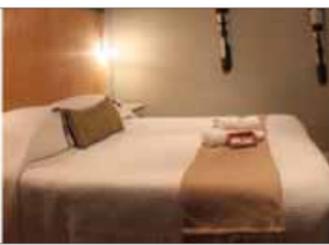


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HAICU takes on stigma

UCT will host a candlelight memorial on 10 May, when the spotlight will again be on stigma; in fact, the theme will be explored for much of the month

As it has for the past few years, UCT's 2012 Candlelight Memorial, this year to be hosted in front of Jameson Hall on 10 May, will focus on the theme of stigma.

It's for good reason that stigma has become a recurring target on campus. As a 2010 survey by the Higher Education HIV/AIDS [HEAIDS] initiative pointed out, most people at UCT would feel uncomfortable going public with their status if they were to contract the HI virus.

"According to the HEAIDS survey, a perception of stigma continues to prevail at UCT," wrote the university's HIV/AIDS Institutional Co-ordination Unit (HAICU) in its 2011 report to Council. "Only 50% of students, 58% of academic and service staff, and 41% of administrative staff feel that they would be supported by their friends at the institution if they were to disclose an HIV-positive status."

"Stigma obviously remains an issue of concern for UCT where, despite what one would consider a very progressive attitude towards HIV awareness, staff and students remain guarded," says Professor Crain Soudien, deputy vice-chancellor responsible for student affairs. "So it remains something we are committed to addressing on all fronts."

One way is the annual Candlelight Memorial. The theme for this year's event is *Shine Light – Stop Stigma*. [See poster, right.]

But while the memorial may take centre stage, it's not the only string HAICU has to its bow.

For one thing, the unit's trained corps of AIDS Community Educators (ACEs) – students who act as peer educators and mentors – will host a series of workshops in residences to discuss stigma and other related issues with students. They also have one-on-one 'champion chats' with friends and family members of students, a staple of the ACE interventions.

A number of workshops will also be run for day students and societies.

This multi-level approach is necessary to tackle stigma from a variety of angles, says Lucina Reddy, project officer at HAICU.

"There are different layers and levels of stigma that a student must negotiate. So if a student is HIV-positive, they are reluctant to disclose their status," explains Reddy.

That has both personal and social consequences. For UCT, it's worrying that students then choose not to access the university's available resources.

"That's why our work is so important, to tell students that this UCT, this community, believes in inclusiveness, that access to resources is important, and so we encourage them to make use of these," adds Reddy.

This year, first-year students from the School of Fine Art will also set up an exhibition to explore the issue of stigma from an artistic perspective.

(See page 4 for a contribution from a UCT staff member who is HIV-positive.) ■



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C*CHANGE HOSTS FIRST SYNGAS CONVENTION

A first-of-its-kind convention dedicated to synthesis gas conversion – one of the key industrial technologies underpinning the South African economy – took place in Cape Town this April. The event was hosted by c*change, the Department of Science and Technology, and the National Research Foundation's Centre of Excellence in Catalysis at UCT, in association with Sasol, PetroSA and other sponsors. South Africa is a world leader in the field of synthesis gas technology, a catalytic process that involves the conversion of coal or gas to liquid fuels and other chemicals.

CONFERENCE COVERED IN THE LANCET



An excerpt from the write-up by editor-in-chief Richard Horton on a recent conference held at UCT made the front page of the April 14-20 edition of *The Lancet*. Medical conferences can be “heart-sink affairs”, wrote Horton. But, he quickly added, the *Cardiology and Diabetes at the Limits* conference, which was jointly hosted by UCT's Prof Lionel Opie and University College London's Prof Derek Yellon, in March, has given him renewed hope. “No medical meeting is quite like it,” wrote Horton.

DOUBLE-TAKE

In volume 31 #06, we indicated in the article *Levana kids pluck stars from sky* that occupational-therapy student Jaimie Andrews would continue the work started by classmate Emma Gray at the Lavender Hill school. We've since been informed that Andrews will be assisted in this by clinical partner Fezeka Galeni.

Safety first



The Association of Built Environment Students, a student society within the department of Construction Economics and Management, recently secured support from several industry partners for protective equipment for first-year construction students. The new kit is in keeping with the motto of the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment: Do Zero Harm. “As a faculty, we are working at creating a strong culture, where staff and students care for one another and safety becomes an inherent factor in the day-to-day business of the faculty,” said the dean, Prof Francis Petersen. In picture, Buffy Rottcher from UVEX Safety (front, left) hands Prof Francis Petersen a safety pack, while a group of first-year construction students show off the kit.

