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## Acronyms

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BBBEE	Broad based black economic empowerment
CSDA	Centre for Social Development in Africa
CSG	Child Support Grant
DBSA	Development Bank Southern Africa
DPSA	Disabled People South Africa
DSD	Department of Social Development
IFS	International Foundation for Science
ILO	International Labour Organization
NACOSS	National Council of Social Services
NPOs	Non-profit Organisations
NRF	National Research Foundation
SANPAD	South Africa-Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development
UJ	University of Johannesburg
UNRISD	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
VOSESA	Volunteer Service Enquiry Southern Africa
WHO	World Health Organisation

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- Central Research Committee and the Faculty of Humanities Research Committee of the University of Johannesburg (UJ)
- Disabled People South Africa (DPSA)
- International Foundation for Science (IFS), Sweden.
- Murray and Roberts Ltd. & Letsema Sizwe Broad Based Community Trust
- SA Netherlands-Research Programme on Alternatives in Development (SANPAD)
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)

## Partners

Over the past four years, we have collaborated with a wide range of organisations and colleagues:

- Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa
- Central Gauteng Mental Health Society
- City of Johannesburg
- Corporate Social Investment & Division of Advancement, UJ

- 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 (DBSA)
- Disabled People South Africa (DPSA)
- Erfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Gauteng Welfare Forum
- International Association of Schools of Social Work
- International Labour Organization (ILO) & World Health Organization's (WHO) National Social Protection Floor Initiative
- London School of Economics
- Murray and Roberts
- National Council of Social Services
- National University of Lesotho
- Postgraduate Centre, UJ
- SA Netherlands-Research Programme on Alternatives in Development (SANPAD)
- Queens University, Belfast
- Sonke Gender Justice
- Soul City Institute for Health and Development Communication
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- UN Development Program Special Unit for South-South Cooperation
- United Nations Volunteers
- University of Basel
- University of Botswana
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- University of Pretoria
- University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
- University of the Western Cape
- United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- Utrecht University
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- Washington University, St Louis

## Advisory board

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
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## Staff

The CSDA has a small full time staff complement made up of a Director, a researcher, a junior researcher and an administrator. In addition, we employ a part-time researcher and part-time research assistants. Since April last year 4 post doctoral fellows joined the CSDA. We have also appointed research fellows and associates including an Honorary Professor. Biostats of the staff and associates are provided below.

### Director: Prof Leila Patel

Leila Patel is a Professor of Social Development Studies at 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 policy, social security and social development. She was the editor of the *Social Worker Practitioner-Researcher* until October 2009. Publications include a book titled *Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa* (Oxford University Press Southern Africa, 2005); chapters in books, journal articles and research reports.

### Researchers

**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 in 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 transformation of welfare in South Africa, social welfare, and gender and social security. 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.

**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. Lauren previously worked at VOSESA, where she was the research and operations manager. 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.



## Junior researcher

**Jacqueline Moodley** completed her honours degree in psychology at UJ in 2009. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in psychology at UJ on mental disorders and resilient factors among women in Doornkop, Soweto.

## Administrator

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

## Research assistants

**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. During 2010, she worked at the CSDA on a part-time basis.

**Memory Mphaphuli** is employed part-time to work on the Youth in Transition project. She is a master's candidate in Sociology, wherein she is examining the construction of masculine identity and sexual practices amongst male youth in Madelakufa, Tembisa.

## Post-Doctoral Fellows

Our Post Doctoral Fellows are principally engaged in publishing off their Doctoral research. They also assist with research mentorship of post graduate students and provide research support on our various projects. We currently have two full time and two part-time post-doctoral fellows.

**Dr Sheri Hanson** joined the CSDA in May 2010 on a part-time basis. She completed her PhD at the University of Johannesburg in 2008 for a thesis titled: "A generalist practice framework to address the co-occurrence of woman and child abuse in South Africa".

**Dr Rosemary Jaji** completed her PhD at Bayreuth University, Germany. She joined the CSDA in May 2010 on a full-time basis and is currently publishing off her PhD titled: "Refugee Women and the Experiences of Local Integration in Nairobi Kenya".

