledge gaps and generate new knowledge and theoretical growth in this field. Social development is increasingly being recognised as an interdisciplinary field of enquiry, and the theoretical and practical application of the research remains one of our key commitments and contributions.

Knowledge sharing with our partners to shape dialogue, promote innovation and build research capacity, especially in interdisciplinary postgraduate studies, is a further area of growth.

We were reviewed by the UJ's Faculty of Humanities, and we're delighted at the prospect of receiving funding from the faculty and the university for the next three years, commencing August 2010.

Our notable achievements were and continue to be:

- **Knowledge generation:** This year our peer-reviewed publication outputs included three book chapters, three journal articles and a monograph. We also edited two editions of the accredited journal *The Social Worker Practitioner-Researcher*. In addition, two non-peer-reviewed articles were published. Twelve articles were submitted to both nationally and internationally accredited journals. Seven of these articles were accepted for publication in 2010.
- **Filling the knowledge gaps:** Poverty and vulnerability remain high on the global agenda, particularly in light of the impact of the global economic crisis on human security. Gender and environmental issues, including the ongoing impact of HIV and AIDS on national and regional populations, are other issues of concern as are migration, dislocation and their impact on children and families and people living with disabilities. South Africa is recognised as a leader in the field of social protection as a poverty reduction strategy. Many of the CSDA research initiatives connect with national and global concerns of this kind. In this way our work fills some of these and other important knowledge gaps and contributes to dialogue about strategic policy interventions and social and community development programmes.
- **Knowledge sharing:** The Centre's seminar series provides a valuable opportunity for sharing research findings with various stakeholders in the field of social development; these stakeholders include government and civil society organisations, practitioners, researchers and the public. This year we hosted four seminars highlighting specific research projects on social welfare policy and strategy that are of interest to national and provincial governments. We also successfully hosted

the annual Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture. In addition a book and monograph launch also formed part of our events calendar. The various CSDA projects provided valuable opportunities for postgraduate students to conduct research and build capacity among our budding young researchers. Our mailing list is growing – more and more people are receiving word of our publications and events. We have an open access policy, and our publications are freely available to the public. Our quarterly seminars are well attended. We had approximately 16 000 visitors to our website, which is an important vehicle for communication.

- **Facilitation of conversation:** We convened a consultative stakeholder meeting on behalf of the office of the President on the government's poverty reduction strategy. As a result of our research on social welfare transformation, I convened a round table meeting at an international conference on research and child rights organised by the African Child Policy Forum, the Childwatch International Research Network and the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre. Dr Jeanette Schmid also presented a paper at this conference. Our ongoing research collaboration with the Sanpad and UNRISD are also important indicators of our growing footprint in this field.
- **Research collaboration and partnership:** The CSDA has devised a unique partnership model to promote research in social development. Almost all the projects involve local, regional and/or international partners depending on the terms of reference of the project. In this way the knowledge and experience, human and financial resources and networks are shared between the partners. This year we acquired more partners who brought and continue to bring expertise from different disciplines to bear on our research and help to promote our work. Some were formally appointed as research fellows and visiting professors or research associates while others participated in an advisory capacity. We also relied on supervisors from other disciplines in the Faculty of Humanities at UJ for co-supervising postgraduate students as well as colleagues at sister institutions.



In 2010, we hope to build on these strengths and achievements and to consolidate existing initiatives. We have been in our offices at the research village on the UJ's Bunting Road Campus for a while now. Our working space has given us an identity and a physical environment conducive to our work.

While we celebrate our achievements this year, we have faced many challenges. The greatest challenge has been raising extra-university funds for our projects. While the university supports the CSDA with a core staff and operating expenses, the CSDA needs to raise funds for its various research projects. Unfortunately the economic downturn impacted our fundraising efforts negatively. We hope an improving economic outlook will strengthen our chances of attracting funding. Our quest is to make a convincing case for strategic and applied research, and it is not always an easy one.

