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GAUDEAMUS IGITUR

Gaudeamus igitur,
Juvenes dum sumus;
Post iucundum iuventutem,
Post molestam senectutem
Nos habebit humus.
Vivat academia,
Vivant professores,
Vivat membrum quodlibet,
Vivat membra quaelibet;
Semper sint in flore!

English

Let us rejoice, therefore,
While we are young.
After a pleasant youth
After a troubling old age
The earth will have us.
Long live the academy!
Long live the professors!
Long live each student;
Long live the whole fraternity;
For ever may they flourish!

Sesotho sa Leboa

Ka gona, a re thabeng,
Re sa le ba bafsa.
Ka morago ga bofsa bjo bo bose
Ka morago ga go tšofala mo go nago le
mathata
Lefase le tla ba le rena.
Phela thuto phela!
Phelang diprofesa phelang!
Phelang baithuti phelang;
Phela kagišano ka botlalo phela;
O ka re ba ka phela gabotse goyagoile!

Afrikaans

Laat ons dan vrolik wees,
Terwyl ons jonk is;
Na 'n aangename jeug.
Na 'n onaangename oudag,
Sal die aarde ons hou.
Lank lewe die universiteit,
Lank lewe die professore,
Lank lewe elke student,
Lank lewe al die studente,
Mag hulle vir ewig hul jeug behou!

Zulu

Ngakho, masithokoze
Sisebasha nje.
Emva kobumnandi bobusha
Emva kwezinkinga zobudala
Umhlaba uzosithatha.
Phambili ngemfundo!
Phambili boSolwazi!
Phambili nakuwe mfundi;
Phambili ngenhlangano yonke;
Maziqhubeke ngonaphakade!

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Diploma in Public Relations and Communication

Khumalo, Bontle Lydia

Sikhosana, Malehlohonolo

Tshabangu, Tumelo Corban

2. Bachelor of Arts

Dhlomo, Mafihlase (Strategic Communication in Corporate Communication)

Dinyane, Kholofelo Katlego (Psychology)

Dlamini, Nosipho Roxanne

Dlamini, Tekulunga (Psychology)

Du Plessis, Courtney (Journalism)

Jikelo, Xabiso (Film and Television Studies)

Jozini, Noxolo Abigail

Kabbani, Raghadul Jannah

Kabwe, Chishala

Kajokoto, Tsitsi

Karriem, Laeeqah (Strategic Communication in Corporate Communication)

Khoza, Brightness Tanele

Kodisang, Shaniki Pholoso Reabetsoe

Lekoba, Refeloe Naledi Mapule (Psychology)

Lepoho, Phumla (Strategic Communication in Marketing Communication)

Lesenyeho, Lesedi

Mabaso, Busisiswe Dineo (Language Practice)

Machika, Thuto

Mahlangu, Nozipho Prudence

Mahlase, Lebato Charlene

Maile, Neo Megan

Makhotla, Pulane Elisabeth

Malatji, Keitumetse Given (Journalism)

Malombo, Gugulethu Gift (Psychology)

Manganyi, Fejwin

Marumo, Mmatsheko Kate

Mashinini, Lesedi

Masungwini, Munaka Hlayiseka Chantelle

Mayisela, Sindi Nelly

Mazibuko, Mfundo Nelson Quinton (Humanities)

Mazibuko, Lesedi

Mbatha, Nomandla Pinky

Mbele, Palesa Nokulunga (Psychology)

Mchunu, Samkele Luyanda

Mdutyana, Amahle (Community Development and Leadership)

Mkuhlu, Khanya (Strategic Communication in Marketing Communication)

Mokoena, Thato (Politics Philosophy and Economics)

Motha, Nomndeni Hellen

Mphuthi, Jwalane (Strategic Communication in Marketing Communication)

Mudau, Thama Clifton (Humanities)

Mulaudzi, Rofhiwa

Mvundla, Tiisetso

Ndaba, Londiwe Sanelisiwe (School Subject Areas)