**Dr Sophie Plagerson** joined the CSDA in November 2009. She completed her PhD at the London School of Health and Tropical medicine in the United Kingdom. Sophie's PhD is entitled: "The relationship between child support grants and common mental disorders in South Africa". Sophie is at the CSDA on part-time basis.



**Dr Marianne Ulriksen** was appointed to the CSDA in April 2010 on a full-time basis. Her PhD, from the University of Aarhus, Denmark is titled: "Politics, Policy and Poverty in Botswana, Mauritius and other developing countries".

## Research fellows and associates

In order to strengthen research capacity in the Centre, we have a number of research fellows and associates linked to the CSDA. In addition to fellows appointed in 2009, the CSDA appointed an honorary professor this year. Some of the 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 in the 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.

## Honorary professor

**Prof James Midgley**, a former South African and a distinguished international scholar was appointed Honorary Professor in Social Development in the Faculty of Humanities. He currently holds the Riva and Harry Specht chair at the School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, University of California. He plays an advisory and mentoring role, supporting young researchers in their publishing endeavours.

## Visiting professor

**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 fellows

**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. She was formerly an Associate Professor at Wits University.

**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 South African Disability Development Trust, of which he was formerly the chief executive officer. Dr Rowland is also president of the World Blind Union, chairperson 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.

**Dr Eleanor Ross** was appointed in December 2010. She holds a BA, an MA, and a PhD in Social Work from Wits University. She has had a long career in academia, is widely published and has successfully supervised 71 post graduate students. Dr Ross will be joining the CSDA on 1 February 2011. She was previously Professor and Head of the Department of Social Work, Wits University.

## Research associates

**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.

**Lisa Selipsky** completed her master's degree in social work with distinction at the UJ in 2009. She was previously a junior researcher at the CSDA and now lives in Cape Town where she carries out freelance work for the CSDA.

## 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 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 social development;
- promote dialogue between different actors involved with furthering social development through hosting seminars, dialogue meetings and think 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

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

### A great leap forward

2010 was a momentous year for the CSDA. Much was accomplished and we look forward to building on our successes in the coming year.

Our most notable achievements have been in boosting our research output and in building research capacity. Eleven articles were published in accredited local and international journals with an additional two articles published in international peer-reviewed journals that are not accredited. This is a significant improvement over the previous year. It also indicates that our publishing strategy which consists of collaborative partnerships, the engagement of research fellows and the mentoring of young researchers in academic publishing is beginning to bear fruit. In 2011 we hope to sustain the publishing momentum built up during the previous year by drawing also on our Post-Doctoral Fellows who joined us in April and May. Already we have four journal articles accepted for publication and a further 11 are in review.

All CSDA staff and students are registered post graduate students who are engaged in Centre research projects. This provides a valuable opportunity to build research capacity. In 2010, a better integration was achieved in the nexus between research, teaching and community service leading to 80 fourth year social work students successfully completing the research requirements for their degree. CSDA researchers and Doctoral students are the beneficiaries of prestigious international, national and UJ research grants to support their studies. Congratulations to Tessa Hochfeld, Nhlanhla Jordan, Lauren Graham and Admire Chereni who are recipients of these scholarships. Tessa Hochfeld received a certificate for successfully completing the SANPAD Research Capacity Building Initiative and Lauren Graham was awarded the same fellowship starting this year.

The CSDA is continuing to grow in its stature and standing for its quality, innovative and relevant research programmes. Three research projects are worth mentioning namely, gender and social protection, poverty and disability and the development of welfare indicators to track the transformation of developmental welfare services. These are leading edge research projects that could provide valuable evidence to inform policy dialogue, advocacy and reform. For instance, our research in Doornkop, Soweto found that grant beneficiaries spent a significant proportion of the grant on school fees and uniforms. Advocacy for the implementation of the legislation providing for automatic school fee exemption for CSG recipients, will be embarked upon. Our research on poverty and disability highlighted the importance of advocating for education and skills development for disabled people, for making the grant more accessible to them and for support for their livelihoods activities. Collaboration with community organisations, development non-profit organisations (NPOs) and Corporate Social Investment initiatives in our research endeavours

resulted in wide spread dissemination of research findings that also informed organisational policies and strategies. In this way our research continues to contribute to the community and public engagement goals of the University.