Long way to go for transformation at varsities – Soudien



Deputy vice-chancellor Prof Crain Soudien based his talk, *The State of Transformation in South African Higher Education*, delivered to a seminar hosted by the transformation committee of the Faculty of Commerce in April, on his own report on racism and discrimination in higher education. The 2010 report was widely accepted as a true reflection of (the limited) transformation at universities.

STAND-UP MAKES MARKETING FUN

It's relevant, educational, and surprisingly (and intentionally) entertaining. That's Mar:Com, a DVD on integrated marketing communications that has been produced by UCT's Unilever Institute of Strategic Marketing in collaboration with top comedian Trevor Noah and some of the country's leading brands. Aimed at students and professionals, the 80-minute documentary covers the fundamentals of marketing communications and how to integrate these into a cohesive marketing message that is consistent across a variety of media.

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The day, in May 1963, that the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was founded. Leaders of 30 of the then 32 independent African states signed a founding charter in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The OAU's successor, the African Union, was established on 9 July 2002, and now comprises 53 member states.

UCT Teaching Development Grants and Award

Call for applications: Closing date 21 May 2012

Three opportunities have become available to offer support and recognition to teaching development at UCT. Two of these are funding opportunities for supporting proposed educational development work aimed at improving the effectiveness of teaching at UCT. The Third is an award for excellence in educational practice involving groups of staff. Faculties, departments, teams and individual academics are invited to apply for the following grants and awards.

1. UCT Teaching Grants
2. UCT Teaching Sabbatical Grant
3. UCT Collaborative Educational Practice Award

Applications need to be made on separate application forms (see www.teachingandlearning.uct.ac.za) and must be returned to Zone Mdledle (email: zone.mdledle@uct.ac.za; ext 5193) by Monday 21st May 2012.

For more information see www.teachingandlearning.uct.ac.za or contact A/Prof Jeff Jawitz (email: jeff.jawitz@uct.ac.za; ext 3351;)



POSTDOC SECTOR GROWING

At the first UCT Postdoctoral Research Fellow Orientation event, held in the postgraduate Centre and hosted by the Postgraduate Centre & Funding Office (PGC&FO) in April, many sang the praises of postdoc fellows. Speaker after speaker stressed the importance of postdoctoral researchers for UCT and the country. “Postdoctoral researchers are highly valued in the university,” noted Price. “They are the next generation of academics.” Among those at the orientation were (above, from left) Prof Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan and postdoctoral fellows Dr Kirsten Wimberger, Dr Tali Hoffman and Dr Ragna Redelstorff, here heeding the words of former vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders, now a board member of the Claude Leon Foundation.

IS UCT RACIST?

There was passionate argument, mirth and even some tears at the 3rd Annual Open Forum, held on the evening of 18 April, as UCT students and staff debated whether UCT is racist or not. Organised by student group Conscious Conversations, in conjunction with the Students' Representative Council and the Transformation Services Office, and facilitated by the Process Work Institute, the debate followed on from the prominent Twitter debate titled #CapeTownIsRacist – for the purposes of the forum, zeroing in on UCT. Billed as a forum for students and staff to express even the most contentious of opinions without fear of victimisation (or being ‘named and shamed’), it saw a host of experiences and views come to light. Some argued that the race question is irrelevant in a democratic South Africa. Others countered by relating experiences of racial discrimination at UCT, arguing that the legacy of colonialism and apartheid still has tangible effects on society (including UCT). One respondent described racist attitudes held by a student friend, and concluded: “Is UCT racist? Institutionally, it's debatable. On a peer level, it exists.”

CHAMPAGNE FOR DEVELOPMENT SOCIETIES

UCT vice-chancellor Dr Max Price toasted student societies at a cocktail meet-and-greet at his Glenara residence on 19 April. At the event, Price applauded the societies – representatives were present from the Green Campus Initiative, Habitat for Humanity, the Rural Support Network, Students for Law & Social Justice, the United Nations Association of South Africa, RAG, SHAWCO and UBUNYE – for their sterling development initiatives. “We'd like to thank you all for the very important work you do,” said Price. In picture is Price (fourth from right) with Josh Platzky Miller, Helen Matienga, Tafadzwa Mautsa, Kimeshan Naidoo, Maletsabisa Molapo, Jean Smuts and Karusha Naidoo.