Ndaba, Philani (Politics and International Relations)

Ndlovu, Michael Boss (School Subject Areas)

Ngandi, Zandiswa Ntokozo

Ngqebe, Babalwa Tshiamiso (Politics and International Relations)

Ngwenya, Nomfundo Portia

Nkosi, Sabelo (Politics and International Relations)

Nzima, Mpilenhle Sibahle Zoe (**with distinction**)

Phoshoko, Khutso Kamogetswe

Rala, Andisiwe (Strategic Communication in Corporate Communication)

Ramatlotlo, Tsakani Sharon

Selebogo, Letshego (Humanities)

Serakwana, Thabang (Community Development and Leadership)

Shabalala, Nondumiso Celine (Humanities)

Shawa, Koketso Joyce

Sibande, Nonthokoza Natasha (Community Development and Leadership)

Sihlangu, Titelentsa (Community Development and Leadership)

Sokhela, Celimpilo

Suwubana, Jacky Dimpho

Tiyo, Mbali Rose (Development Studies)

Tsotetsi, Botlhale Vivian (Strategic Communication in Marketing Communication)

Xaba, Asanda Amanda

Zondi, Khipheyakhe (Humanities)

Zulu, Nosipho

Zwane, Pretty-Rose Mbelenhle (School Subject Areas)

3. Bachelor of Arts Honours

Manyaga, Ualonda (Development Studies)

Mohlala, Prinolia Keabetsoe (African Studies)

Ngqalo, Zodwa (Development Studies)

Sibiya, Wandile (Psychology)

4. Master of Arts

Bambo, Getrude Mosima (Industrial Sociology)

Minor Dissertation: Understanding the Experiences of Women in the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Sector at a Tertiary Institution in Gauteng, South Africa

Supervisor: Prof T Chagonda

Co-Supervisor: Prof T Uys

Edout, Merav Rose (Philosophy)

Dissertation: An Assessment of the Medical and Pathogenic Implications of Animal Commercialization, and the Holistic Way Forward

Supervisor: Prof B Smart

Gasa, Nomagugu (Social Work)

Dissertation: Safe Sex Practices of Homeless Women: The Contribution of Shelters to Enhance Access and Support for Safer Sex Practices

Supervisor: Prof S Rasool

Co-Supervisor: Ms M de Beer

Gwedla, Bambanani (Sociology) (with distinction)

Dissertation: Shifting Spaces of Learning: An Exploration of Gender Dynamics and Gender Norms in Online Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Supervisor: Dr L Smuts

Co-Supervisor: Dr JM Reijer

Landsberg, Kristen Nicole (Strategic Communication)

Minor Dissertation: Exploring the Status of Social Inclusion as a Primary Global Sustainability Objective Among a Selected Group of JSE Listed Organisations in Johannesburg

Supervisor: Prof C Davis

Langa, Mandisa Lorraine (Community Development)

Minor Dissertation: Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown on the Psychosocial Functioning of the School Going Adolescents

Supervisor: Dr N Maphosa

Lepuru, Masilo Donald (Development Studies) **(with distinction)**

Minor Dissertation: Africa for the Africans: The Black Radical Tradition in South Africa 1920-1950

Supervisor: Prof S Zondi

Mabonda, Esther (Politics)

Dissertation: An Analysis of the Relationship Between Lived Poverty and Ill-Health in Contemporary South Africa

Supervisor: Prof ABH Chikwanha

Manyaapelo, Carol Olerato (Politics)

Dissertation: Youth Participation in the Implementation of the National Development Plan: The Cases of Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni and Tshwane Metro's

Supervisor: Prof WS Zondi

Co-Supervisor: Dr NP Radebe

Mayet, Fathima Zahra Ebrahim (Historical Studies)

Dissertation: Teacher Associations and Segregated Schooling in the Transvaal, C. 1920-1956

Supervisor: Dr SJW Sparks

Mbalaka, Blessing Jafari (Development Studies)

Minor Dissertation: Combating Corruption in Municipal Procurement: An Exploratory Study of Blockchain Integration in the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality

Supervisor: Dr OPL Ayodele

Modjadji, Mathukhwana Masutane (Journalism)

Dissertation: What impact do Health-e News Citizen Journalists have on the uptake of stories on medicine shortages by the Mainstream Media?