Community engagement is also fostered through our relations with government departments such as the local authorities, NPOs delivering social development services and through our public seminars and lectures. These also provide important vehicles for the dissemination of research findings and in sharing new knowledge.

The work of the CSDA is also becoming known internationally through conference presentations and staff and student exchanges. Over the past year our focus has been on south-south knowledge exchange which involves the sharing of new ideas about how to address pressing social and human development issues. A South Africa case study on Child Support Grants will feature in a forthcoming book on innovation in national social protection floor initiatives from around the world published by the International Labour Organisation and the UN Development Programme's Special Unit for South-South Co-operation. This theme will be taken forward in 2011 when we will be hosting an international symposium on social protection in the Southern African Development Community. Distinguished international scholars among others James Midgley, University of California, Berkeley and UJ Honorary Professor, and Steven Devereux, Centre for Social Protection, University of Sussex, will be participating along with African and South African scholars, researchers, practitioners and advocates. We hope to foster co-operation, dialogue and learning of how best to apply successful policies and practices in an African context.

Our SANPAD study on gender and social security will be entering its final year. This research is particularly significant as it promotes the importance of applying a gender lens in social protection programmes in South Africa. While our current research is focusing largely on women who are CSG beneficiaries, we would like to extend this to tracking CSG fathers who receive the grant to improve our understanding of the gender dynamics of the grant from their perspective. In March 2011, the research team will be hosted by Prof Knijn of Utrecht University where we will also be engaging with Dutch scholars in the field.

Our goal to be a leading research site in social development in Africa is a worthy one. While much has been accomplished, we still have a long way to go. We wish to thank our Advisory Board members, staff, research fellows and associates, research partners and sponsors for all their support over the past year. In particular, I wish to thank the Faculty of Humanities and the Central Research Committee of the University of Johannesburg for their support and commitment which has been indispensable to our advancement.

## Research programmes

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

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.

### Gender and social security

2010 was a very active year for the CSDA research on Gender and Social Security. This project is being funded over three years by the South Africa-Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development (SANPAD). The study is a collaborative effort between the CSDA, Prof Trudie Knijn, Utrecht University, Netherlands, and other South African Universities, namely, University of Kwazulu-Natal, Prof Francie Lund, the University of the Western Cape, Prof Vivienne Bozalek and Prof Shireen Hassim of Wits University. This year we focused on the following activities:



*CSDA fieldworkers conducting an interview in Doornkop, Soweto.*

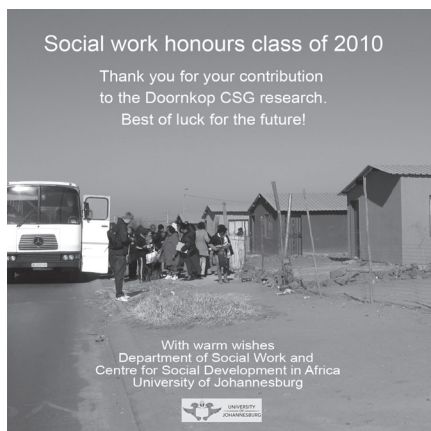
## ***Doornkop household survey***

In order to understand the social impact of the Child Support Grant and how it influences gender relations within the household, in July 2010 we conducted a survey on households receiving a Child Support Grant in Doornkop, Soweto, one of the poorest wards in Region D of the City of Johannesburg.

Field work provided the opportunity for research capacity development for 80 Social Work final year students who were trained to gather the data as part of their requirements for completing the research component of their programme. The partnership between the CSDA and the Department of Social Work was thus a productive one as the students acted as field workers on the project, and, in turn, were given the chance to engage in a large household survey as a genuine experience of research.

Questionnaires were administered to 344 women who are the primary caregivers of children aged 15 years old and younger. The sample included both beneficiary and non-beneficiary households, but 80% of the sample received one or more CSG. The survey gathered demographic information as well as information on the use of the grant, caregiver views of the grant, partner relationships, care responsibilities in the home, and women's empowerment.

