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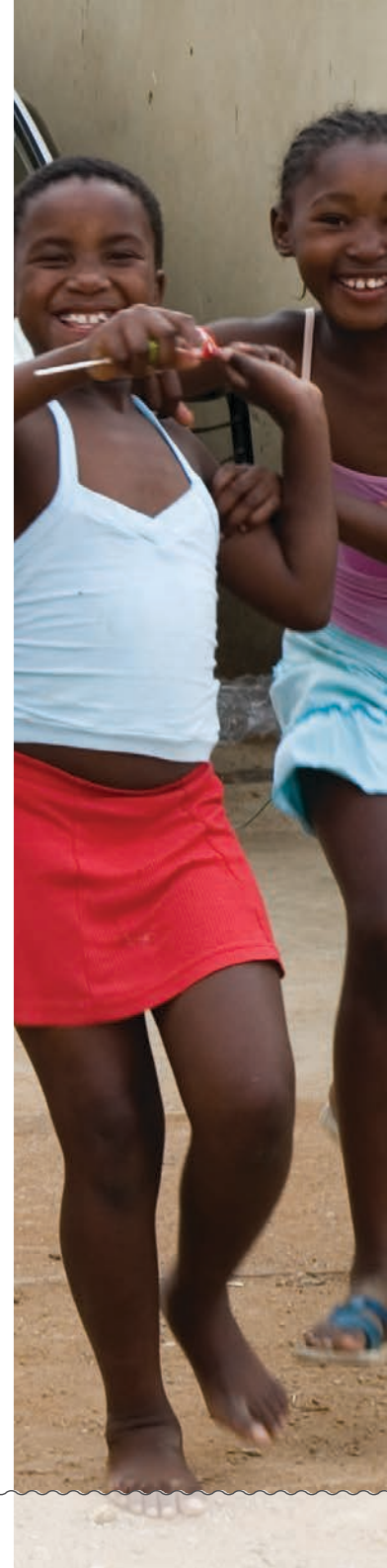
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Acronyms

ASASWEI	Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions
CBR	Community-Based Rehabilitation
CSDA	Centre for Social Development in Africa
CSI	Corporate Social Investment
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DFAT	Australian Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade
HEAIDS	Higher Education and Training HIV/AIDS Programme
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
MA	Master of Arts
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NRF	National Research Foundation
NSNP	National School Nutrition Programme
OVC	Orphaned and Vulnerable Children
PDF	Post-Doctoral Fellow
SASPEN	Southern African Social Protection Experts Network
UJ	University of Johannesburg

Vision, aims and strategy

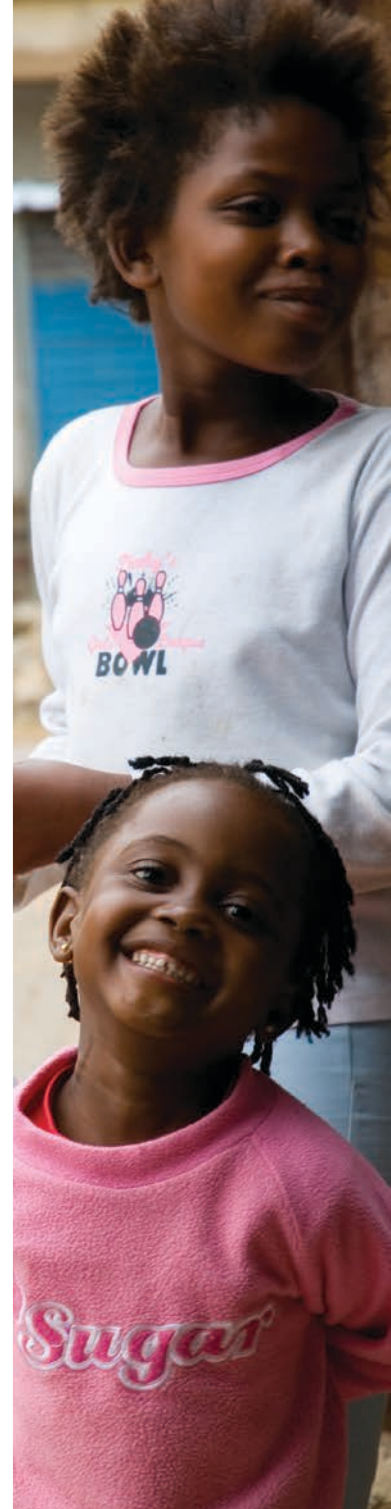
Vision

The Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) is dedicated to basic, applied and strategic research in social development and developmental welfare. The Centre's raison d'être is consistent with the broader mission of the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the higher education sector'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 debates 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 and public engagement.
- Disseminate research to benefit academic debate, social policy, social development programmes and communities.
- Optimise research opportunities in nationally and regionally identified focus areas.
- Build research capacity, postgraduate development and leadership in social welfare and development.
- Promote dialogue between different actors involved with furthering social development.
- Conduct research in collaboration with a range of research partners including postgraduate students.
- 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 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 CSDA operates in an ethical, accountable and collaborative manner, and is effectively and efficiently governed and managed.

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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:

Ms Carol Bews	Assistant Director: Johannesburg Child Welfare Society
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Social and Government Studies, North West University

Director's Report

Translating Academic Excellence into Action

Ten years since our inception, the CSDA is on a firm footing. We can rightly claim to be an established site and reference point for social development research in South Africa and the region. Our contribution to this field is reflected in our accredited and non-accredited research outputs documented in this report. These outputs, printed in high quality publications, attest to our commitment to academic excellence in practice. Measured against conventional academic excellence indicators such as citations, the publications of our international scholars connected to the CSDA such as Prof James Midgley and Prof Trudie Knijn, are highly cited internationally while others are doing well. What is distinctive about the CSDA is that we provide excellent opportunities for younger researchers to improve their qualifications and to obtain hands on experience in research. Seeing that first article in print is a great incentive for young researchers to pursue a research career. The CSDA provides a safe space for them to do so through its peer mentoring initiatives.

But to be truly excellent is also about what we choose to research, how we conduct the research, what we do with it, and ultimately what difference it makes in people's lives. It is in these areas that we claim our distinctiveness. Our five research programme areas define our research agenda – one that is responsive to national and global challenges in social development. In particular, our research on Child Support Grants connects with the central challenge of reducing poverty and inequality in South Africa. There is great public need for research on social grants, on the gendered nature of poverty and welfare, on the needs of vulnerable persons such as children and people with disabilities, and on high youth unemployment among others.