We feel confident that we will be able to continue with our current initiatives with a small full-time staff complement supported by part-time researchers and student assistants during 2010. Our research fellows, associates, co-supervisors and collaborating research partners contribute much of their time in a collegial way. Without your input we would not be able to do what we do.

My thanks to the UJ and all our partners for your support over the past year. The CSDA has a small but committed staff, and I thank you all most sincerely for your efforts. A special thanks is extended to our advisory board for their support.

## Research programmes

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The Centre's research activities fall under four main clusters or programmes:

- social policy and social transformation;
- poverty and vulnerability;
- civic engagement, volunteering and social networks; and
- social development in Africa.

The main achievements of the various programmes are described below.

### Social policy and social transformation

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This programme focuses on research and community-based innovation. It aims to firstly conduct policy relevant and practice related research that documents, analyses and critiques key initiatives. Secondly, it aims to draw attention to distinct issues, trends and knowledge gaps in the field. Finally, it is envisaged that the research should stimulate action in relation to addressing key social problems/issues.

A thematic paper and report were produced under the auspices of this CSDA programme during 2009, and research was undertaken for two studies – one on the child support grant and the other on the implementation of the *White Paper on Social Welfare*.

## Reports and papers

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### ***The gendered character of social care in the non-profit sector in South Africa***

On behalf of the UNRISD and the CSDA Prof Leila Patel produced a thematic paper on gender and social care in the NPO sector for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. The paper develops a conceptual understanding of the not-for-profit sector in South Africa with reference to its institutional basis, its relations with the state and with international funders, the types of services and activities that are provided and the gender dynamics of social care.

### ***Developmental social work education in Southern and East Africa***

Compiled by T Hochfeld, L Selipsky, R Mupedziswa and C Chitereka, a report entitled *Developmental social work education in Southern and East Africa* was released early in 2009. The report focuses on the nature of social work education in Southern and East Africa and the extent to which it is developmental. The project was conducted in partnership with the universities of Botswana and Lesotho and broke exciting new ground in understanding a regional approach to social work education. Based on the results of this project, two journal articles are currently being conceptualised. It is hoped that these will facilitate the sharing of the innovations and successes of the region with other parts of the world.



***The Southern and East African countries that formed the sample for the project.***

## Research projects

### ***An impact analysis of the child support grant in South Africa***

Funded by Sanpad, this three-year project investigates the impact of the child support grant on poor households in Johannesburg. During 2009, the data from the 2008 *Johannesburg Poverty and Livelihoods Study* were re-analysed. A comparative analysis of beneficiary and non-beneficiary households was conducted to identify the similarities and differences between them. Overall, it has become apparent that households receiving a child support grant are slightly more disadvantaged than those that don't.

Further research will be conducted to assess the social impact of the grant on households, particularly on gender relations and decision-making in households. It will be investigated whether the child support grant facilitates the empowerment of women, and how male primary caregivers and grant recipients differ from their female counterparts. Planning for this phase is in the final stages, and data collection will begin in 2010. Two doctoral students and 70 honours students will be working on various parts of this phase of the project.



***Sanpad project research team. Left to right: Prof Shireen Hassim, Prof Leila Patel, Tessa Hochfeld, Prof Francie Lund, Nhlanhla Jordan, Prof Trudie Knijn, Prof Vivienne Bozalek and (front) Aaron Ramodumo***

Our research partners are Prof Francie Lund, University of KwaZulu-Natal; Prof Shireen Hassim, University of the Witwatersrand; Prof Vivienne Bozalek, University of the Western Cape; Prof Trudie Knijn, Utrecht University, Netherlands; and Prof Riëtte Eiselen (Head of Research at the Department of Finance and Investment Management, University of Johannesburg) who provided valuable statistical advice and guidance on this project.