The findings reveal that the uptake rate in Doornkop, Soweto is high and the grant is well targeted at poor households with younger children being the main beneficiaries of the grant. While the grant is spent on food, it is also spent on public services which should be freely available to poor children. The benefits of the grant were felt by women caregivers who exercised control over how the money is spent. 82% of respondents said that the grant has made their lives better and 79% felt that they are now better able to care for their children. The grant has assisted women in giving them control over cash income and providing an important cushion against severe poverty, and in this way has been positive for women who receive it, but it hasn't shifted gender relations within the household significantly, for example, care responsibilities in particular remain a burden for women.





## ***Doornkop qualitative research***

South Africa has seen the emergence of negative discourses on welfare receipt, such as assumptions that cash transfers create welfare dependency, and that the CSG in particular encourages early and multiple child-bearing. Recent local literature attests to how wide-spread these assumptions are. In order to better understand the perspectives used by CSG beneficiaries to interpret public attitudes toward them and their rationalisations of why they and others receive the grants, in October 2010 we conducted follow up interviews with 8 women receiving a CSG in Doornkop. Analysis of this data is ongoing; it is hoped that the findings can be used to understand the impact of such social discourses on social policy.

## ***Qualitative research with CSG fathers***

Understanding the gendered nature of the CSG requires us not only to study women who receive the grant, but also men's experiences as grant recipients. As only 2% of CSG recipients are men, these fathers are certainly the exception to the 'rule' that grant recipients are female. The long and complicated process of tracking down fathers who receive a CSG on behalf of their children was begun in 2010. We plan to conduct qualitative interviews with as many men that we can find in order to develop an in-depth understanding of the gendered impact of the grant from the male caregiver's perspective.

## ***Utrecht University workshop in 2011***

A data analysis workshop will be held in March 2011. The whole research team from South Africa (4 senior researchers and 2 PhD students) will join our Netherlands partner, Prof Trudie Knijn, at Utrecht University where she will be hosting a 2 day workshop and a one day public symposium on gender and social security.

## ***Welfare transformation & indicators to measure impact***

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 the developmental approach to social welfare. Both urban and rural experiences were elicited, and focus groups were run in both Limpopo and Gauteng. 2 journal articles on the qualitative and quantitative data were submitted to international journals in 2010.

This year also saw us planning for a new study in this area, which will begin in 2011. The aim of the study will be to design, develop and test a composite set of indicators to measure progress towards achieving the transformative vision and goals of the policy. Ongoing evaluation and critical reflection of the approach in practice will contribute to the theory and practice of developmental welfare. This research will be conducted in collaboration with the National Council of Social Services (NACOSS).

## Fatherhood and Social Policy

This project will aim to explore the social significance of fatherhood and its implications for social policies and development programmes. A seed grant has been provided by the Ackermann Pick n Pay Foundation to initiate the project. The research will be conducted in collaboration with Sonke Gender Justice.

## Poverty and vulnerability

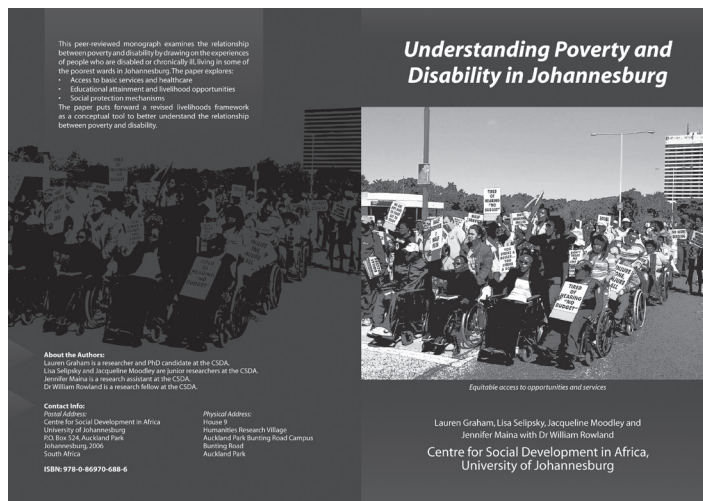
The CSDA's location in Johannesburg provides the context for research in this focus area. The programme aims to deepen our understanding of the multi-dimensional nature of urban poverty and vulnerability. It attempts to promote understanding of the interconnections between communities locally and regionally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

The projects in this focus area for 2010 included:

### Poverty and disability in Johannesburg

Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), 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 report entitled "Poverty and disability in Johannesburg" was launched in May 2010 and received extensive media coverage.