Supervisor: Prof YM Rodny Gumede

Mpshane, Mmakoena (Politics)

Dissertation: 4IR and the Emergence of Digital Foreign Policy: A Global Comparative Study

Supervisor: Prof B Ndzendze

Nzimande, Msawenkosi Gibson (Historical Studies)

Dissertation: Life Histories of Women Using Nyaope in a South African Township: Four Biographies

Supervisor: Prof T Waetjen

Pereira, Daphne Janette (Psychology)

Dissertation: The Psychological Factors Influencing Moving from Unemployment to Employment in South Africa: A Thematic Analysis

Supervisor: Dr N Joosub

Co-Supervisor: Dr PJ Basson

Shabangu, Siphwe Jekhi (African Languages) (with distinction)

Dissertation: Ukuvezwa Kwabahlukumezi Emibhalweni Yesizulu Ekhethiwe

Supervisor: Dr EDM Sibiya

Shay, Charissa Caroline (History)

Dissertation: High School SRCs' Contribution to Democratized School Governance in South Africa

Supervisor: Dr N Essop Sheik

Co-Supervisor: Prof N Erlank

Stone, Muhammad Sudley (Development Studies)

Minor Dissertation: A Review of Progress Towards the Realisation of Sustainable Development Goal 6 in South Africa

Supervisor: Prof SE Graham

Timmins, Ruth Rosemary (Psychology)

Dissertation: The Benefits and Challenges of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy as Constructed by Practitioners within a South African Context

Supervisor: Dr N Joosub

Van Tonder, Carinda (Clinical Psychology) (with distinction)

Minor Dissertation: Clinical Psychologists' Experiences of Working with Suicidal Adolescents: A Phenomenological Approach

Supervisor: Dr N Shabalala

Venter, Nicholas Frederick (Counselling Psychology)

Minor Dissertation: A Rapid Review on the Use and Efficacy of Alternative Therapeutic Methods in the Treatment of PTSD

Supervisor: Dr T Tlali

Co-Supervisor: Dr J Moodley

5. Master of Philosophy in Social Policy and Development

Ralarala, Dominique

Minor Dissertation: What Matters? Post-School Unemployed Rural Youth and their Skills Training and Development Needs

Supervisor: Prof LA Graham

Co-Supervisor: Ms SPN Mthembu

6. Doctor Litterarum et Philosophiae

Bope, Eugene Mikobi (Political Studies)

Thesis: United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Analyzing Three Generations of Peacekeeping

Supervisor: Prof C Hendricks

Co-Supervisor: Prof SE Graham

7. Doctor of Philosophy

Bhebe, Qinisani Phambili (Political Studies)

Thesis: Social Media and National Security in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Zimbabwe (2000-2017)

Supervisor: Prof ABH Chikwanha

Dlamini, Sizwe Zwelakhe (African Languages)

Thesis: The Manipulation of Language in E.D.M. Sibiya's Novels: A Stylo-Linguistic Critique

Supervisor: Prof Z Mtumane

Dube, Herbet Anele (Communication Studies)

Thesis: Humanising Development: Social Power Relations and Community Participation in Humanitarian Development in Zimbabwe

Supervisor: Prof M Burger

Co-Supervisor: Prof S Chiumbu

Gwambiwa, Precious Christine (African Languages)

Thesis: Home is a Foreign Country: The Dynamics of Migration and Belonging in African Literature

Supervisor: Prof Z Mtumane

Hall, Leila Marie Elisabeth Helen (English)

Thesis: Queer (In)Visibility, Silence, and Language in Recent Short Stories From South Africa, Kenya, and Nigeria