MAKE STATS WORK FOR LEARNERS, TEACHERS

The Schools Development Unit (SDU) recently hosted a seminar by Desiree Timmet, an ex-teacher and Maths4stats Western Cape co-ordinator at Statistics South Africa. The talk, on *Developing a Statistically Literate Society: Using statistics for meaningful evidence-based decision-making*, delivered to a classroom of primary-and secondary-school teachers, formed part of the SDU's Teacher Enrichment Initiative. Timmet spoke of how, by educators employing relevant real-life data in their teaching learners can be made to understand that statistics form part of everyday life.

WORKSHOP SERIES TO IMPROVE ASSESSMENT

The Faculty of Health Sciences recently identified ‘assessment’ as its lead educational theme for 2012. The first assessment workshop in the series, offered by the Education Development Unit and the faculty's Assessment Committee, was held on 25 April. Topics included the design of multiple-choice questionnaires (MCQs) – discussed, in picture, by Dr Rachel Weiss – and an introduction to what's known as ‘objective structured clinical examinations’. The next workshop is scheduled for 21 May, and will be titled *Designing Questions for Summative Examination Papers*, followed by *Assessing Complex Performances and Assessment Criteria for Clinical and Practice Learning Contexts* on 23 May, and *Group Assessment* on 25 May. For more information, contact lunelle.pienaar@uct.ac.za.



SMUTS HALL PRESENTS NEW TRADITION

The rich history of Smuts Hall Residence, in its 85th year, was celebrated in style with the launch of the Smuts Hall Lecture in April. Renowned human rights activist and UCT alumnus Justice Albie Sachs spoke at an event designed to inspire students and pay homage to the legacy of the residence. Sachs focused on the privilege of living in a new South Africa, its potential, and his hope for the country and its future leaders.

Poverty project aims high

Emeritus Professor Francis Wilson is re-stomping some old grounds.

Tasked by UCT vice-chancellor Dr Max Price to set up a major national conference on strategies to overcome poverty and income inequality in September, Wilson has been criss-crossing the country, rekindling old research partnerships while also firing up new ones. The scope of the conference (which will be hosted at UCT) and whatever follows thereafter is decidedly national.

It is envisioned, explains Wilson, as a Carnegie 3 of sorts, a follow-up to the Second Inquiry Into Poverty, the defining study on poverty in South Africa that he led as founding director of UCT's South Africa Labour and Development Research Unit. Price recently secured permission from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, who footed the bills for the first and second such studies (see sidebar), to use their name for this third study. Carnegie also chipped in with some seed funding.

The conference is simply intended as "phase one" of the project and the first stage of the Third Inquiry, explains Wilson. It will bring together academics, researchers, government representatives, faith-based organisations, those in the corporate social-investment sector, trade unions and non-governmental organisations for a "festival of ideas".

The initial aim of the conference will be to develop a set of suggestions and guidelines – "not prescriptions" – for the National Planning Commission on how best to combat poverty and inequality in South Africa.

"The endorsement and interest of Minister Trevor Manuel on behalf of the National Planning Commission gives impetus and added significance to this initiative to address our greatest social challenge in SA," observes Price.

"We all agree there's now no need to do any further mapping of poverty in the country – been there, done that," says Wilson. "But what we really need to focus on is how we're going to overcome poverty, and how we're going to overcome the terrible inequality in the society, and what works and what doesn't work."

The latter will involve looking at programmes and ideas that have succeeded, and determining why those



Collector: Emer Prof Francis Wilson has been appointed to bring together, at UCT, participants from across the country for a major conference on poverty and inequality.

that didn't, didn't. That means, inter alia, exploring the work of some NGOs; checking on the synergies between government and civil society; and deciding which projects can be scaled up.

"We're looking for mustard seeds that can grow, rather than pearls," says Wilson.

But the project will not come to a close when the curtain drops on the conference. Rather, it is hoped that a network of universities will be set up that can identify and lead strategic research over the next years.

That work, hopefully, could lead to a more comprehensive Carnegie 3.

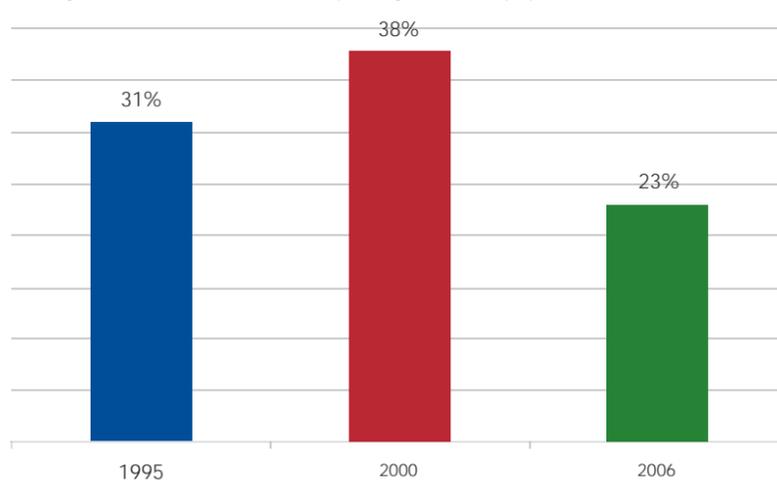
While Wilson's tenure as acting pro vice-chancellor for Poverty and Inequality at UCT draws to a close at the end of the conference, he hopes