## **Disabled youth: a baseline and feasibility study**

People with disabilities face political, social and economic levels of inequality which affects their access to equal opportunities and basic service provision. Although policies put into place over the past 14 years have had an impact on the standard of living of disabled people in South Africa, more can be done to achieve equality, inclusion and empowerment. Disabled Youth South Africa and Operations Day's Work seek to implement a programme which aims to ensure the development and advancement of disabled youth (aged 14-24) in the Western and Eastern Cape. To inform the design of the programme, Lauren Graham and two CSDA associates Theresa Wilson and Lisa Selipsky worked on a research project intended to develop a baseline assessment of the needs of young people living with a disability in two districts in the Eastern and Western Cape. The research was conducted for the Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) and focused on the following areas:

- o Inclusive education
- o School to work programmes and employment opportunities
- o HIV and AIDS awareness

The research was concluded in October 2010.

## **Zimbabwean economic migrants in Johannesburg**

Admire Chereni's 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 explores the implications of these emerging 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 research is jointly supervised by Prof Leila Patel and Prof Thea de Wet. The fieldwork for this project is currently underway.

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

Despite the provisions of the Mental Health Care Act of 2002 to provide care, treatment and rehabilitation services for persons who are mentally ill, the problem of homeless mentally ill persons has received scant attention by service providers, policy makers and local authorities. This ethnographic study will be conducted by Unotida Moyo towards her MA. The aim of the study is to develop an understanding of the lived experiences of chronically mentally ill homeless people who live on the streets in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, with the view to making recommendations for appropriate treatment and support services.

## **An evaluation of Murray & Roberts BBBEE Community Trust**

Murray & Roberts, a leading company in the engineering and construction sector, is also a key player in South Africa's social development agenda through the community trust component of its broad-based black economic empowerment (BBBEE) deal. Through the community trust, Murray & Roberts funds seven NGO partners to conduct programmes aimed at meeting the needs of a range of beneficiaries and in reducing poverty and vulnerability. Since the initial five year period of the contract is almost complete, the CSDA reviewed the Murray & Roberts community trust and the contribution and reach it has in the country. The project is currently in its final phases and will be completed early in 2011.

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

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 doctoral study. The fieldwork for this project is currently being conducted. An article entitled "Developing a Southern African research agenda on youth: Reshaping the paradigm" was published in *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* in April 2010.

## **Social development in Africa**

The aim of this programme is to build a research group/network to foster social development research on the continent. A special issue of the *Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* journal was published in April 2010 with contributions from African scholars.

In addition, four colleagues from the research group participated in a panel discussion at the 2010 conference of the International Association of Schools of Social Work, in Hong Kong, China. The theme of the discussion was

“Developmental social work: learning from the South.” The panel was convened by Prof Patel and chaired by Prof James Midgley. Prof Lombard (University of Pretoria) and Prof Mupedziswa (University of Botswana) also participated.

## **African Symposium on Social Protection in 2011**

The CSDA will host an international symposium on “Social Protection in Southern Africa: New Opportunities for Social Development” on 24-25 May 2011. The symposium intends to promote South-South cooperation, dialogue, innovation and learning on how best to apply successful policies and practices in an African context. The symposium will be attended by local and international researchers engaged in research on social protection. It is envisaged that a special issue of an international journal will be published in 2012.

## **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. The research is supported with a grant from the International Foundation for Science (IFS), Sweden.

## **Other CSDA activities**

### **Special issue of *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher***

*The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* is an accredited, refereed, interdisciplinary journal for social service professionals. A themed issue entitled: "Towards an African social development research strategy", was the outcome of a workshop held at the CSDA in 2009. The aim of the issue was to stimulate debate about key contemporary issues in social development, to foster systematic research, promote theoretical growth and application and to identify opportunities for further search. The issue was guest edited by Prof Leila Patel and Prof James Midgley and was published in April 2010.