Supervisor: Prof R Frenkel

Co-Supervisor: Prof A Carolin

Joseph, Juliet Eileen (Political Studies)

Thesis: Delivering on an Agenda: Gender Mainstreaming Strategies in Local Political Decision-Making in the City of Cape Town and Mangaung Metropolitan Municipalities

Supervisor: Prof LM Otto

Co-Supervisor: Prof C Landsberg

Madavo, Garikai (Philosophy)

Thesis: Human Dignity as Rationale for Trust: The Case of Ex-prisoners

Supervisor: Prof H Lotter

FACULTY OF LAW

QUALIFICATIONS

8. Baccalaureus Legum (LLB):

Afrika, Emaka Lukhanyo

Chauke, Hlulani Climate

Dikgale, Dichaba Mathabatha

Dlamalala, Zenzele

Ganchi, Zaibah Ganchi

Kekana, Thato Ritta

Luvhimbi, Tshivheaho

Magagula, Thembi

Makhubu, Nompumelelo Vangile Bonolo

Makoatle, Masabta Ulenda

Mguni, Princess Cute

Nkambule, Nandile Leana

Ntuli, Ziphezinhle Nomkhuleko Charity

Simelane, Gcina Kevin

Sithebe, Nomfundo Fezile

Tshaule, Ayanda

Tsie, Lesala Tsie

9. Magister Legum (LLM):

Adu Boahen, Isaac (International Commercial Law)

Minor Dissertation: A critical analysis of arbitrability and public policy in the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards: a comparative study of the legal systems of Ghana and India

Supervisor: Prof SM Khanderia

Ally, Tasneem (Labour Law)

Minor Dissertation: A legal analysis of harassment and bullying in the workplace

Supervisor: Prof ES Fourie

Bezuidenhout, Madeleine (Commercial Law)

Minor Dissertation: Staring into the abyss: the complexities of section 129(3) and (4) of the National Credit Act

Supervisor: Adv PG Louw

Co-Supervisor: Prof SF du Toit

Dausab, Duane (Banking Law)

Minor Dissertation: The affordability assessment over the lifetime of a credit agreement: a South African perspective

Supervisor: Dr I Nel

Detshe, Bonga Sekani (Labour Law)

Minor Dissertation: The constitutionalisation of labour rights: a comparative study

Supervisor: Prof ES Fourie

Co-supervisor: Mr LJ Koen

Kera, Zeenat (International Commercial Law)

Minor Dissertation: The potential influence of article 3 of the Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts on South African private international law

Supervisor: Prof EA Fredericks

Longwe, Esther Simphiwe (Corporate Law)

Minor Dissertation: The thin line between rescue and drowning: a comparative overview of south African and Malawian business rescue legislation

Supervisor: Prof JC Calitz

Mabokwe, Mzimasi (Banking Law)

Minor Dissertation: The bank's duties in terms of opening and monitoring accounts

Supervisor: Prof SF du Toit

Magodi, Innocentia Ndivhudzany (Corporate Law)

Minor Dissertation: An analysis of the interpretation of the abuse of business rescue proceedings in *Van Staden v Pro Wiz (Pty) Ltd*

Supervisor: Prof JC Calitz

Makaya, Cathrine (International Law)

Minor Dissertation: Migration and human rights in Africa: towards an African convention against xenophobia

Supervisor: Dr S Ncube

Malibe, Sydwell Ntane (International Law)

Minor Dissertation: Accountability for Gukurahundi atrocities: prospects of addressing Zimbabwe's post-independence violence through criminal prosecution

Supervisor: Dr S Ncube

Co-Supervisor: Dr WN Nel

Maluleke, Steven (Labour Law) (with distinction)

Minor Dissertation: Majoritarianism in the context of collective bargaining: a legal analysis

Supervisor: Prof ES Fourie

Co-Supervisor: Prof MM Botha

Matamela, Dakalo Cliff (Corporate Law)

Minor Dissertation: Financial assistance in terms of section 45 of the Companies Act, 2008: an analysis of *Trevo Capital Ltd v Steinhoff International Holdings (Pty) Ltd*