that the preparation for and the work of the September conference will further the procedure for launching "a longer and more far-reaching process in the years ahead".

"Professor Wilson is the right person for this job, and with his vast

experience in poverty studies and even vaster list of contacts, to lead the initial phase of this project," says Price. "Without his input, it's unlikely that we would have been able to plan what will be a major national event in such a short time." ■

Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of population): 1995, 2000 & 2006



Source: The World Bank. The national poverty rate is the percentage of the population living below the national poverty line.

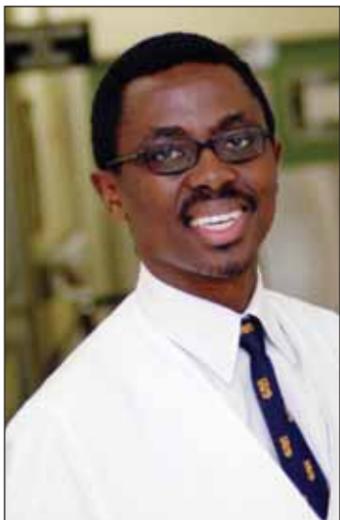
First Inquiry Into Poverty*

The first Carnegie Corporation study on poverty was commissioned in 1929. Titled the *Commission on the Poor White Problem in South Africa*, the study focused on the plight of Afrikaner farmers whose farms were failing. To collect their data, social scientists drove through southern South Africa in a Model T Ford. A five-volume report was published in 1932. While the study encouraged the South African government to assign more funds to the problems of poverty, its main recommendations were used to improve the conditions of whites at the expense of black South Africans.

Second Inquiry Into Poverty*

It was the late Alan Pifer, president of the Carnegie Corporation from 1967 to 1982, who – responding to an initiative from within South Africa – decided the *First Inquiry Into Poverty* needed a sequel, this time accounting for poverty among both blacks and whites. The study that Carnegie supported for 10 years was conducted in the 1980s, and was known as the *Second Carnegie Inquiry Into Poverty and Development in Southern Africa*. The research was directed by Francis Wilson. The study involved more than 450 researchers, and some 300 papers were presented at a concluding conference. The *Second Inquiry Into Poverty* was published in 1989 as a book, *Uprooting Poverty: The South African Challenge*, co-authored by Wilson and erstwhile UCT vice-chancellor Dr Mamphela Ramphele. Among the study's main findings was that black rural poverty was far more extensive and far more devastating than had been assumed previously.

*Source: Carnegie Corporation Oral History Project



Soothsayer: A proposal to train 1,000 health-sciences PhDs, first made by Prof Bongani Mayosi in 2007, has now come to fruition.

Go big on PhDs, says Mayosi

In his 2007 inaugural lecture titled *The Future of Medicine*, UCT's Professor Bongani Mayosi threw a pebble into a pool.

The country and the health system, he said, needed a skilled and innovative research force. He then proposed, among other suggestions, the establishment of a clinical-research centre, based in Cape Town, that would train at least 1,000 clinical PhD scholars "who will change the fortunes of clinical medicine in Africa for the next 100 years".

It was an idea Mayosi would pitch again, on behalf of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) in its 2009 *Consensus Report on Revitalising Clinical Research in South Africa: A study on clinical research and related training in South Africa*, chairing ASSAf's 13-member study panel. He brought it up again, more recently, in the *2011 National Health Research Summit Report*, as chairperson of the National Health Research Committee that advises the state on health issues.

Now the ripples that sprang from that inaugural pebble have reached the national Department of Health (DoH). In

April, Deputy Health Minister Gwen Ramokgopa announced that the government will launch a far-reaching PhD training programme that will aim to enrol 1,000 – Mayosi's magic number – new PhD students in the health sciences by 2022.

The DoH will fund 30 PhDs in the 2012/2013 financial year, to the tune of R13 million. It's planned that another 60 doctoral candidates will register the following year, thanks to another R30 million, and 120 more the year after, with government injecting a further R50 million.