### **Awards and Scholarships**

#### ***New Generation Scholarship***

Lauren Graham was a recipient of the prestigious New Generation Scholarship, awarded by the UJ's Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ihron Rensburg. The New Generation Scholarship aims to renew and lay the foundation for the creation of a more diverse generation of UJ academics and scholars.

#### ***SANPAD Doctoral Bursary and Research Capacity Initiative***

Tessa Hochfeld and Nhlanhla Jordon are the recipients of SANPAD Doctoral Bursaries for research on Gender and Social Protection. Tessa Hochfeld's study is on "Cash Transfers and Social Transformation: How do Women Receiving the Child Support Grant in Sophiatown, Johannesburg experience intra-household gender relations?" Ms Jordon's study is a "Sociological Study of Teenage Mothers and the Child Support Grant".

The SANPAD Research Capacity Initiative (RCI) is a 7 week long programme, run over a year, which is designed to give intensive input around the proposal writing process for doctoral students. The main focus is on research methodology, both qualitative and quantitative, but it also covers the process of conceptualizing the research design, research writing skills, the ethics of research, and other topics germane to writing a research proposal. In 2010, Tessa Hochfeld completed the programme and Lauren Graham was awarded the same fellowship starting in 2011.

#### ***National Research Foundation Doctoral Bursary***

Nhlanhla Jordon was the recipient of the National Research Foundations (NRF) doctoral bursary.

## ***Pierre Joubert Award***

This year Lauren Graham was awarded the Pierre Joubert award for her doctoral research 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.

## ***The ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation Scholarship in Migration Studies***

Admire Chereni is the recipient of this scholarship for his Doctoral research on Zimbabwean migrants in Johannesburg.

## **CSDA seminar series**

Chaired by Prof Leila Patel, the CSDA seminar series continued successfully through 2010:

- Dr Sheri Hanson revealed the findings of her doctoral study on the co-occurrence of woman and child abuse in the same family system, in South Africa. The seminar was entitled: "Building organizational bridges: working towards effective and holistic strategies to protect abused women and children."
- Lauren Graham and Dr. Rowland presented the findings of a DFID funded study on disabled and chronically ill people in eight of the poorest wards of Johannesburg. The report was launched at a seminar entitled: "Poverty and Disability in Johannesburg: lessons for research and policy".
- Hosted in conjunction with UJ's Postgraduate Centre, Prof Pundy Pillay presented a paper on "Universities and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa."
- "Gender dynamics of the Child Support Grant: Results of a survey in Doornkop, Soweto" was the title of the final seminar for the year. Presented by Tessa Hochfeld and Prof Leila Patel, the presentation shared early results from a survey conducted in Doornkop, in relation to gendered processes such as household decision-making, care work, and partner relationships in households which receive a Child Support Grant.



*Lauren Graham presenting at the CSDA seminar on Poverty and Disability in Johannesburg*



## The Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture

Prof Ihron Rensburg and the Dean of the UJ's Faculty of Humanities, Prof Rory Ryan, hosted the fifth annual Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture in collaboration with the CSDA on 14 September 2010. The speaker was Dr Shahra Razavi, Senior Researcher at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. The lecture was entitled "Worlds apart: Rethinking care in a development context." Amina Cachalia, Veteran Women's Activist, was our special guest and she shared her memories of Helen Joseph and the Women's movement under apartheid.



*Dr Shahra Razavi, Prof Angina Parekh, Veteran Women's Activist Amina Cachalia, Former First Lady Zanele Mbeki and Prof Leila Patel at the Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture 2010*

## Writing group, publishing workshop and research seminars

The CSDA has established a writing group for staff members to improve writing skills and facilitate publication outputs. The writing group draws together CSDA post-doctoral fellows, post-graduate students, and other staff and provides a supportive and constructive forum to discuss proposals, draft articles, challenges of addressing critiques from reviewers, and, also occasionally, a specific topic – such as the recent evaluations and debate on the Millennium Development Goals. The writing group meets regularly and brings together staff in a common pursuit of improved academic outputs – everyone benefits from the opportunity to assess the work of others in a cross-disciplinary forum and from the specific comments and suggestions to their own writing. In addition, it gives invaluable insights into each other's work and creates ideas for future projects at the CSDA.