Supervisor: Prof KE van der Linde

Moabelo, Manare Violet (Tax Law)

Minor Dissertation: A comparative analysis on the tax measures relating to the digital economy in South Africa, Nigeria, and India

Supervisor: Prof T Legwaila

Mogase, Onthatile Olebogeng (Human Rights Law)

Minor Dissertation: The constitutional and comparative evaluation of surrogacy rights for the queer community

Supervisor: Prof AE Boniface

Mtemeri, Hendrick (Corporate Law)

Minor Dissertation: Business rescue or liquidation: the impact on employees

Supervisor: Dr YM Joubert

Ngqangweni, Siphesihle Nkosazana Sinombulelo (Human Rights Law)

Minor Dissertation: Revisiting the peace versus justice debate in post-conflict societies: a case study of Colombia and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Supervisor: Dr S Ncube

Nkuna, Tshia (International Law)

Minor Dissertation: A deafening noise within the waves: South Africa's legal obligations to regulate the potential effects of anthropogenic noise caused by seismic surveys on marine life

Supervisor: Dr JH Hall

Stevens, Darren Brent (Corporate Law) (**with distinction**)

Minor Dissertation: The removal of directors from office under the Companies Act 71 of 2008

Supervisor: Prof KE van der Linde

Temo, Sentereng (Commercial Law)

Minor Dissertation: The insurability of cryptocurrency in the 4IR era

Supervisor: Dr S Huneberg

10. Doctor Legum (LLD)

Adams, Faadhil (Private International Law)

Thesis: Choice of non-state law in international commercial contracts

Supervisor: Prof JL Neels

Supervisor: Prof EA Fredericks

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CV AND LAUDATIONS

Bope, Eugene Mikobi, Political Studies (D Litt et Phil)

Eugene Bope has extensive experience in the area of peace and security studies. He collaborated with the Howard University Department of African Studies to publish a chapter on Pan African Spaces as a result of his research. He has also worked as a field researcher for the African Centre for the Migration and Society at Wits University, conducting fieldwork in informal settlements, the Department of Home Affairs, and the inner city of Johannesburg.

He graduated from Wits University with a Master's degree in International Relations, with a focus on the MONUC's role in promoting democracy and human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Since the 1960s, the United Nations established three peacekeeping operations in the conflict-ridden DRC: ONUC in 1960, MONUC in 1999, and MONUSCO in 2010. Unfortunately, these peacekeeping operations have not led to peace in the country. Each UN peacekeeping operation started with a Chapter 6 "non-robust mandate" and regularly evolved from operating under a Chapter 7 mandate towards peace enforcement, robust operations, and even stabilisation missions. It is in this context that this PhD thesis sought to identify the main indicators of each generation and analyse, using critical theory, how they were applied across the respective peacekeeping interventions in the DRC. The thesis found that the UN missions promoted a liberal peace project. They were used as a vehicle for spreading neo-colonial and neo-liberal values. To arrive at these findings, the study made use of documentary analysis, interviews and field notes as data collection methods.

Supervisor: Prof C Hendricks

Co-Supervisor: Prof SE Graham

Bhebe, Qinisani Phambili, Political Studies (PhD)

Qinisani Phambili Bhebe holds an MSc in International Affairs (2016) and a BA in History and Development Studies, both attained at Midlands State University (2005-2009), as well as a Diploma in Disaster Management (2010) from the Centre for Development Studies in Zimbabwe. He was born in Frankfurt, Germany and attended primary education at Cecil John Rhodes (1991-1994) and Umvukwes Primary School (1995-1999), before proceeding to do his Ordinary and Advanced Level at Fletcher High School (1999-2004). As his academic career progressed, he developed an interest in trade unionism, political party dynamics, regime survival and national security.