These research areas are attracting the attention of international scholars, students, policy makers and international agencies. In most of our research areas we have international collaborating partners who provide advice and technical support to the

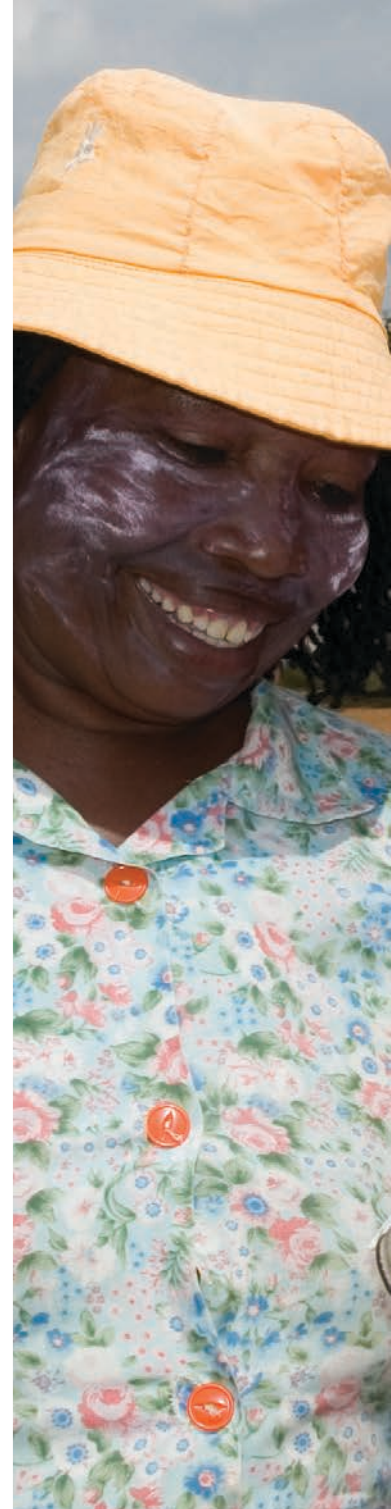
research teams. South Africa is increasingly being selected to form part of comparative case studies in international social development research projects on various social issues and questions. In view of the recognition that the CSDA enjoys for its leading-edge research, we are invited to contribute to these international projects. Examples of some of our current and future initiatives are the Siyakha Youth Assets and Employability Demonstration programme; our research on Child Support Grants, families and child well-being (South African Presidency and the European Union), and our research on future directions in social development with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

Although there has been a shift in our research towards more quantitative analyses as our capacity increased, innovative qualitative research and mixed methods designs are also employed. A new direction for us is towards intervention research and the two studies (Siyakha Youth Assets and research on the Child Support Grant) mentioned above are in these areas. It is our hope that these study findings may contribute in some way to finding evidence based solutions in the field of social development.

Academic excellence in practice also means crossing the lines between 'town and gown' by engaging different publics in conversation about pressing social development issues. It is here where we made our mark in 2014. We had an exponential increase in media coverage of our research; excellent attendance and participation at CSDA lectures, seminars and events and a 40% increase in views of our website over the previous year. Our research on the voting behavior of poor voters and grant beneficiaries received significant public interest and engagement as 2014 was an election year. Not only were the voices of poor voters raised, the research also sounded a word of caution about the use of social relief to garner electoral support for political parties in local communities and highlighted the need for voter education about welfare rights.

Finally, we like to believe that our research makes a difference in diverse ways: first that it contributes to increased knowledge and understanding of social development issues, theory and practice. Second, it raises awareness of the plight of populations that are vulnerable and at risk. Third, the research gives voice to people who are excluded such as homeless persons with mental illness, people with disabilities, poor voters, grant beneficiaries and women. Fourth, it engages different publics in debate, all of which we hope will contribute in some way to improved policies, service delivery capacity and evidence-based social interventions.

In 2015, we will be consolidating our existing research initiatives and growing our research to pursue new lines of inquiry and conduct cross national comparative studies.





Siyakha Youth Assets is our 2015 flagship programme managed by Dr Lauren Graham. We will be employing an experimental research design to assess the impact of social and economic empowerment interventions on young people aged 18-25 years. This is certainly ground breaking research that could shed some light on a difficult local issue that is also of global significance. We wish to thank our partners in civil society, the private sector, government and our academic partners, Prof Gina Chowa and Mr Rainier De Vera Masa from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill for their support. This three-year study was initiated with support from the Ford Foundation.

We also wish to thank the CSDA's Advisory Board members for believing in us over the past decade as we moved from a small entity to a fully-fledged Centre. I wish to thank all our staff, honorary and visiting professors, research fellows, post-doctoral fellows and interns for their outstanding contribution to building the CSDA. Thank you to the Acting Deans, Professors Lionel Posthumus and Ronel Johl for their support. We are also appreciative of the assistance received from the Vice Chancellor of UJ, Prof Ihron Rensburg, the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Prof Tshilidzi Marwala, colleagues in the Research and Advancement Division, in particular Dr Mandla Msibi, and Prof Shireen Motala from the Post-Graduate Centre.

Leila Patel

Director of the CSDA and Professor of Social Development Studies

SIYAKHA YOUTH ASSETS

CSDA spearheads research and interventions to build youth assets and employability

With just under 3.8 million South Africans between the ages of 18-25 years currently not in education, employment or training, youth employability remains high on the national development agenda.

In response to these challenges, the CSDA is leading a project which will be implemented at 56 sites nationally with just over 3 000 participants in both urban and rural areas. The research will identify which skills and employment support activities provided by the CSDA's partner organisations are most associated with enhancing employability.

The project will implement and rigorously test what the effect of ‘asset-building’ and financial inclusion strategies are on youth employability. More specifically, what are the effects of savings and financial inclusion interventions on employability and related youth development outcomes?

Moreover, we will investigate whether the impact of these programmes is enhanced when financial education and access to a savings account are added. The CSDA aims to share the results of this work with the organisations running these programmes as well as with actors in government and the private sector who have the capacity to scale up asset building and employability interventions. In this research project the CSDA is collaborating with the University of North Carolina and partners in the government, private and civil society sectors involved in youth development work. The project has drawn the interest and financial support of The Ford Foundation and the Jobs Fund located in the National Treasury.

Staff

The CDSA is made up of a team of dedicated individuals with a unique set of skills which make a crucial contribution to our success. The employees working at the Centre include our director, our researchers, our administrator, our communications officer, and our interns. Our staff complement is additionally bolstered by the stellar research contributed by our Honorary and Visiting Professors, research associates and Post- Doctoral Fellows (PDFs).

Director

Prof 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. Prof. Patel is an established researcher of national standing. Her research interests are social welfare, social work, corporate social responsibility, social policy, social security, children and youth, and gender and development. In 2014 Prof Patel received the Department of Science and Technology’s Distinguished Woman Researcher in the Humanities and Social Sciences award.





Researchers

Dr Lauren Graham is a senior researcher at the CSDA. She was the lead researcher on the recently completed study on Poverty and Disability in South Africa and is the project leader for the Siyakha Youth Assets project. She is primarily interested in issues affecting young people as they transition from school into adulthood. These include employability, post-school education, parenting, partnering and civic engagement. Her PhD, completed in 2012, focused on young people's negotiation of risk as they transition from school to education and work. Lauren is currently supervising one Masters student in the Department of Sociology. This year she published 3 book chapters and 1 journal article.

Jacqueline Moodley is a registered Research Psychologist and Researcher at the CSDA. She obtained her Master's degree in 2013 from UJ and works in a number of research areas at the Centre. In 2014, Jacqueline was part of the team that concluded the study on Poverty and Disability in South Africa. She is also involved in Youth Development studies and in the CSDA's evaluation research initiatives.

Aislinn Delany joined the CSDA in October 2013 as a full-time researcher. Prior to this, she completed a second Master's degree in poverty and development at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. She has several years of experience as an applied social researcher in the development field, and her research interests include issues of poverty and inequality, social protection, economic strengthening and early childhood development.