Students will be funded for four years. In addition, the candidates will be selected from across the health sciences, says Mayosi.

"We are elevating the whole system."

The PhD initiative is just one part of a bigger programme, he explains. That research centre he mooted is one of many still on the cards; funding for priority research projects is also being discussed, as are changes to the regulatory environments of both new medicines and the current research-funding system. ■



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Remember: Judge Selby Baqwa, brother of Jeffrey Dumo Baqwa, and dean of health sciences Prof Marian Jacobs at the renaming ceremony of conference rooms 1 and 2 as the Jeffrey Dumo Baqwa Room.

THEN

The Barnard Fuller Building, Medical School HQ, was completed and commissioned in 1982. Conference rooms 1 and 2 (considered to be one room), as well as 3 and 4, have been known as such since then. The building itself was named after E Barnard Fuller, a South African doctor trained in Edinburgh who served as chairperson of UCT Council from 1938 to 1945. Fuller was also one of the champions of the establishment of the UCT medical school.

NOW

As part of its centenary celebrations, the Faculty of Health Sciences renamed the conference rooms in 2012. On 18 April, conference room 4 was renamed the Frances Ames Room, in honour of one of South Africa's most respected doctors and human rights activists, an emeritus professor of neurology at UCT who died in 2002. On 26 April, conference rooms 1 and 2 were renamed the Jeffrey Dumo Baqwa Room. Baqwa served as the first professor of primary health care at UCT from 1995 until his untimely death in 2001. The last renaming is scheduled for 4 October, when conference room 3 is to be named after Dr Aadil Moerat, who was fondly known as the 'people's doctor' before he was killed at his practice in Gugulethu in 1998.

11 MAY	Interactive workshop, Infrastructure in Africa. Hosted by McKinsey and the EBE faculty. Time: 17h00 Venue: LT1, Kramer Law Building Contact: Mary Hilton 021 650 4108 Mary.Hilton@uct.ac.za
14 MAY	Was Mapungubwe the origin of the Zimbabwe culture (Great Zimbabwe)? , talk by Dr Shadreck Chirikure (Dept Archaeology, UCT). Time: 13h00 Venue: Rm B3.10, Beattie Bldg, Upper Campus Contact: Lynn Cable 021 650 2353 lynn.cable@uct.ac.za
15 MAY	Restoring the pride in Africa with the African Union , talk by Dr Matlou of the African Institute of South Africa, hosted by the EBE faculty. Time: 17h00 Venue: LT 2D, Leslie Social Science Contact: Mary Hilton 021 650 4108 Mary.Hilton@uct.ac.za
15 MAY	Celebrating Africa - Societies' Plaza Day: a day of food, country stalls, music, dance, poetry and drama to showcase the art and clothing of the many African cultures. Time: 08h00 - 17h00 (main focus of events at lunchtime) Venue: Jammie Plaza Contact: SRC vice-president: external Mike Ramothwala 071 920 1039
16 MAY	Faculty of Health Sciences Centenary concert. The UCT School of Dance, the South African College of Music and the Faculty of Health Sciences present Sing the Body Electric - Movement, Music and Medicine. A special item will be dedicated to celebrating Africa month. Bookings through Computicket. Time: 20h00 Venue: Baxter Theatre Concert Hall
16 MAY	Seminar, hosted by All Africa House, at which students from other African countries share their experiences of study and life at UCT in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. Time: 18h00 Venue: Seminar Room, All Africa House Contact: Dr Chuma Himonga 021 650 2186 Chuma.Himonga@uct.ac.za
18 MAY	Lunch at the Irma Stern Museum, followed by a campus tour of African works of art at Bremner and the Middle Campus. Invited guests only. Time: 12h00 to 15h00 Venue: Irma Stern Museum Contact: Mary Van Blommestein 021 686 7550 Mary.VanBlommestein@uct.ac.za
21 MAY	West Coast Fossil Park: An Overview, a talk by Dr Pippa Hoarhoff (Iziko Museums of Cape Town and West Coast Fossil Park). Time: 13h00 Venue: Rm B3.10, Beattie Bldg, Upper Campus Contact: Lynn Cable 021 650 2353 lynn.cable@uct.ac.za
21 MAY	Cell Phones in Social Transformation in Africa: Insights from Ongoing Research in Some African Countries , a seminar by Prof Francis B Nyamnjoh, Head, Social Anthropology, School of Gender and African Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics. Cell phones have proved to be as accommodating of their users as much as they have been tamed by their users. What is required, to maximise their relevance to social transformation, is a clear sense of the relationships we would like to foster as cell phones mostly play an enabling role, leaving the final choices and difficult decisions to users. Time: 12h00 Venue: LT3A Hoerikwagga Bldg, Upper Campus Contact: Nadia Waggie nadia.waggie@uct.ac.za 021 650 2551