### ***The White Paper for Social Welfare and its implementation in the NGO sector***

This project examined the progress of the implementation of developmental social welfare in NGOs. During 2009 we conducted focus groups with NGO representatives in order to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of the implementation of a developmental approach to social welfare. Both urban and rural experiences were elicited, and focus groups were run in both Limpopo and Gauteng. We are currently working on a journal article to disseminate the findings.

## **Poverty and vulnerability**

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The CSDA's location in Johannesburg provides the context for research in this focus area. The programme aims to deepen our understanding of the multi-dimensional nature of urban poverty and vulnerability. It attempts to promote understanding of the interconnections between communities locally and regionally with the view of examining the implications poverty and vulnerability have on policies and strategies.

This programme ran three main projects during the year under review.

### ***Poverty and disability in Johannesburg***

Funded by the UK Department for International Development, a study of the link between poverty and disability was undertaken following a suggestion from Dr William Rowland, a key personality in the community of South Africans living with disabilities.

Based on data drawn from the 2008 *Johannesburg Poverty and Livelihoods Study*, we were able to identify households with members living with one or more disability or members who were too ill to work. We asked these households about access to social services and the disability grant, about social networks and community and livelihood activities. This study provided rich data that shed light on the link between poverty and disability for people living in some of Johannesburg's poorest wards. The study resulted in a preliminary report that was prepared for the Department for International Development during 2009. The official report entitled *Poverty and disability in Johannesburg* will be launched in 2010.

### ***Zimbabwean economic migrants in Johannesburg***

This ongoing doctoral project uses a transnational optic in a study that explores notions of belonging among Zimbabwean migrants in Johannesburg. It examines how, in producing and sustaining these notions, migrants figure in social relations that transcend nation-state borders. In addition, it



***Lauren Graham providing fieldworker training for the poverty and disability in Johannesburg project.***

explores the implications of these emerging postnational dynamics for social policy in Zimbabwe and South Africa. Fieldwork in the current study is multi-sited, incorporating sites in both South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The UJ and the Pierre Joubert Fund financed the first year of this doctoral study. The ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation is funding the remainder of the project through its Bucerius Scholarship in Migration Studies. Admire Chereni is the recipient of this scholarship, who is jointly supervised by Prof Leila Patel and Prof Thea de Wet.

### ***Mental illness and homelessness in Johannesburg***

The CSDA is providing research support to the Central Gauteng Mental Health Society in order to understand the position of destitute people living with mental illness. Ethnographic research is currently being conducted by Barbara Lancaster and Una Moyo, social workers at Central Gauteng Mental Health Society.

## **Civic engagement, volunteering and social networks**

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This focus area calls attention to the free engagement of citizens – individually and collectively – to address matters of public concern. It provides a vehicle for promoting active citizens, social inclusion and effective states. The research will promote our understanding of how active citizens and social networks may be engaged in solving pressing social development problems and issues.

There is currently one research project being undertaken under this focus area.



### ***Youth in transition***

The youth in transition study is aimed at understanding how young people who are making the transition between leaving school and finding employment negotiate their identity through various social networks. The findings from the study are likely to point to some lessons about risk behaviour among young people allowing us to make recommendations about programmatic responses. The research is linked to Lauren Graham's doctorate. She is now in the process of preparing for the fieldwork component, which will take place early in 2010. A preliminary article entitled *Youth and social development* has been accepted for publication in *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* during 2010.

## **Social development in Africa**

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The aim of this programme is to build a research group/network to foster social development research on the continent. Under the auspices of this programme, a workshop was undertaken in 2009, which has given way to the conception of a special issue of the *Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* journal, to be published in 2010. In addition, a research project was launched.

### ***Social development research strategy workshop***

The CSDA convened an African research strategy workshop with distinguished scholars from South Africa and abroad. The meeting was co-hosted by Profs Leila Patel and James Midgley. The purpose of this interactive workshop was to initiate and encourage collaboration among African scholars active in different strategic areas of social development research with the view to charting an African social development research strategy.

