# DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION STUDIES





## NEWSLETTER

# 03 July 2020

#### A message from the HoD

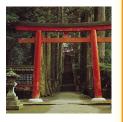












A hearty appreciation for our lecturers and tutors who had to work so hard during the lockdown to initiate the Undergraduate online Teaching and Learning (T&L): Hennie Viviers, Elina Hankela, Mandla Msibi, Thithi Mokebe and Clementine Nishimwe. They were our pioneers to introduce the online T&L. It was a stressful time and draining of energy. You deserve a stress-free resting time during the break.

To our lecturers and tutors who are taking up this responsibility in the 2nd semester, good luck, you can learn from the experienced!

### A Short Learning Programme that sets you apart

#### Christianity, Gender and Sexuality

Considering the constant escalating violence against women and children, the Department of Religion Studies introduced a course that equips you with skills that will help you to think critically about and respond to violence in gender in an informed manner.

Duration of programme: 20 July- 30 November 2020 Lecturing time: Monday 17h- 19h00 (online until further notice) For more information please see the attached poster.

You may also contact Ms Charlene Louw: clouw@uj.ac.za

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#### **Congratulations on your graduation!**

**Rev Karen Uitzinger** graduated with a P.H.D. in Biblical and Christian Studies. Her research topic is: Atonement and Violence: Rethinking the Atonement from a Non-violent Feminine Perspective. Supervisor: Prof **Maria, Frahm-Arp**.

Rev Margie Visser graduated with a Masters degree in Biblical Studies.









Africa". Supervisor: Prof **Maria, Frahm-Arp**.

Her research topic is: "Exploring a Fully Inclusive Feminist Eucharist for South

### Postgrad seminar and other news

**Clementine Nishimwe and Elina Hankela** are running writing seminars and a reading group for masters and doctoral students in the department. We kick off in July. For more information and if you want to attend these sessions, please contact Clementine at: cnishstaug@gmail.com

**Professor Maria Frahm-Arp** has an eleven-episode series on Prophetic Pentecostal Charismatic Pastors airing on DSTV channel 104 for the program Openbarrings. This is the third series of programmes Maria has been involved in on contemporary Christianities over the last 2 years for the station.

**Dr. Nche** published in *Transformation*, an International Journal of Holistic Mission Studies, 0(00), 1-20 (2020). "The church climate action: Identifying the barriers and the bridges". This article identifies the barriers to effective church-based climate action and the bridges or pathways out of these barriers/challenges.

We wish our students a safe and happy holiday season!