Tessa Hochfeld is in her ninth year at the Centre. She will submit her PhD on social justice and the social impacts of the Child Support Grant in early 2015. She continues to work on projects both as a team member and project leader. Her research interests include social welfare, social policy, social protection and gender and development. She 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.

Kim Baldry joined the CSDA in January 2014. She has a master's degree in Research Psychology, obtained through the University of the Witwatersrand. Prior to pursuing a career in social science research she worked as an organisational development consultant, a psychometrist, and a career consultant. Her primary research interests are in evaluation studies, youth transitions and youth unemployment.

Zoheb Khan is a researcher at the Centre. He has a Master of Arts in Development Management from Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, and is currently enrolled at UJ for his Doctorate in Development Studies, for which he has been awarded a Eurosa scholarship. His research interests include youth unemployment, social protection and gender equality.

Lauren Stuart joined the CSDA family in January 2014. In her first year she assisted Prof. Leila Patel with the second edition of her seminal book 'Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa'. She was also a team member on various Centre projects. She obtained her Master's degree from the University of the Witwatersrand in Social Development. Lauren hopes to find a niche in the research and development sector and pursue a doctoral degree in the near future.

Administrator

Faatima Mahomed obtained her B. Admin degree at the University of the Free State in 1997. She has been working at the CSDA since August 2013 as the Centre manager and financial administrator.

Communication Specialist

Keolebogile Mbebe joined the CSDA staff as the Centre's communications specialist in October 2013. Her role involved managing the Centre's internal and external communications, organizing the Centre's events, as well as coordinating the Centre's website and database. She has a Master's degree (cum laude) in Philosophy from the University of Johannesburg and has worked as a journalist for national newspaper City Press. She completed her tenure with the CSDA in December 2014 to pursue a career in academia.

Interns

Thapelo Mqehe joined the CSDA as a National Research Foundation (NRF)- funded intern in March 2014. He is an MA candidate in the Department of Sociology. His research interest include the sociology of gender and sexuality, prison studies and methodology. His MA thesis focuses on the sociological construction of gender and how women ex-offenders from Ekurhuleni region experience reintegration into society after their release from prison.

Pinky Nkuna was a Public Relations intern for the CSDA from August until November 2014. She completed the third year of her Public Relations Diploma in 2014. She previously worked as a PR intern for Rito consulting Services, and Right to Care, a non-





profit organisation that supports and delivers prevention, care, and treatment services for HIV and associated diseases.

Tshedi Thibedi was a Communications intern for the CSDA from August 2014 until November 2014. She completed her Honours degree in Strategic Communications in 2014. She previously worked as a Communications intern for Matla A Bana, a children's rights NGO, as well as the Organ Donor Foundation of South Africa.

Post-Doctoral Fellows

Dr Moreblessing Tinwaro Sithole concluded her two-year tenure in December 2014. She holds a PhD in Sociology and Social Policy from Durham University, UK. Her thesis was titled "Making Britain 'Home': Zimbabwean Social Workers' Experiences of Migrating To and Working in a British City". She has a Master's in Agricultural Economics from the University of Pretoria. Her research interests are in migration and development as well as social and economic empowerment. At the CSDA, she was co-convenor of the CSDA's evaluation study of the Tiger Brands Foundation breakfast scheme and the National School Nutrition Programme. The study focused on health and educational outcomes of primary school learners in the Eastern Cape Province. She provided guidance and support to exchange students from Utrecht University and co-ordinated the CSDA's writing group.

Dr Edson Munsaka completed his post-doctoral fellowship in early 2014. He is currently employed at Lupane State University (Zimbabwe). At the CSDA he was actively involved in the research study on poverty and disability. His research interests include disability and development issues specifically related to human rights and participation of people with disabilities in development efforts. Following his PDF, Edson became a research fellow of the CSDA.

Dr Eddy Mazembo Mavungu completed his Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the CSDA in early 2014 after three years at the Centre. His PhD is from Wits University and was titled 'Frontiers of prosperity and power: explaining provincial boundary disputes in post-apartheid South Africa'. He was the recipient of a PDF grant awarded by the NRF to pursue his research. At the CSDA he also conducted research along with Sonke Gender Justice on father absence in urban communities in Johannesburg. He is now based in the Centre for African Studies and the Department of History at the University of Basel, Switzerland and continues to collaborate with the CSDA. His current research focuses on "Regionalism, Democracy and Conflict: a comparative analysis of South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo and Switzerland".

Researchers associated with the CSDA

The Centre derives enormous benefits from collaboration with senior South African and international scholars and research associates who are actively engaged in our various research, publishing and capacity building initiatives. Some of the appointments are of a short-term nature while others are for a three-year period. All are non-remunerative positions unless project funding is secured. The research fellows and the visiting/honorary professors provide high-quality advice and technical support to the various research projects and are involved in the mentorship of young researchers. The Centre enjoys the ad hoc collaboration of paid research associates in a consultancy capacity as and when needed.

Honorary Professor

Prof James Midgley, a former South African and a distinguished international scholar, is an Honorary Professor in Social Development in the Faculty of Humanities at UJ. Prof Midgley is regarded as a pioneer in the fields of international social welfare, social protection, social work and social policy. He has published widely on a wide range of social development issues. He currently holds the Riva and Harry Specht Chair at the School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley. He plays an advisory and mentoring role to the Centre, and supports us in our publishing endeavours.

Visiting Professors

Prof Eleanor Ross is a Professor of Social Work and the former Head of the Department of Social Work at the University of the Witwatersrand. She has published extensively and has supervised numerous postgraduate students. Previously she served on the SA Council for Social Service Professions, is an honorary life member of the SA Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the former editor of the South African Journal of Communication Disorders. Currently, she serves on the board of Social Work in Health Care. She has a BA Social Work; MA Social Work (cum laude) and a PhD (Wits).

Prof Jean Triegaardt has a PhD from Saint Louis University, St Louis, a Masters in Social Work from Washington University, St Louis, and a BA (Social Science) from the University of the Western Cape. She is the former Head of Department of Social Work at UJ. Her research interests are in social security, social policy, restorative justice, poverty and unemployment. Currently, she is the editor of the Social Work Practitioner-Researcher and a member of the Ministerial Committee to Review the Implementation of the White Paper for Social Welfare. As of June 2014, she is Visiting Professor at the CSDA.





Prof Trudie Knijn is the Director of the Centre for Social Policy and Intervention Studies (SOPINS) at Utrecht University and Professor of Interdisciplinary Social Science. She has been a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Johannesburg since 2013. Prof Knijn co-ordinates a Masters exchange programme between Utrecht University and UJ. She is highly regarded in the field of social policy, welfare, gender and care and social intervention research. She participated in the CSDA's study on Gender and the Child Support Grant in Doornkop, co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Social Policy and Administration* on social policy in South Africa with Leila Patel and co-authored an article to be published in 2015 in the *Journal of Social Policy* with Leila Patel and Frits van Wel.

Research Associates

Dr William Rowland holds a PhD from the University of Cape Town. He serves on the boards and councils of several institutions including the University of Johannesburg, the National Library of South Africa, the South African Library for the Blind, The Housing Council of Tshwane, the South African Breweries Foundation, the Christoffel Blinden Mission and the Boston-based Disability Rights Fund. He is an Honorary Life Member of the World Blind Union and Honorary President of both Disabled People South Africa and the South African National Council for the Blind. He is a published author of both academic and creative works.