The participants were:

Prof James Midgley, University of California-Berkeley

Prof Rodreck Mupedziswa, University of Botswana

Prof Edwin Kaseke, University of Zimbabwe

Prof Gidraph Wairire, University of Nairobi

Prof Antoinette Lombard, University of Pretoria

Prof Jean Triegaardt, UJ

Dr. Ingrid Palmary, University of the Witwatersrand

Prof Daniel Plaatjies, University of the Witwatersrand

Prof Leila Patel, CSDA

Tessa Hochfeld, CSDA

Lauren Graham, CSDA

Admire Chereni, CSDA

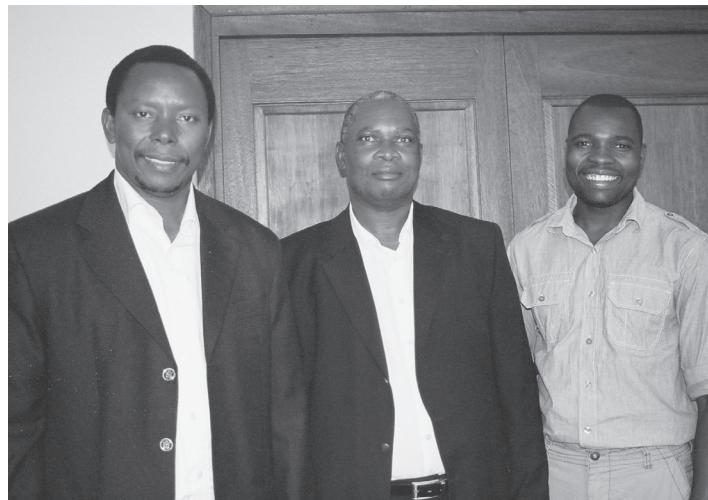
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Lisa Selipsky, CSDA

The group explored publishing and conference opportunities. Subsequently, the production of a special issue of the accredited journal *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* was conceptualised. To be published in 2010, and co-edited by Profs James Midgley and Leila Patel, the issue will be themed "Towards an African social development research strategy". Based on the papers presented at the above workshop, the issue will cover the following topics: global trends in social development; migration, gender and care; social work education; social work in South Africa and Kenya; comparative research

methodologies and youth development. Each of the articles will provide an overview of the nature and extent of research on a particular topic and consider research gaps and debates and challenges relevant to that topic. The aim of this special issue will be to assess the current state of social development research in Africa, as well as opportunities and challenges for future research. We hope to stimulate interest in promoting African scholarship and providing opportunities for publication on a range of cutting-edge themes. We also hope that this will raise the profile of the journal internationally.

In addition, four colleagues from the research group will be participating in a panel discussion at the 2010 conference of the International Association of Schools of Social Work, to be held in Hong Kong. The theme of the discussion will be "Developmental social work: learning from the South". The panel will be chaired by Prof James Midgley.



***Participants in the social development research strategy workshop. From left: Dr Gidraph Wairire, Prof Edwin Kaseke and Admire Chereni***

### ***Sustainable wetlands project in Zimbabwe***

Using two case studies located in Zimbabwe's Mazowe Catchment, CSDA doctoral fellow Admire Chereni set out to identify the drivers of wetlands degradation and examine the institutional consequences of, and responses to, shifts in resilience of wetlands-based commons. The project aims to observe and analyse how arrangements and processes at different social and institutional levels interact with each other in local communities to shape governance outcomes in wetlands-based social-ecological systems. Participatory methods (including focus group discussions, in-depth interviews and observation) were used in combination with quantitative methods appropriate to rural communities.

The study will contribute to practical knowledge that could inform the redesigning of local institutions to confront unsustainable shifts in wetlands resilience. In addition, a schematic representation of local institutions governing wetlands, their linkages and interaction with macro-level institutions and incentives will be produced.

The first phase of data collection has been completed, and analysis is under way.