Qinisani utilises the case of Zimbabwe to explore the relationship between social media and national security. The qualitative study focused on how popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp enable citizen liberation and participation through digital interaction that threatens national sovereignty and, in this case, the hegemonic status of the Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front (ZANU PF). He applied an eclectic theoretical framework that fused media framing, agenda-setting, and hegemony theory and Bakhtin's Carnavalesque concept. Findings demonstrate that the sovereignty of Zimbabwe and the hegemony of ZANU PF has been eroded by counter-hegemonic open domains such as social media digital platforms that provide unrestricted access to ordinary citizens and non-governmental organisations to expose the government's authoritarian tendencies. Therefore, subalterns and social media activists are demanding accountability, though challenges arise from the prevalence of multiple regimes of 'truth' like fake news, conspiracy theories, and disinformation cultures.

Supervisor: Prof ABH Chikwanha

Dlamini, Sizwe Zwelakhe, African Languages (PhD)

Sizwe Zwelakhe Dlamini is currently a Lecturer in the Department of African Languages, in the Faculty of Humanities, at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). He holds a Bachelor of Education degree in Senior and FET Phases, a BA Honours' degree in African Languages, and a Master's degree in African Languages (both with distinctions). Sizwe has several academic achievements to his name at UJ. He is also a recipient of the National Research Fund (NRF) (for honours in 2018), Global Excellence Scholarship (for master's in 2019), and a NIHSS-SAHUDA Doctoral Scholarship (from 2021-2023).

Mr Dlamini's doctoral thesis is a critical appraisal of E.D.M. Sibiya's manipulation of language. The study adopts a 'stylo-linguistic' approach, which advocates for a scientific analysis of literature. It aims to distinguish between literary stylistics and linguistic stylistics, since the two are often largely confused and equated. A new linguistic stylistic model, guided by stylo-lexicon, stylo-syntax, and stylo-graphology (as the main features), is proposed to analyse data. The findings of the study highlight that there is a close link between linguistics and literary criticism, even when it comes to the context of African indigenous languages. They also highlight that a scientific approach to the study of literature can yield desirable results, like other approaches. In essence, the study advocates for an interdisciplinary notion for the study of African literatures, with isiZulu as a case study.

Supervisor: Prof Z Mtumane

Dube, Herbet Anele, Communication and Media Studies (PhD)

Herbet Anele Dube registered for his PhD in 2019 focusing on how power relations shape community participation in humanitarian development. He has lectured at the University of Johannesburg from September to November in 2021 and between July and November 2022. He has also worked as a part-time lecturer at the Catholic University of Zimbabwe in 2018. Previously he worked as the Regional Coordinator for the National Association of NGOs (NANGO) in Zimbabwe and as the Research Officer for Radio Dialogue, a community radio initiative in Bulawayo. He has no published academic work yet but is working on two research articles.

The study uses the ideas of Gramsci's hegemony and Foucault's governmentality to explore how power relations influence community participation in humanitarian development, using World Vision Zimbabwe, a Christian humanitarian organisation as a case study. The study argues that the religious identity of faith-based organisations (FBO) is not neutral but is a mechanism of power that positions them as dominant players in humanitarian work. The study also establishes that local community structures and institutions are part of the broader hegemonic bloc and thus act as regulators of community participation and knowledge production at local levels. Therefore, the areas where FBO-funded activities take place are complex zones of power contestation, where the interests of the powerful are in constant conflict with those of the poor. The study makes an original contribution to knowledge by demonstrating how religious identities of humanitarian organisations structure the relationships forged with local communities.

Supervisor: Prof M Burger

Co-Supervisor: Prof S Chiumbu

Gwambiwa, Precious Christine, African Languages (PhD)

Precious Christine Gwambiwa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Shona in 2009, from the University of Zimbabwe. In 2012, she obtained a Master of Arts degree in African Languages from the same university. She began her teaching career in 2012, teaching Shona and Literature in English. In 2016, she graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from the Zimbabwe Open University, where she majored in Shona and Literature in English. In 2021, she enrolled for a PhD in African Languages at the University of Johannesburg, which she has completed successfully.