Dr Marianne Ulriksen is a Senior Research Fellow at the CSDA and has been at the Centre since April 2010. Her research interests include: Comparative politics, political economy of welfare policy development, social protection, poverty and inequality, and comparative country studies in Southern Africa. She has a PhD from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, for a thesis titled: "Politics, Policy and Poverty in Botswana, Mauritius and other developing countries".

Dr Jeanette Schmid joined the CSDA as a research fellow in 2008. She is based in the United States and is engaged in collaborative research and publishing with the CSDA. She obtained her PhD from the Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada, in 2008. Her dissertation was titled "The Story of South African Child Welfare: A History of the Present". Currently, her research and publishing focuses on critical approaches in child welfare, locally and globally.

Dr Sophie Plagerson has been connected with the CSDA since 2009, initially as a post-doctoral fellow and later as a senior research fellow. She completed her PhD on 'The relationship between Child Support Grants and Common Mental Disorders

in South Africa” at the London School of Health and Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom. Current projects and areas of interest are social protection, social insurance, social justice and work/family policies.

Dr Aisha Hutchinson is a research fellow at the CSDA and the University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom, where she is based. She completed her PhD at the University of Southampton in 2009, which explored the coping strategies of young women in Mozambique during unintended pregnancy. Dr Hutchinson currently holds a postdoctoral fellowship from the British Academy and is interested in mechanisms of protection and resilience for young mothers in Islamic Contexts such as Bangladesh, Mali and Chad.

Dr Shaheda Omar is the head of Therapeutic Services at The Teddy Bear Clinic. Her PhD was titled: “A Study of Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse of Children under 12 Years”. She is a highly recognized practitioner in the field of child abuse.

Dr Benjamin Lough joined the CSDA as a senior research associate in 2013. He is based at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the USA and works collaboratively with the CSDA on projects related to international volunteer service and youth employment. He received his PhD from Washington University in St. Louis. His research and teaching agenda is focused on civic engagement, volunteer service, and voluntary sector organizations.

Dr Thérèse Sacco is a senior research associate attached to the CSDA and works in Johannesburg with refugees, migrants and young people located on the margins of South African society. In addition, she facilitates community education, developing competent and confident community leaders. She gained her doctorate in 2011 from St Augustine College of South Africa. Her research and writing focus on reconciliation, development, education and spirituality.

Dr Lucy Jordan joined the CSDA as a senior research associate in 2013. She is currently Assistant Professor of Social Policy in the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at the University of Hong Kong. Her research focuses on comparative social policy and development; family and youth studies; and migration and immigration. She is currently co-principal investigator with Professor Leila Patel of the CSDA on a British Academy grant (2013-2015) focusing on urban youth and risk perception. Her research is published in journals including Child Development, Journal of Ethnic and Multicultural Social Work, and Journal of Marriage and the Family.





Prof Gina Chowa is based at the University of North Carolina's School of Social Work, Chapel Hill. She attained her PhD from George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, St Louis in 2008. Her dissertation was titled: 'The Impact of an Asset-Building Intervention on Rural Households in Sub-Saharan Africa'. Her research interests lie in international social development, youth workforce, asset development, and financial inclusion. She is co-principal investigator in a CSDA study on youth assets and employability.

The Year in Review

Research Programmes

Programme 1: Gender and Development

Cash Transfers and Social Transformation in poor households

This study is being conducted by Tessa Hochfeld for her PhD in Development Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand. The study investigates the social justice outcomes of the Child Support Grant for women who receive one or more grant on behalf of children in her care. The research is feminist narrative in approach, and it is hoped will contribute to the development of theory on social protection's impact on social relations, such as gender, intra-household relations and decision-making. The research is being conducted in Sophiatown, Johannesburg.

Social Protection and Women's Empowerment

Nhlanhla Jordan is currently pursuing her PhD in the Department of Sociology, UJ. She received a bursary from the South Africa Netherlands research Programme on Alternatives in Development. She is examining the question whether the child support grant has any benefits for teenage mothers who are the recipients of the grant. Her study focuses on teenage-mothers' experiences of the child support grant and uses a gender lens. Jordan is writing up her findings and plans to complete and submit her thesis in 2015. She published a journal article on her research along with Tessa Hochfeld and Leila Patel on 'Early Motherhood in Soweto: The Nexus Between the Child Support Grant and Developmental Social Work Services in the Journal *Social Work/Maatskaplike Werk* in 2014.

Male Beneficiaries of the Child Support Grant

CSDA researcher Zoheb Khan is investigating the reasons for the minimal involvement of men in caregiving of children for his PhD at UJ. South Africa's Child Support Grant is

unusual in that it is targeted at both female and male caregivers of children. This is in contrast to cash transfer programmes in other parts of the developing world, where only women are eligible to receive cash transfers for the care of children. However, very few men in South Africa take up the Child Support Grant. What this implies is that the care of children in poor households is overwhelmingly carried out by women. This factor has implications for the well-being of children and also for the gendered nature of poverty in South Africa, with the lack of male involvement exacerbating women's burdens of financial and non-financial care. In 2014 Zoheb's doctoral proposal was accepted by the Faculty of Humanities, and in 2015 field work will be conducted in Johannesburg.

Factors that help or hinder job-seeking for young mothers in Doornkop

For her Master's research, Maartje Boer asked the question, 'Which factors promote or hinder labour market participation among young mothers in Doornkop?' Through the study, Ms Boer aimed to explore how mothers in Doornkop are supported or limited in working opportunities. The study was completed in July 2014. Ms Boer was an exchange student from Utrecht University who was based at the CSDA in 2014.

Factors that influence the wellbeing of young mothers in Soweto

Sara Slijper's Master's Research investigated factors that encourage and discourage the emotional well-being of young mothers in South Africa. Its purpose was to create a better understanding of emotional well-being in relation to family, Child Support Grant receipt, educational background and employment status in a world where a young mother's actual freedom of choice is compromised. This study partly focused on young mothers from the National Income Dynamics Study and partly on young mothers in Soweto, Johannesburg. She was an exchange student from Utrecht University in 2014.

Programme 2: Poverty and vulnerability

Poverty and Disability in South Africa

Following the success of the launch of the Johannesburg Poverty & Disability study in 2010, the CSDA in collaboration with Dr Rowland, and with support from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), undertook a national study to investigate the links between poverty and disability. Research on the relationship between poverty and disability consistently calls for empirical research in developing contexts to unpack the nuances of this concomitant relationship. This study is the first of its kind in South Africa and provides key data that will allow interested stakeholders to track progress for people with disabilities in coming years. The final report was launched in June 2014. In addition to the report, research and policy briefs were





made available to key stakeholders. The launch of the report received a great deal of media attention and interest from members of the disability rights movement. It is a key resource for policy and programmatic development. The research grant enabled the CSDA to recruit three Doctoral candidates to pursue their studies in the field of disability at UJ. The research programmes of the students are outlined below.

Disability and gender

Nonkululeko Ngcobo's PhD research seeks to ascertain how gender differences between people with and without disabilities manifest in terms of demographic factors such as age, race and geographic location, and poverty indicators such as income, consumption and access to services and employment. The study began in 2014.