## **Other CSDA activities**

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### ***Editorships at The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher***

*The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* is an accredited, refereed, interdisciplinary journal for social workers and social service professionals concerned with the advancement of the theory and practice of social work and social development. The CSDA's Prof Leila Patel and Tessa Hochfeld were, respectively, the editor and assistant editor of the journal from 2006 to October

2009. Over this time the journal grew and developed substantially and is currently in a very strong scholarly position in its field in Southern Africa. Before stepping down as editor, Prof Patel initiated negotiations with Unisa Press who have agreed to take over the publication of the journal. This move is an excellent opportunity to consolidate the gains made and to ensure the long-term financial survival of the journal. The new editors of the journal are: Prof Jean Triegaardt (UJ) and Prof Kathy Collins (University of the Western Cape).

### ***Pierre Joubert Award***

This year Lauren Graham was awarded the Pierre Joubert award for her doctorate, which aims to understand how young people in transition from school to employment negotiate identity, and the implications that this transition has on their involvement in risk behaviour.

### ***CSDA seminar series***

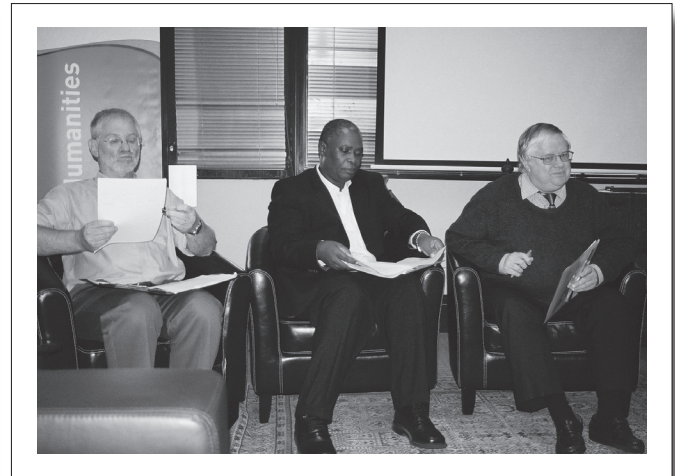
Chaired by Prof Leila Patel, the CSDA seminar series continued successfully through 2009. The highlights are given below.

- Profs Stephen Gelb (director, Economic Development, Growth and Equity Institute), James Midgley and Edwin Kaseke (former director, School of Social Work, University of Zimbabwe) presented a seminar entitled *The global economic crisis and its implications for social development*.
- Celebrated development academic and practitioner Duncan Green was the guest speaker at a public lecture organised in collaboration with the CSDA and Jacana Media. He was promoting his book *From Poverty to Power: How Active Citizens and Effective States can change the World*.

- In preparation for her doctoral thesis, Marianne Ulriksen, an exchange fellow at the CSDA, presented a paper titled *Who cares about the poor? How the non-poor shape welfare policies with consequences for poverty and inequality*.
- Profs Kim Berman and Lara Allen presented a paper entitled, *Creative approaches to community development*.
- Prof Trudie Knijn (Utrecht University) presented a seminar entitled *De-gendering social support in the context of the family, civil society and the state*.



**Renowned development specialist and author Duncan Green and Prof Leila Patel, director of the CSDA at the book launch.**



**Speakers at the first CSDA seminar 2009. From left: Profs Stephen Gelb, Edwin Kaseke and James Midgley speaking on the global economic crisis and its implications for social development.**

## International visitors and exchange students

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### *Visitors*

The CSDA hosted several international visitors:

**Profs James Midgley and Lara Allen** – please see section on research fellows and honorary professors.

**Prof Trudie Knijn** is a professor at the department of interdisciplinary social science at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. She is co-chairing the Network for European Social Policy Analysis and a member of the executive committee of the European Network of Excellence: Reconciling Work and Welfare. For the faculty of social and behavioural science she coordinates the projects of master students in South Africa and develops research projects with NGOs and South African universities.