Africa Month
Internationalisation with an Afropolitan niche

5 MAY	UCT Africa Cup of Nations soccer tournament: teams representing the four regions of Africa will play a round-robin tournament, co-hosted by the SRC, IAPO and international student societies. Time: 10h00 Venue: Kapiano soccer field Contact: SRC vice-president: external Mike Ramothwala 071 920 1039
7 MAY	HUMA Book Lunch presents: AIDS, Intimacy and Care in Rural Kwazulu-Natal: A Kinship of Bones. Patricia Henderson, UCT (University of Amsterdam Press, 2012) in conversation with Fiona Ross and Helen Schneider. Time: 13h00 - 14h30 Venue: HUMA Seminar Rm, 4th Floor, Oppenheimer Institute Bldg, Upper Campus Contact: Heather Maytham 021 650 4592 Heather.Maytham@uct.ac.za
8 MAY	Talk by Minister of Science and Technology, Naledi Pandor: My Role in Africa , co-hosted by the SRC and the Science Students' Council. Time: 18h00 for 18h30 Venue: Leslie Social Sciences foyer Contact: SRC vice-president: external Mike Ramothwala 071 920 1039
8 MAY	Derivatives in Africa, lecture by Prof Glen Holman (new Head of the Dept of Finance and Tax) at the launch of the Department of Finance and Tax in the Faculty of Commerce. Time: 17h30 for 18h00 Venue: Finance and Tax seminar room, Leslie Social Sciences Building Contact: Carolyn McGibbon 021 650 4551 Carolyn.McGibbon@uct.ac.za
8 MAY	Drug Discovery in Africa: Challenges, Status and Opportunities, seminar by Prof Kelly Chibale. Time: 16h00 Venue: LT 3 PD Hahn, Upper Campus Contact: Clive Oliver 021 650 3830 clive.oliver@uct.ac.za
10 MAY	Afropolitan through Fabric 2012: the law faculty, through its student councils, will host an exhibition of African fabrics to celebrate the diversity of its staff and students. The student and staff constituency is drawn from diverse African (and other) nationalities and the intention is to explore Africa's cultural, social and political identities through fabric, and to celebrate Africa's rich attire and designs. The main event will be a fashion show by staff and students at 17h15 in the atrium of the Kramer Law Building. In addition, there will be opportunities to get a 'taste' of Africa - from the wines of the Cape to traditional Xhosa herpes and ginger beer. Designs from KZN, Mali, Namibia and Nigeria will be on show. Please come in traditional dress. There will be a small charge for refreshments with any profits going to a bursary fund for postgraduate law students. Time: 16h30 - 18h30 Venue: Kramer Law Building Contact: Pauline Alexander 021 650 5602 Pauline.alexander@uct.ac.za
11-20 MAY	The Exuberance Project. Celebrating what is abundant, enthusiastic, overflowing, unrestrained and joyful in contemporary creative and performing arts of Africa. Symposium / Performances / Panel Discussions / Exhibitions / Film Screenings. Presented by the Gordon Institute for Performing and Creative Arts (GIPCA). Time: see www.gipca.uct.ac.za for full programme details Contact: Adrienne Van-Eeden Wharton 021 480 7156 fir-gipca@uct.ac.za
11, 25, 31 MAY	College of Music presents: Cape Town Marimba Festival, arranged by Ross Johnson on 11 May Cape Town Steel Band Festival on 25 May Cape Town Big Band Jazz Festival on 31 May Time: 19h45 Venue: Baxter Theatre Concert Hall Contact: Ann Barr 021 797 6657 annbarr@hotmail.com