The CSDA has also taken the initiative to begin a series of seminars that address specific aspects of the research and writing process that are common difficulties for post-graduate students. Two seminars were held in 2010: “Writing a literature review” presented by Prof Juliet Perumal from the Faculty of Education, UJ and “Qualitative data analysis” presented by Dr Marianne Ulriksen and Dr Rosemary Jaji, Post-doctoral fellows at the CSDA.

## **Postgraduate supervision and capacity building**

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 in co-operation with colleagues from a range of other disciplines in the Faculty of Humanities.

The Centre is currently supervising the doctoral studies of Shaheda Omar, Hendrik Venter, Henry Mushonga, Admire Chereni and Lauren Graham and is co-supervising the doctoral studies of Shahanna Bassadien with Oxford University. Unotida Moyo is a master’s candidate also under supervision by the centre. Memory Mphaphuli’s research is connected with the youth in transition project. Nhlanhla Jordon and Tessa Hochfeld, doctoral candidates and Jacqueline Moodley, a master’s candidate, are conducting research on centre projects and are supervised by the UJ Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences at Wits University, and the UJ Department of Psychology, respectively.

## **Website**

The website [www.uj.ac.za/csda](http://www.uj.ac.za/csda) has undergone reconstruction. It continues to provide regular updates and access to information about the Centre’s activities and publications.

## **Media coverage**

The launch of the Poverty and Disability Research Report and the Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture had excellent media coverage. News articles appeared on the report appeared in Business Day, [legalbrief.co.za](http://legalbrief.co.za), [dieburger.com](http://dieburger.com) and [jacarandafm.com](http://jacarandafm.com). The lecture was covered by Talk Radio 702 and a TV interview took place on SABC’s Morning Live programme.

## **Publications and conference presentations**

### **Book chapters published**

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### **Book chapters forthcoming**

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Patel, L. (Forthcoming). Child Support Grants in South Africa. In *National Social Protection Case Studies* published by International Labor Organisation, United Nations Development Programme

Patel, L. (Forthcoming). Race, Inequality and Social Welfare: South Africa's Imperial legacy. In Midgley, J. & Piachaud, D (ed). *Colonialism and Welfare: Social Policy and the British Imperial Legacy*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

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Palmary, I. and Chereni, A. (2010). Social Development and Migration in South Africa: Directions for further research in the region. *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*, Special Issue, April 2010, 69-82.

Patel, L. (2010). "Pointers for future research on gender and care in voluntary organisations in Southern Africa." *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*, Special Issue, April 2010, 39-53.

Patel, L. and De Wet, T. (2010). "Urban poverty and livelihoods in Johannesburg." *Social Development Issues*, 32(2), 55-66.

Schmid, J. (2010). "Norms and standards in youth justice: The gap between practice guidelines and policy frameworks." *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, 22(1), 54-72.

Schmid, J. (2009). "Subjectivities in South African child welfare discourse." *Transformation* 70(2009), 92 - 118.

Ulriksen, M. (2010). "Comparative methods of social policy research in Africa." *The Social Work Practitioner-Researcher* entitled *Towards an African Social Development Research Strategy*, Special Issue, April 2010, 24-38.

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Patel, L. and Graham, L. (Forthcoming). "How broad based is broad-based black economic empowerment?" Accepted by *Development Southern Africa*.

Patel, L. and Hochfeld, T. (Forthcoming) "It buys food but doesn't change gender relations: Child Support Grants in Soweto, South Africa." Accepted by *Gender and Development*.

Patel, L., Schmid, J. and Hochfeld, T. (Forthcoming) "Transforming Social Work Services in South Africa: Perspectives of NPO Managers." Accepted by *Administration in Social Work*.

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Ulriksen, M.S. (Forthcoming). "Welfare policy expansion in Botswana and Mauritius: Explaining the causes of different welfare regime paths." Accepted by *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol.45, Issue 12.