Disability and health

Reem Mutwali's PhD study investigates the relationship between poverty, disability and access to health care services in the South African context. Through the study, Mutwali aims to identify the difference in access to health care for people with disabilities compared with non-disabled people in South Africa. She also aims to develop an understanding of the relationship between poverty, disability and access to health care. The study is in the literature review and analysis stage.

Evaluating Empowerment Outcomes Contributed by a Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme for Caregivers of Children with Disabilities in a South African Township

This study, which responds to methodological and theoretical gaps in the evaluation of CBR empowerment outcomes, is conducted by Jean Elphick towards her PhD in Development Studies. The overarching question for this research is: Does a CBR empowerment component programme contribute to empowering caregivers of children with disabilities? A goal of the study is to make recommendations for a replicable evaluation tool for CBR empowerment component programmes. The first two episodes of data collection have been completed and preliminary findings have been written up. The final episode of data collection will be completed by February 2015.

Programme 3: Children and Youth

Siyakha Youth Assets

Youth unemployment is a pressing national concern. A flagship programme of the CSDA thus involves assessing the impact of youth employability programmes being

run in the private, public and civil society sectors. These programmes run skills training and employment support interventions aimed at enhancing youth employability. Whether these outcomes are enhanced by providing young people with financial education and a savings product will also be tested. This project is being run in collaboration with the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill's School of Social Work, with the financial support of the Ford Foundation, the University Research Committee, the Jobs Fund, and the National Youth Development Agency. In 2014 this project was formally launched, and in a consultative process with our partners, the project was named Siyakha Youth Assets, or 'We are building youth assets'. At the end of 2014 Siyakha reached the end of the planning phase with data collection and financial education beginning in January 2015.

Youth in transition: Risk and identity

In partnership with the University of Southampton, Hong Kong University and the Demography and Population Studies Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand, the CSDA has been involved in a conceptual study focusing on how to improve the ways we understand risk taking amongst youth. This study builds on Lauren Graham's PhD study in which she found that understanding and negotiation of risk is very often tied to social and cultural aspects of identity negotiation. Current assessments of risk taking do not account for these nuances. The study seeks to more accurately conceptualize the nature of risk taking in order to inform better data collection on risk amongst youth. The study is supported by the British Academy.

Causal variables that lead to employment and unemployment in Youth in Soweto

The research question of this Master's research by Brenda van As was: "Which combination of personal skills, peer influences and risk behavior explain the difference between youth that are Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) and youth that are in Education, Employment, or Training (YEET) in Doornkop, Soweto?" The aim of the study was to explore which combination of causal factors lead to YEET and NEET youth. Brenda was an exchange student from Utrecht University in 2014.

The Challenge of Professional Legitimacy for Child Aid Professionals in Doornkop

For his PhD research, Mr Jeroen Gradener's asked, 'What challenges of strategic professional legitimacy do Child Aid professionals in Doornkop face, and how do they manage these challenges? The aim of the study was to develop insight into the legitimacy-management processes in community development work in Doornkop. Mr Gardener was an exchange doctoral student from Utrecht University.





Programme 4: Social Policy and Social Welfare

The Politics of Social Protection

More than 16 million South Africans receive social grants and many more benefit from other social protection measures such as free basic services. However, little is known about how receipt of social protection benefits impact on voters' electoral choices. A three-site survey was conducted in 2013 to examine the relationship between social protection (and social grants in particular) and a range of political behaviours and attitudes. The study focused on three low-income communities, where social protection is likely to have the greatest impact on electoral choice. The findings provided insight into the factors that influence voter preferences. Prof Yolanda Sadie and Dr Vicky Graham from the UJ Department of Politics were collaborating partners in the study funded by the Open Society Foundation.

Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa

In July 2015, Oxford University Press will be publishing a second edition of Leila Patel's 2005 book titled 'Social Welfare and Social Development in South Africa'. The book aims to provide academics, researchers, practitioners, students and policy makers with a sound orientation to the theory and practice of developmental social welfare and social work in South Africa. It will enhance their grasp of the concepts, theories, values, skills and interventions in the fields of developmental welfare, social work and the social services. It also draws on comparative literature and experience locally, regionally and globally. The content also draws on issues and real-life situations that social workers and social service professionals address at a local level and how these are connected to themes in a changing global world. The book includes new data, updates on policy and legislation and reviews issues and debates in social protection and developmental welfare services in South Africa. It concludes with a consideration of the achievements, challenges and future prospects for social development.

Social Development Indicators for OVCs

Edwin Mutambanengwe's Social Work Master's degree at UJ is titled: Monitoring and Evaluation of Community-based Services for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Soweto. He began the study in 2013, and aims to explore which monitoring and evaluation system will be most appropriate for organisations rendering community-based services to OVCs. Mutambanengwe is currently finalizing the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the research.

Programme 5: State, citizen, private sector relationships for development

Tiger Brands Foundation and the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) in-school feeding programme: Eastern Cape evaluation

Feeding hungry minds, feeding hungry tummies

20 million is a huge number. That's over a third of South Africa's population. This year, 20 million is also the number of lunch meals that the Department of Basic Education served to learners from quintile 1 and 2 (low income) schools. The Tigerbrands Foundation compliments this national programme through their In-School Breakfast Feeding Programme, which provides breakfasts to learners in various low income schools.

In 2011 the Tiger Brands Foundation piloted their In-School Breakfast Feeding Programme in Alexandra. The CSDA evaluated their pilot programme and based on the findings, Tiger Brands Foundation rolled out their programme to a further six provinces. The CSDA is currently undertaking an impact evaluation of the programme as well as the NSNP in Lady Frere in the Eastern Cape. The study compares schools receiving only the NSNP, schools receiving both the Tiger Brands programme and the NSNP, and schools receiving neither of the programmes. The study methods include body assessments, analysis of learner attendance and performance, and interviews with relevant stakeholders. The study therefore rigorously assesses the impact of the two programmes.

At the end of September 2014 the CSDA Tiger Brands Foundation team embarked on a field work trip to the Eastern Cape. This is what they had to say:

Our days consisted of an early morning coffee and a picturesque and at times challenging drive through the Lady Frere, Dordrecht and Qumbu areas. We learnt quickly that the Eastern Cape is a place where one can experience four seasons in one day. A drive between two remotely located schools could easily become a challenge as we would have to navigate rain, hail, wind and blistering sun. Even though the temperamental weather made some dirt roads impassable, it highlighted for us as team the many obstacles that many rural communities face.

Research results are due to be released in 2015.





Evaluation of Liberty Group's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) strategy in Katlehong

The Liberty Group invests in a number of education and skills development initiatives in Katlehong, on Gauteng's East Rand. In 2013 the CSDA embarked on a 3 year monitoring and evaluation study of some of these CSI initiatives. The research aims to determine how Liberty's investment has shaped educational, skills and financial literacy outcomes in the community. In 2014, the second round of data was collected which was a follow up to the baseline data collected in 2013. The study is finding that Liberty's investments in education in the area are having promising results for young learners in the community.

Glencore Community Baseline Study in 14 mining communities in Mpumalanga

The CSDA was commissioned by Glencore Coal South Africa to undertake a Community Baseline Survey to assess the socio-economic conditions of communities adjacent to its various operations in Mpumalanga. The study will provide information regarding the profile of households in these communities, their access to assets and services, and their needs, challenges and priorities. It will also consider community members' perceptions of the impact of mining activities on these communities. The findings will be used to inform Glencore Coal SA's Social and Labour Plans, as well as their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy, which aims to make a wider social contribution by promoting development within the local communities. Data collection is currently underway.