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21 MAY	African music social with BYO favourite African dish to share. This follows the seminar by Prof Nyamnjoh. Staff encouraged to dress in African attire. Prize for best dressed! For CHED staff only. Time: 13h00 Venue: ZK Matthews Gallery, Hoerikwagga bldg, Upper Campus Contact: Nadia Waggie nadia.waggie@uct.ac.za 021 650 2551
22 MAY	Beading workshop: Learn how to make jewellery and crafts with beads. Hosted by IAPO and Human Resources. Open to all (R20 cover charge for beads, etc.) Time: 11h00 to 12h00, 12h00 to 13h00, 13h00 to 14h00 Venue: All Africa House common room Contact: Galiena Darries (IAPO) 021 650 5694 Blanche Claassen-Haskins (HR) 021 650 5685
24-25 MAY	Exhibition of UCT's African collaborations, including exhibits by the projects funded by the VC's Strategic Fund as well as other displays. Time: 11h00 to 19h00 (24 May) and 09h00 to 17h00 (25 May) Venue: Baxter Theatre foyer (Jammie Shuttles available from Upper Campus) Contact: Norma Derby 021 650 2822 Norma.Derby@uct.ac.za
24 MAY	Panel Discussion: "African Culture, Human Rights and Constitutions". Hosted by senior DVC Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo, followed by the "Celebrating Africa" book launch and the "My Africa" photographic and the Africa dress competitions. Discussion speakers: Tom Zwart, from Utrecht University, speaking on international obligations and cultural sensitivity in law reform. Sindiso Mnisi Weeks, on the Traditional Courts Bill that is currently before Parliament. Piiso Ntuli, poet, sculptor and cultural activist who will talk broadly on misunderstood non-western cultures and colonial interference. Kwesi Proh, talks on language as a human right. Salvatore Mancuso, a comparative lawyer, compares the role of indigenous African methods of dispute resolution in a democracy. Time: 13h30 Venue: Baxter Theatre (Jammie Shuttles available from Upper Campus) Contact: Norma Derby 021 650 2822 Norma.Derby@uct.ac.za Prof Evance Kalula 021 650 3937 evance.kalula@uct.ac.za
25 MAY	Pre-launch of the Curate Africa project, as well as the exhibition closing function and remarks by Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo. Time: 12h15 Venue: Baxter Theatre (Jammie Shuttles available from Upper Campus)
25 MAY	Faculty of Commerce Transformation Committee function: Drum Cafe. Invited guests, faculty staff. Time: 12h30 Venue: African Studies Gallery Contact: Carolyn McGibbon 021 650 4551 Carolyn.McGibbon@uct.ac.za
31 MAY	HUMA Seminar series, Revolution and its other in the North Africa and the greater region: a view from the South, by Shamil Jeppe (HUMA, UCT). Time: 13h00 - 14h30 Venue: HUMA Seminar Rm, 4th Floor, Oppenheimer Institute Bldg, Upper Campus Contact: Heather Maytham 021 650 4592 Heather.Maytham@uct.ac.za

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CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL – 10 MAY

In this contribution, an HIV+ UCT staff member reflects on stigma.

On the third Sunday in May, people in all four corners of the world burn candles, in commemoration of those whose lives have been extinguished by HIV/AIDS and to give thanks for having known them. It will also be a day when I reflect on living with HIV/AIDS, as with time this fact has been overshadowed by life itself, and is no longer as overwhelming as it was at first or since remission.

A self-proclaimed 'child of the universe',

Stigma is a shame – staff member

believing there are no significant outer (besides the eyes) differences between people, I have always dusted off any prejudice that landed on or near me as one would dust chalk off (and possibly mumble something), and then moved on without giving too much thought to it.

After joining the HIV+ statistics, I had reason to form an opinion on stigma! HIV/AIDS, like any life-altering fact, brings opportunity for reflection deeper than skin and material gain or loss. Stigma, like discrimination needs to be owned to be felt. It has the power to hurt feelings and pride and is best taken or looked upon from whence it comes. It is either ignorance in action or the need for

one human being to look down on another, believing that they are better. I believe stigma is a shame for those who use it.

HIV+ workers do not create an unsafe environment. In truth, because of stigma we may be the more vulnerable.

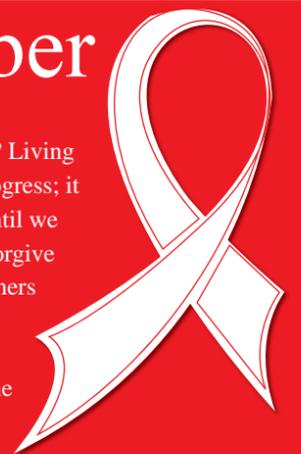
People have a tendency to remain careless until a consequence impacts directly on them. We all know water is precious, but as long as we open taps and water comes out we don't really consider how precious it is.

I had a hot and cold relationship with God until the day I found out my status and knew in my heart that I needed God to get through it. Only God is bigger than life.

If asked to make a statement right now, it

would be:
"Why wait? Living is a work in progress; it does not end until we are interred. Forgive yourself and others and be blessed until you cross the finishing line and beyond (if you believe)."