**Prof Edwin Kaseke** is a former head of the School of Social Work at the University of Zimbabwe and is now at the School of Human and Community Development at the University of the Witwatersrand. Prof Kaseke visited the CSDA for the social development research strategy workshop and served on the panel of the first CSDA seminar of 2009.

**Dr Gidraph Wairire** is a social work academic at the University of Nairobi. He teaches social work, counselling and community development on both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Dr Wairire participated in the CSDA's social development research strategy workshop in March 2009.

A group of 32 faculty, social work students, alumni and practitioners of the **UN Chapel Hill School of Social Work** (North Carolina, USA) travelled to South Africa in June 2009 to study the country's history and social development since the fall

of apartheid. They visited the CSDA, who gave them a presentation about its activities and a chance to interact with the researchers.

### ***Exchange students***

The CSDA hosted Marianne Ulriksen, a doctoral fellow from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, for a six-month exchange programme. Her doctoral thesis is entitled *The politics of poverty – a comparative analysis of Botswana and Mauritius*. She presented her findings at the second CSDA seminar of 2009. In March 2010, Marianne will be joining the CSDA as a post-doctoral fellow.

## **Lectures, dialogues, presentations and speeches**

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**The Fourth Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture:** Prof Ihron Rensburg and the dean of the UJ's Faculty of Humanities, Prof Rory Ryan, hosted the fourth annual Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture in collaboration with the CSDA on 12 August 2009. The speaker was Dr Kumi Naidoo, honorary president of Civicus. His topic was *Rethinking civil society, democracy and development: a global perspective*.

**Anti-poverty strategy dialogue:** The CSDA convened the national anti-poverty strategy dialogue on request from the South African presidency. This took place on the 26 February 2009.

**Policy Dialogue:** Professor Patel participated in a policy dialogue convened by the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) treatment, care and support technical task team on the proposed chronic diseases grant held on 23 January 2009.



**Research and community engagement:** In July 2009 Lauren Graham presented the CSDA's community engagement initiatives at the Community Engagement Showcase organised by the UJ. A portfolio of our activities was presented during the UJ institutional audit process. We also participated in dialogue with members of the audit committee on community engagement and research.

**Public participation:** Our public seminars are attended by members from government, NPOs and by students, academics and practitioners.

## **Contributions to the United Nations Development Programme's Global Photography Campaign: Humanizing Development**

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The Centre contributed photographs to the United Nations Development Programme's Global Photography Campaign, which aims to show examples of people winning the battle against poverty, social exclusion and marginalisation. It is intended to raise awareness of the successes in the development process. The campaign is intended to counterbalance the frequently shown images of desolation and despair. A photo gallery will be permanently located at the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) office and will be open to the public. A series of photo exhibitions will also be organised in several cities around the world. To view the photos please visit [www.ipc-undp.org/photo](http://www.ipc-undp.org/photo)

## **Writing group and publishing workshop**

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The CSDA's writing group, which supports members in their academic writing and publication endeavours, turned four in 2009. Doctoral students connected to the CSDA are also now part of the writing group, which continues to provide supportive and constructive feedback on members' writing projects in order to facilitate publication output.

The CSDA also initiated a publishing workshop aimed at young researchers who are new to publishing. It is hoped that this publishing workshop can be offered twice a year from 2010 onwards.

## **Postgraduate supervision and capacity building**

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The CSDA continues to provide postgraduate supervision to masters and doctoral students. The supervision strategy provides opportunities for masters and doctoral students to conduct research on Centre-based projects. Supervision is provided by Centre staff and in co-operation with colleagues from a range of other disciplines in the Faculty of Humanities.

Maki Kunene completed a master's and Sheri Hansen a doctoral degree under the supervision of the CSDA. The Centre is currently supervising the doctoral studies of Shahieda Omar, Hendrik Venter, Henry Mushonga, Admire Chereni and Lauren Graham and is co-supervising the doctoral studies of Shahanna Bassadien with Oxford University. Two additional students, Aaron Ramodumo and Nhlanhla Jordan, are currently in the process of developing their research proposals.