Public Engagement

Oh the places we've gone!

Keolebogile Mbebe, CSDA Communication Specialist, takes a moment to reflect on the public engagement activities – conference presentations, symposia and dialogues to which the CSDA researchers contributed, both in and outside of South Africa over the past year. We pride ourselves in the knowledge that our research was widely distributed and contributed to knowledge sharing, debate and dialogue between different actors including communities, aimed at promoting social development.

Having a prolific research team has resulted in many invitations to conferences and seminars at which CSDA research was presented. One of the most notable moments was Prof Patel's invitation and visit to Washington University in St. Louis

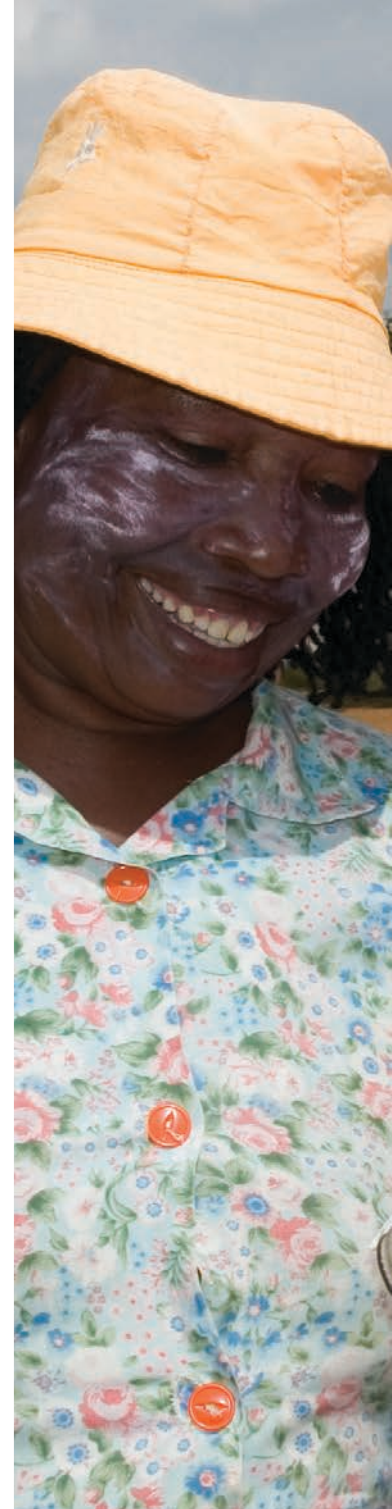
in April where she delivered the keynote address at an international conference on policy practice, and the professional training of social workers. This year, Prof Patel has also chaired a panel discussion on families at the Academy of Science for South Africa Humanities Conference in June, and a panel discussion on women, money and power at the UJ Women's Day Luncheon in August. In addition, Prof Patel was part of a panel discussion at an Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI) conference in September on welfare transformation and a review of social work education. The panel was convened and chaired by Tessa Hochfeld of the CSDA.

Many more of our staff members took the opportunity to showcase our research when approached to do so. These opportunities saw staff presenting our research on social protection at the Centre for Social Science Research in May. Dr Marianne Ulriksen grabbed the chance to talk about social protection in Tanzania while Tessa Hochfeld gave a presentation on social justice and the child support grant. The conference was opened by Leila Patel who delivered the keynote address on the White Paper for Welfare and its relevance in present day South Africa.

In the same month, Zoheb Khan and Kim Baldry shared CSDA research on employment at the University of the Witwatersrand's Reproductive Health Research Institute, at which stakeholders investigated micro-financing and assets financing, building a consensus on the structural drivers of HIV, and also how promoting livelihood opportunities can have an impact on health issues.

On the 14th August Dr Lauren Graham participated in a youth dialogue aimed at tackling issues of women's health. Dr Graham participated in the panel discussion alongside Honourable Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu (the Deputy Minister of the Department of Social Development), Dr Ramneek Ahluwalia (Chairperson of the Higher Education and Training HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS)), Prof Ihron Rensburg (the Vice Chancellor of the UJ). The youth dialogue was hosted by UJ and HEAIDS at the launch of the HEAIDS' new programme – the Women, Health and Empowerment ZAZI programme, which intends to provide services and empower young women across post-secondary education institutions in order to promote their health.

In September, Prof Patel and Dr Graham were invited to participate in and disseminate research findings at a conference that youth employment training





organization Harambee used to celebrate its 10000th youth work placement. The conference provided leaders from the public and private sectors with the opportunity to discuss challenges and solutions that increase the absorption and retention of young, first time work-seekers into the formal economy.

Jacqueline Moodley also participated in opportunities to raise the Centre's flag high this year when she and Dr Graham were invited by the Gauteng Provincial Department of Health to present their work on disability at Sterkfontein Hospital shortly after the poverty and disability seminar. This presentation was praised by government officials as necessary input into the provincial rehabilitation forum. Secondly, Ms Moodley travelled to an employment injury workshop held in Harare, Zimbabwe, to further highlight the significance of the Centre's research on disability.

Ms Moodley was not the only one able to travel far and wide for this purpose. Other notable destinations where Centre staff and research associates were invited to present were the Urbana-Champaign Biannual Social Work Symposium in Taipei, Taiwan; the General Assembly of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service in Yeouido, Seoul, Korea; the Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance Washington D.C.; and the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research conference on 'Social Protection in Africa' in Nairobi, Kenya.

Poverty and Disability Roundtable Discussion

On the 11th of February 2014, the CSDA hosted a Poverty and Disability Roundtable Discussion in Observatory, Cape Town. The participants discussed the findings of the CSDA study on poverty and disability in South Africa. Hosted by CSDA researcher Jacqueline Moodley and Dr Marguerite Schneider, a prominent expert in this field, the event attracted 55 people committed to finding ways to better include people with disabilities in economic and public life.

Mental Health and Homelessness Community Engagement Forum

On 12 June, Unotida Moyo presented the results of her Master's Research study into the relationship between mental illness and homelessness. The presentation was attended by members of civil society and government structures that attempt to address mental illness and homelessness in Hillbrow, and a committee was set up to investigate ways in which the research could be used to help homeless people suffering from mental illness. A stakeholder engagement forum was formed as an outcome of the meeting. The research generated a great deal of media interest.

Siyakha Youth Assets Stakeholder Engagement Meeting

The CSDA, in partnership with the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and a range of partners in government, the private sector and civil society, embarked on a demonstration project which seeks to understand how best to promote pathways to youth asset accumulation and, in turn, employability. As part of the stakeholder engagement strategy that forms part of this ground-breaking study, the Centre held an event at the University of Johannesburg's School of Hospitality and Tourism on Wednesday 18 June 2014 to mark the beginning of a stakeholder engagement and social dialogue around the issues addressed by the research.