Ms Gwambiwa's thesis, titled *Home is a Foreign Country: The Dynamics of Migration and Belonging in African Literature*, focuses on the portrayal of African-Western migration in African literature, considering its causes, analysing the lives of Africans in the Western world, and questioning the necessity of African-Western migration. The research findings are that some Africans who struggle in Africa, resort to migrating to the West. The life portrayed by Africans living in the West is far from a reflection of their actual lives on the ground, and that although African literature captures the problems they face, it provides no solutions. The research opines that it is better for Africans to stay home and try to solve their problems, rather than relocating to Western countries. It then suggests solutions that can be employed to help Africans create a more habitable continent. Two accredited articles have been produced from the study.

Supervisor: Prof Z Mtumane

Hall, Leila Marie Elisabeth Helen, English (PhD)

Leila Hall completed a BA Honours in English at Rhodes University in 2009, a Master's in English Literature at the University of Edinburgh in 2011, and an MA in Creative Writing at Rhodes University in 2017. In 2020, she was awarded a three-year University Research Committee (URC) Doctoral Scholarship at the University of Johannesburg. Her research interests center on queer African literature. She will be pursuing a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of the Free State in 2023.

Leila's PhD thesis analyses a selection of queer-themed short stories from six Pan-African anthologies, all published in the 2010s, by authors from South Africa, Kenya, and Nigeria. Her research demonstrates that the themes of (in)visibility, language, and silence can be traced across these stories in multiple, nuanced, and often contradictory ways. Through a discussion of these complexities and tensions, she argues that the stories constitute a queer cultural history of the particularly charged contestations surrounding same-sex sexualities in African contexts in the 21st century. Her thesis considers how some of the stories point to the need to re-think the long-upheld dichotomy that equates visibility and audibility with action and liberation, and invisibility and silence with inaction and oppression.

Supervisor: Prof R Frenkel

Co-Supervisor: Prof A Carolin

Joseph, Juliet Eileen, Political Studies (PhD)

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This thesis delves into the gender mainstreaming strategies in South Africa's local government. The study examined the effectiveness of gender mainstreaming in South Africa, with a focus on the City of Cape Town and Mangaung Metropolitan Municipalities and probed impacts on local decision-making processes. Having adopted a qualitative research design with both explanatory and case study approaches and techniques, the thesis found that government decision-making may conceal gender bias, which runs the risk of escalating inequality, discrimination, and policies that are not always objective. There is a need for governments to integrate a gender lens into policymaking through the strategic approach known as gender mainstreaming, to achieve more equitable results. The thesis has produced two published articles.

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Madavo's doctoral thesis bridges a gap in philosophical debates between the notions of human dignity and trust, considering the harm which social distrust causes. He applies his ideas to the case of ex-prisoners. He argues that the identity and status of being an ex-prisoner attract distrust. This distrust at personal and institutional levels leads to the undignified treatment of ex-prisoners. This treatment causes many forms of harm to them. Madavo examines the relationship between respect for human dignity and the notion of trust. His major finding is that respect for human dignity is profoundly linked to the notion of trust, since trusting someone is itself a form of respect for their dignity. However, when distrust is taken to unreasonable levels, it can amount to multiple violations of human dignity. He makes a bold and brave claim that ex-prisoners deserve social trust – and better treatment – from their fellow citizens.

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employed to justify party autonomy in the conflict of laws also indicate that choice of non-State law must be recognised. The differences between a real choice of law (including a choice of non-State law) and the incorporation of contractual terms into an agreement are indicated. The distinction may especially be relevant in the context of overriding mandatory rules.

The candidate develops a list of criteria that may be used as guidelines on whether or not a set of rules could be chosen as the governing law of a contract. These criteria are then applied to the different forms of non-State rules of law (as model laws, the *lex mercatoria*, non-applicable conventions, religious laws and standard terms), in order to determine their suitability as the law applicable to an international commercial contract.

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Nkosi sikelel' Afrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,

Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika - South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.