## **Website**

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The website [www.uj.ac.za/csda](http://www.uj.ac.za/csda) had 16 946 hits in 2009 and continues to provide regular updates and access to information about the Centre's activities and publications.

## Media coverage

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Prof Leila Patel and Lauren Graham participated as discussants during the SABC election debates prior to the national general elections.

Lauren Graham was interviewed on Lotus FM during youth month about her views on youth development and civic engagement in South Africa.

The Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture also received fairly extensive media coverage: articles appeared in print media such as *The Star* and the *Business Day* as well as on radio broadcasts. The campaign by social work organisations for the equalisation of public and NGO sector salaries was widely covered in the media, and interviews with Prof Patel were carried in *The Weekender*.

## Publications and conference presentations

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### ***Book chapters published***

Patel, L. (2009). "Developmental Social Work in South Africa: Lessons from the South". In Homfeldt, H.G./Schneider, M. (Hrsg.) (Forthcoming) *Soziale Arbeit und Soziale Entwicklung*.

Patel, L. and Selipsky, L. (2009). "Social Welfare Policy and Legislation in South Africa". In Maistry, M. and Rautenbach, J. (eds). *Social Work in South Africa: An Introduction*. Juta. ISBN 9780702177682.

### ***Book chapters forthcoming***

De Vos, A. S., Schulze, S. and Patel, L. "The sciences and the professions". In De Vos, A. S., Strydom, H., Fouche, C.B. and Delport, C.S.L. (eds). (Forthcoming) *Research at Grassroots for the Social Sciences and Human Service Professions* (Fourth Edition). Pretoria: Van Schaik.

### ***Published journal articles (peer-reviewed)***

Hanson, S. and Patel, L. (2009). "Beyond the practice divide in service delivery for abused women and children" in *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, 21(2): 166 – 182.

Berman, K. and Allen, L. "Paper prayers: An arts-based methodological approach for HIV/AIDS intervention and action" in *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, 21(2): 219-236.

Schmid, J. and Pollack, S. (2009). "Developing shared knowledge: family group conferencing as a means of negotiating power in the child welfare system. *Practice: Social Work in Action*, 21 (3), September.

### ***Non peer-reviewed articles***

Graham, L. (2009). "loveLife groundbreakers and mpintshis: young people engaged for change" in *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, 21(1): 131-139.

Selipsky, L. (2009). "Johannesburg housing company: Innovation through rejuvenation" in *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, 21(2): 259-267.

### ***Forthcoming journal articles and articles submitted (accredited)***

De Wet, T., Harpham, T., Plageson, S. and Mathee, A. "Poor housing, good health: settlement patterns and health in Johannesburg, South Africa." Submitted to *Health and Place*.

Graham, L. (Forthcoming March 2010). "Developing a Southern African research agenda on youth: reshaping the paradigm." Special themed issue of *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy.

Hanson, S. and Patel, L. (Forthcoming 2010). "Linking the circles of violence: women and child abuse in the same family system in South Africa". Accepted by *Practice: Social Work in Action*.

Hochfeld, T. (Forthcoming 2010). "Social Development and Minimum Standards in Social Work Education in South Africa." Accepted by *Social Work Education*.

Janneck, L., De Wet, T., McGarvey, S. and Lurie, M. "Social vulnerability, financial and food insecurity in poor urban households in Johannesburg, South Africa." Submitted to *Journal of Urban Health*.

Hochfeld, T., Mupedziswa, R. and Selipsky, L. (Forthcoming March 2010). "What we do and do not know about the social development approach in social work education in Southern and East Africa." Special themed issue of *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*.

Palmary, I. and Chereni, A. (Forthcoming March 2010). Social Development and Migration in South Africa. Special themed issue of *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*.