Dialogue on Gender and Care

On the 31st of October, the CSDA, in collaboration with the Human Sciences Research Council, hosted the Johannesburg launch of the book, 'Care in Context: Transnational Gender Perspectives'. The event drew a gathering of interested minds from the public and private sectors. The keynote speaker was Swiss Ambassador to South Africa Mr Christian Meuwly, who congratulated the team of researchers who collaborated on the book for bringing the ethical issues related to care-giving to the fore in social conversation. The CSDA contributed two chapters to the book: *Gender and care in the non-profit sector in South Africa: Implications for welfare policy* by Prof Patel, and *The intersection of gendered subjectivities and child welfare discourses: An examination of the developmental child welfare model and the child protection model* by CSDA research associate Dr Jeanette Schmid.

Social Work and Social Development Curricula Symposium

On the 8th and 9th of May, the CSDA hosted a symposium on the issues, challenges and good practice lessons on integrating social development within the Social Work curricula taught at South African universities. The symposium was attended by nine schools of social work from South African universities. Professor James Midgley, Professor of Public Social Services at the University of California Berkeley School of Social Welfare, was the keynote speaker. The symposium forms part of an ongoing dialogue on the relevance of social work education and training in developing country contexts.

Quarterly Seminars in 2013

The first seminar of the year was held on the 20th of February, where Dr Amelia Kleijn gave a presentation on *why some men rape babies*. Dr Kleijn conducted a series of in-depth interviews with ten men serving long correctional sentences for the rape





of children under the age of three years. The main aim of the study was to explore these men's psychosocial histories, and the factors that compelled them to behave so violently towards young children. The discussant was Dr Shaheda Omar, CSDA research fellow and Director of the Teddy Bear Clinic.

Making their Mark: Exploring the voting behaviour of people in poor communities

Does receiving a social grant from the state influence poor voters' decisions at the ballot box? What are poor voters' perceptions of "vote-buying" behaviour such as the distribution of food parcels by political parties ahead of polls?

2014 was the year in which people living in poor communities showed the power of their vote. Political analysis this election year focused on the power of this group of people to direct the country's politics in an election where the three biggest political parties acquired 90% of the vote.

There is a great deal of speculation about the voting behaviour of the country's more than 16 million social grant beneficiaries, and the influence of social grants in determining party support and electoral choices.

The ANC has been accused of using the social grant system as a vote-buying mechanism to win the support of poor voters. Equally controversial has been the issuing of food-parcels by the government before local government by-elections last year.

The CSDA, true to our mandate of being a leader in applied and strategic research in social development and developmental welfare, released the results of a household survey on the voting behaviour of poor voters. The study was conducted in 1200 households across three poor communities in Johannesburg (Riverlea and Doornkop) and Limpopo (Groblersdal).

More than 90% of those interviewed "believed most strongly that they had a right to basic education, social security, access to healthcare, food and water ... and adequate housing". Respondents were less certain, however, "that social protection policies for the poor – such as free healthcare, free education, subsidised housing and social grants – would continue if another party besides the current ruling party came to power" (Patel, Sadie, Graham, Delany and Baldry, 2014).

Asked whether or not they thought “social grants from the government would continue if another party came to power, 51% agreed that they would continue, but another 25% did not think they would continue and 24% were unsure” (Patel et al., 2014).

It was apparent that the core message that grant recipients, along with the South African population in general, need to have a greater understanding of their basic human rights. In this area, the critical message that needs to be communicated is that a grant recipient’s social grant is protected regardless of who s/he votes for. These results were discussed at a seminar on 28 May. The seminar’s discussant was renowned political analyst Prof Steven Friedman, who challenged the stereotype that people living in poor communities are susceptible to having their votes bought through social grant reception and getting free food parcels from political parties. An attendee at the seminar suggested that concentrating the study on people living in poor communities fetishized and ‘othered’ them. CSDA researcher Ms Aislinn Delany replied that people living in poor communities are an important constituency, and that the study itself was a proper response to the claim that social grants reception influences the voting behaviour of social grants recipients.

On the 23rd of July, the CSDA hosted a seminar at which the results of the CSDA’s *nationwide study on poverty and disability* were presented and discussed. The CSDA’s Dr Lauren Graham and Jacqueline Moodley presented the findings, and Ms Hersha Dayal from the National Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation at the South African Presidency was the discussant. The discussion drew a large number of interested parties.

The final seminar for the year was held on 6 November, and focused on Gender-Based Violence. The seminar was held in the lead up to the annual *16 Days of No Violence against Women and Children campaign*. The panel included Prof Gertie Pretorius (Director of the Centre for Psychological Services and Career Development at UJ), Dr Shahana Rasool (lecturer at UJ’s Social Work Department), Dr Corné Davis (trustee for Matla a Bana, an NGO which campaigns against child rape and secondary abuse), and Ms Lisa Vetten (trainer/facilitator, researcher and activist for gender equality, currently working at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research). The panel argued that domestic violence will not end until families, friends and communities take responsibility for developing a no tolerance attitude and culture in relation to domestic violence.





Public Lecture

The Helen Joseph Memorial Lecture

Each year, the University of Johannesburg (UJ) hosts the Helen Joseph memorial lecture in honour of the iconic figure who played a significant role in fighting for freedom in South Africa. The 2014 lecture, which was the 8th since its inception, was titled 'Past, Present and Future of the ANC Women's League, and Implications for Gender Equality'. It was delivered by Prof Shireen Hassim from the University of the Witwatersrand Politics Department. Shireen Hassim argued that although the 'League' regarded itself as being at the centre of a long transition to a democracy that recognizes gender equality as a core constitutional value, it was not an easy ally for South African feminism. This was an engaging, thought provoking lecture that was well attended and reported on by the media. The lecture is based on Hassim's 2014 book published by Jacana Read on 'The ANC Women's League'. Read more at www.uj.ac.za/csda.

Media Engagement

The CSDA in the Media: Trying to be everywhere at once

A story by Keo Mbebe, CSDA Communication Specialist

"You guys are everywhere!" This year, this phrase was truly the popular refrain by colleagues. And what a year it was! It all started with the media getting wind of our flagship programme, the Siyakha project. From then on, our research on youth employment, the voting behaviour of people in poor communities, and the experiences of people living with disabilities became 'hot' topics.

Some of the articles that headlined were, 'Surveys show how youth may vote', 'Ban food parcel distribution – research', 'South Africa failing the disabled', 'Factors that make it hard to leave an abuser', and 'Give grants to pregnant women – Amnesty'. Our radio and television interviews, stories in the print media, on-line and social media ignited a wider public conversation on social development issues.

We made a concerted effort to publicise our research, and were richly rewarded. In 2013, our media coverage had an advertising value equivalent of R3 836 000, and this year it grew to R 5 503 495. We hosted two media briefings at which journalists from national media such as Business Day, the Star, and the Sowetan listened attentively to our presentations on our research. CSDA research fellows, Drs Sophie Plagerson and Marianne Ulriksen tried their hand at blogging on the SASPEN platform engaging debate on social security policy issues. This year

they wrote numerous blog articles debating critical social security, poverty and inequality issues in Africa. This include questions such as, is income protection only relevant for the poor? Could poverty not befall anyone due to conditions beyond their control? Could income inequality be viewed as a violation of human rights? See their blog at <http://www.saspen.org/home/?lang=en>

We look forward to doing even better next year, so that it may be true of our goal of promoting dialogue on social development issues and to communicate our research to many publics.

Website

Our public engagement initiatives and media coverage attracted interest in the CSDA's website which is becoming a resource for members of the public, policy makers, scholars and students. In 2013, we had 8538 views of material on our website and in 2014, this increased to 11911 views which is a 40% increase over the previous year. We worked hard to build our presence on social media over the past year and will grow this in the future.