## Research reports and Peer- reviewed monographs

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Wilson, T. and Selipsky, L. (2010). *Participatory Baseline and Feasibility Study: Cape Winelands District and Amathole District*. Report prepared for Disabled People South Africa (DPSA) and Operation Day's Work (ODW). Cape Town: CSDA Report.

## Conferences

### International

Patel, L. (2010). *Race, Inequality and Social Welfare: South Africa's Imperial legacy*. Paper delivered at Colonialism and Welfare: Social Policy and the British Imperial Legacy, 15-19 March 2010, London School of Economics, London.

Patel, L. (2010) *Pointers for Future Research on Gender and Care in Voluntary Organisations in South Africa*. Paper delivered at Seminar on the Politics of care, welfare and social cohesion: Intersectional perspectives on redistributive and liberal welfare regimes in the global context, 3-5 May 2010, University of Basel, Switzerland

Patel, L. and Moodley, J. (2010). *Birth Registrations in South Africa*. Paper presented at International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) conference, 10-14 June 2010, Hong Kong Exhibition and Conference Centre, Hong Kong, China.

Patel, L., Ulriksen, M. and Moodley, J. (2010). *A Review of social development policy and strategy in Southern Africa*. Paper presented at International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) conference, 10-14 June 2010, Hong Kong Exhibition and Conference Centre, Hong Kong, China.

Schmid, J. (2010). *The intersection of gender and child welfare*. Paper presented at the Seminar on The Politics of Care, Welfare and Social Cohesion: Intersectional perspectives on Redistributive and Liberal Welfare Regimes in a global Context. South African-Swiss Joint Research Seminar, 3-5 May 2010, University of Basel, Switzerland.

Ulriksen, M. (2010). *Social policy development and global financial crisis in the open developing economies of Botswana and Mauritius*. Paper presented at ISA (International Sociology Association) Conference, 11-17 July 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden.

## **National**

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Graham, L and Rowland, W. (2010). *Understanding Poverty and Disability in Johannesburg*. Paper presentation at South African Sociological Association (SASA) Annual Conference, 13-16 June 2010, Fort Hare University, East London, South Africa.

Ulriksen, M. (2010). *How Social Security Policies and Economic Transformation Affect Poverty and Inequality: Lessons for South Africa*. Paper presented at the Conference on Overcoming Inequality and Structural Poverty in South Africa: Towards inclusive growth and development, 20-22 September 2010, Johannesburg, South Africa

Ulriksen, M. (2010). Attended The Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network's (PEGNet) conference 2010 on "Policies to foster and sustain equitable development in times of crises", 2-3 September 2010, Development Bank of Southern Africa, Midrand, South Africa.

## **Presentations at University of Johannesburg**

Chereni, A. (2010). *Migrant workers in Southern Africa: what a perspective of migrant transnationalism can make visible*. Presentation at Sociology, Anthropology & Development Studies Wednesday Seminar, 16 September 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Graham, L and Rowland, W. (2010). *Understanding Poverty and Disability in Johannesburg*. Presentation at CSDA Seminar Series, 13 May 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Hanson, S. (2010). *Building organizational bridges: Working towards effective and holistic strategies to protect abused women and children*. Presentation at CSDA Seminar Series, 4 March 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Jaji, R. and Ulriksen, M. (2010). *Qualitative data analysis*. Presentation at CSDA post-graduate seminar, 26 May 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Patel, L. (2010). *Community engagement in higher education, corporate social investment and social development*. Presentation at the Community Engagement and Corporate Social Investment Seminar, 29 April 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Patel, L. and Hochfeld, T. (2010). *Gender Dynamics of the Child Support Grant: Results of a Survey in Doornkop, Soweto*. Presentation at CSDA Seminar Series, 30 September 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Pillay, P. (2010). *Universities and Economic Development in Africa*. Presentation at CSDA Seminar Series, 29 July 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Ulriksen, M. (2010). *Social policy development and global financial crisis in the open developing economies of Botswana and Mauritius*. Paper presented at Sociology, Anthropology & Development Studies Wednesday Seminar, 12 August 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Ulriksen, M. (2010). *Welfare policy expansion in Botswana and Mauritius: Explaining the causes of different welfare regime paths*. Paper presented at Politics Faculty Seminar, 5 August 2010, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.



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