Patel, L. (Forthcoming March 2010). "Pointers for future research on gender and care in voluntary organisations in Southern Africa." Special themed issue of *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*.

Patel, L. and De Wet, T. (Forthcoming 2010). "Urban poverty and livelihoods in Johannesburg." Submitted to *Social Development Issues*.

Graham, L. and Patel, L. "How broad-based is broad-based black economic empowerment?" Submitted to *Development Southern Africa*.

Schmid, J., Wilson, T. and Taback, R. (Forthcoming 2010). "Soul Buddyz clubs – a social development innovation." Accepted by *International Social Work*.

Ulriksen, M. (Forthcoming March 2010). "Comparative methods of social policy research in Africa." Special themed issue of *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*.

### ***Edited journals published***

Patel, L. and Hochfeld, T. (Eds). *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*. March 2009. Volume 21. Issue 1.

Patel, L. and Lombard, A. (Eds). *The Social Worker Practitioner-Researcher*. July 2009. Volume 21. Issue 2.

### ***Research reports and peer- reviewed monographs***

Graham, L, Selipsky, L, Moodley, J and Maina, J. (2009). *Poverty and disability in Johannesburg*. Report prepared for the Department for International Development. Johannesburg: CSDA report.

Hochfeld, T., Selipsky, L., Mupedziwa, R. and Chitereka, C. (2009). *Developmental social work education in Southern and East Africa*. Johannesburg: CSDA report. ISBN: 978-0-86970-669-5.

Patel, L. (2009). *Thematic paper: The gendered character of social care in the non-profit sector in South Africa*. Monograph prepared for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Johannesburg: CSDA report. ISBN: 978-0-86970-683-1.

Patel, L. (2009) "Youth Development, service, and Volunteering in Five Southern African Countries." In A.M. McBride (Ed.) *Youth service in comparative perspective*. St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development Monograph 09-04. ISBN: 978-0-9822275-0-3.

### ***National and international conferences and workshops***

Graham, L and Perold, H. (2009). Presentation made at Vosesa/Civicus seminar, May 2009 titled: *Volunteering for social transformation? An assessment of volunteer contributions during the May 2008 xenophobic attacks*.

Graham, L. (2009). Presentation made at the South African Sociological Association conference, June 2009 titled: *Volunteering for social transformation? An assessment of volunteer contributions during the May 2008 xenophobic attacks*.

Patel, L. and Hochfeld, T. (2009). Presentation made to the provincial departments of Social Development, Pretoria, 12 February 2009 titled: *The transformation of the welfare sector in SA*.

Patel, L. (2009). Presentation made to the national Department of Social Development, Pretoria, March 2009 titled: *The transformation of the welfare sector in SA*.

Patel, L. and Hochfeld, T. (2009). Presentation made to the Gauteng Department of Social Development, Pretoria, 2 March 2009 titled: *The transformation of the welfare sector in SA*.

Patel, L. Convenor of international workshop on social development in Africa: toward a research strategy. CSDA, University of Johannesburg, 19 – 20 March 2009.

Patel, L. Keynote address titled: *Developmental social welfare and the role of community development* at the national consultative conference to develop a national community development strategy, Department of Social Development, 12 May 2009.

Patel, L and Hochfeld, T. Convenors of Sanpad workshop on gender and child support grants. CSDA, University of Johannesburg, 29 - 30 October 2009.

Patel, L. Convened thematic round table discussion on welfare services and presented paper entitled *Gender and care in NPOs: implications for research and policy advocacy* at Children's Rights at a Crossroads: A Global Conference on Research and Child Rights. UNECA Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. December 2009. Convened by the African Child Policy Forum, Childwatch International Research Network and the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.

J. Schmid. Presented a paper at the thematic roundtable on welfare services entitled *Child protection and children's rights: different lenses* at Children's Rights at a Crossroads: A Global Conference on Research and Child Rights. UNECA Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. December 2009. Convened by the African Child Policy Forum, Childwatch International Research Network and the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.



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