Awards and Scholarships

On Friday 15 August **Prof Leila Patel** was presented the award for Distinguished Woman Researcher in the Humanities and Social Sciences Category at the Department of Science and Technology's 2014 Women in Science Awards.

This year, **Thapelo Mqehe** was awarded the NRF scholarship for his Masters research on female ex-offenders and their reintegration into society and was subsequently granted an NRF internship with the Centre.

Zoheb Khan was awarded a six-month EUROSAscholarship to Utrecht University from February 2015 until July. He will be hosted by that university's Centre for Social Policy and Intervention Studies. The EUROSAscholarship project is a scholarship programme funded by the European Commission.

Writing Group and Publishing Workshops

The CSDA has an active writing community that involves all CSDA research staff and associated students. We run regular writing groups at which any member can submit a draft of an article for feedback. In addition we ran three writing retreats this year at which staff and students had dedicated time to start or complete an article. These





workshops and retreats form part of the CSDA's strategy of building writing and publishing capacity of staff and post graduate students.

Postgraduate Supervision and Capacity Building

The CSDA continues to be a hub for attracting excellent postgraduate students, some of whom are also staff members. This year 5 PhD and 3 Masters Students have been supervised by CSDA staff members including on site supervision of 3 Masters Exchange Utrecht University students. In addition, there are a further 3 Doctoral students who received CSDA bursaries on our various research projects who are supervised by colleagues in the Faculty of Humanities at UJ and Wits University. In addition, the CSDA runs capacity building workshops focusing on a range of theoretical perspectives and practical skills. This year capacity building sessions included the capabilities framework; Nancy Fraser's views on social justice; using social media to disseminate research; and project management skills.

Academic and Student Exchange

Curriculum Issues in Social Development and Social Work

Prof James Midgley visited the Centre in May. Prof Midgley gave presentations and was the keynote speaker at the CSDA symposium on Social Work and Social Development Curricula in Universities. In addition, Prof Midgley consulted with individual CSDA staff and gave advice regarding their individual research projects.

Survey Development

The Siyakha Youth Assets project is being run in collaboration with the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. This year we hosted Prof Gina Chowa and Rainier De Vera Masa from the University of North Carolina at a workshop in July. At the workshop the research instruments for the Siyakha Youth Assets project were finalized.

Youth Transitions

As part of the Youth transitions and risk study, supported by the British Academy, Dr Lucy Jordan from Hong Kong University visited the CSDA in November. During her visit a writing workshop focusing on developing journal articles from the study was run. In addition, the CSDA participated in a related meeting in June with Dr Andrew Amos Channon from the University of Southampton. The meeting was hosted by our partners at the Demography and Population Studies Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Communication Campaigns

In March, the CSDA collaborated with the UJ School of Communications' Department of Strategic Communication to select 7 Honours students to assist with the dissemination of the findings of our Politics of Social Protection study. The students acquired the opportunity to receive on-the-job training such as forming a communication strategy and implementing it. Part of the joint project included making a video in which they interviewed people about their voting preferences. The video was very popular on our Facebook page. One student from the group, Tshedimogo Thibedi, continued as a communications intern for the CSDA until October. In addition, on the 31st of March, the CSDA received 7 journalism students and their 2 lecturers from Utrecht University. Prof Leila Patel and Keolebogile Mbebe gave a presentation to the students and their lecturers about the CSDA's strategy to disseminate the findings of our research on social protection and voting behaviour which encouraged a lively discussion about how to frame messages when reporting on controversial issues such the above-mentioned research.

Doctoral and Masters Exchange students

On the 18 August, the CSDA hosted Mrs A Seblewongiel, a Doctoral candidate in Social Work from the Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia. Mrs Seblewongiel's visit provided the opportunity to discuss mutual areas of collaboration in research.

In January 2014, the CSDA hosted 1 PhD student, Jeroen Gradener, and 3 Masters Students, Brenda van As, Maartje Boer and Sara Slijper, for a period of four months. The students were from the Social Policy and Social Interventions Department at Utrecht University. Their time at the CSDA was used to work on research proposals and conduct fieldwork in the broad areas of youth, unemployment and young motherhood capabilities. Humana People-to-People, a non-governmental organisation based in Doornkop, Soweto, assisted the students with their fieldwork. They all carried out ground-breaking research and the Masters students have successfully completed their projects. The exchange students were mentored by Jacqueline Moodley, Zoheb Khan and Dr Moreblessing Tinarwo. Since the partnership agreement with Utrecht University began, the CSDA has hosted 13 post graduate research students and a PhD candidate from Utrecht University.

Internal Seminars

Beth Vale, a doctoral student in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at the University of Oxford, presented data from her research to CSDA staff in February. Her research is a multi-method ethnographic study that explores the medication-





taking practices of adolescents on antiretroviral treatment in the Eastern Cape, with the explicit aim of informing policy and programming.

Employment and Development

In June, Professor Robert McCutcheon held a seminar titled "The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP): How can we improve it?" at the CSDA. The seminar focused on the EPWP's stated objective of using labour-intensive delivery of public goods and services to alleviate unemployment, and reflected on the achievements and shortcomings of the first two phases of the EPWP in this regard. Professor Robert McCutcheon is Professor Emeritus at the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand, and Division Head: Employment Creation and Development, Malani Padayachee and Associates, Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers.

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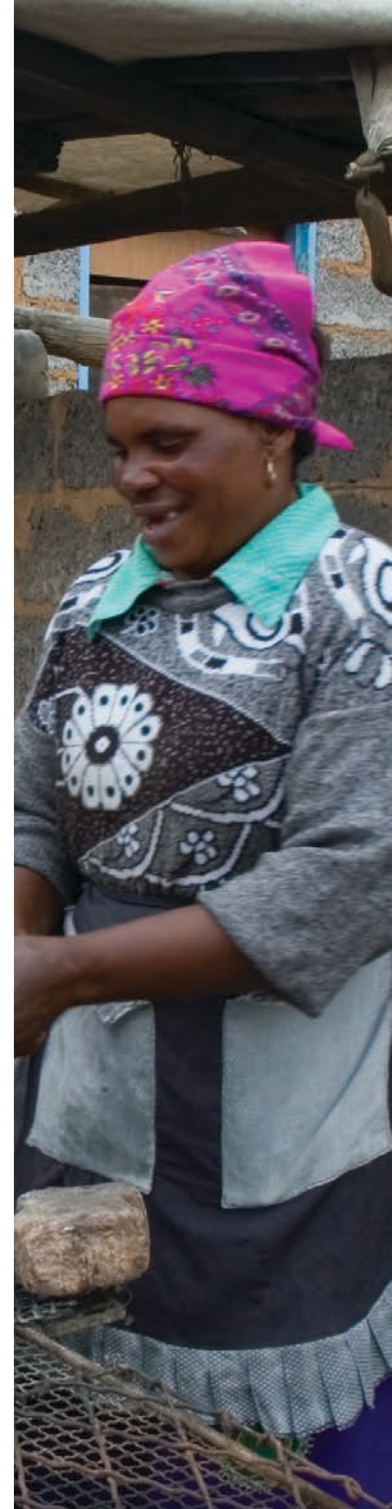
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