*The writer has lived with HIV/AIDS for 18 years, and can be contacted through Lucina Reddy at HAICU.



On the value frontier of South African wines

You may be missing out on some great wines when you shun the bargain bin. So says Dr David Priilaid, who has developed an algorithm that cuts through the labels, snobbery and guesswork and will help wine lovers pick up some well-thought-of bottles at very good prices



Back in the days when Dr David Priilaid was, as he says, “a poor (and thirsty) UCT student”, he always felt that buying

wine was a hit-and-miss affair. What with wines often typecast by price and recognisable only by brand and award-stickers, he somehow needed to cut through the clutter.

“What I needed was a no-nonsense, pain-free method of making an optimally informed purchase decision before any exchange of cash,” he says.

And so more than a decade on, Priilaid, now entrepreneurship lecturer in UCT’s School of Management Studies, has done just that. His ‘method’ comes in the form of a best-value-for-money guide, *WineIQ*, released last year and covering some 1,358 wines from eight South African-grown cultivars.

Priilaid, together with Professor Paul van Rensburg of UCT’s School of Finance and Tax, developed a “multi-factor regression model” to tell consumers which wines to buy at any particular price-point. The model is based on the premise that some wines, based on their ratings, may well be worth more (or less) than the price would suggest.

Earlier this year Priilaid and Van Rensburg also published a paper titled *Nonlinear Hedonic Pricing: A confirmatory study of South African Wines in the International Journal of wine Research*, detailing the methods employed in their “thinking-drinking” wine guide

Priilaid explains that all too often consumers buy with a focus on the brand label and price tag. This, he explains, induces a placebo effect, and clouds wine drinkers’ judgement. “Some of my early research has found that when drinking wine, the first thing you taste is the price, then the region of the wine, and only then what’s actually in the glass,” he says.

In South Africa, consumers rely on two ratings systems that often – and controversially – produce varied results. It’s to be expected though; *Platter’s SA Wine Guide* bases its out-of-five-stars rating on sighted tastings



Shrewd oenophile: Dr David Priilaid has developed an algorithm that pinpoints some of South Africa’s best value-for-money wines.

(reviewers know what’s on the label), while the erstwhile *Wine* magazine did so blindly, relying only on the reviewers’ taste buds.

Both have their place, Priilaid says.

But what *WineIQ* does, as *Classic Wine* magazine editor Cathryn Henderson succinctly puts it, is “acknowledge the merits of each, and takes both methods and resulting ratings into account, as well as that

all important factor in any purchase: value for money”.

To calculate a particular wine’s actual rand value, Priilaid and Van Rensburg apply a statistical method known as regression analysis – which works out the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables – on the wine’s shop price, its published blind and sighted ratings from *Wine* magazine and *Platter’s*, and its cultivar (say, merlot versus chardonnay).

They then use that rand value to compute a value-for-money percentage. That formula is a little simpler:

$$\frac{\text{WineIQ value} - \text{price}}{\text{price}}$$

[See examples in sidebar]

“With so many potential wines to choose from, *WineIQ* helps by telling you which wine offers the best value for money given your budget and choice of cultivar,” he says.

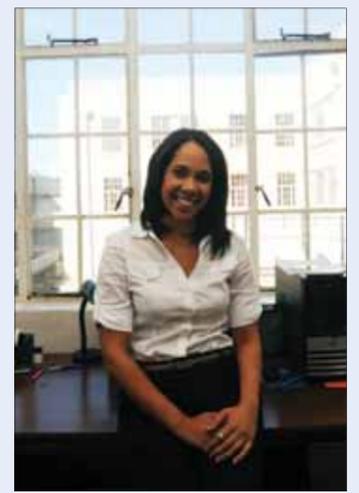
While the booklet was based on a 2011 dataset, the project is ongoing. “We are continually adding new wines from current *Platter* and *Classic Wine* ratings,” he adds. “Thus, at any given time we could calculate the top-500 best value-for-money wines. This is of enormous value to retailers and consumers of wine – our university included.”

The added hook is that the system can be applied to wines and rating systems from any country with equivalent rating systems. For South African consumers, Priilaid is also considering a *WineIQ* app.

Until then, he’ll continue his research into why the placebo effect of price is so powerful – an area of particular interest to him – while drinking wine, well, thoughtfully. ■

Name	Price	Wine magazine	Platter's Guide	WineIQ	Value-for-money percentage
		★★★	★★★★		
Two Oceans Pinot Noir 2009	R28	★★★	★★★	R63.65	127.31%*
		★★★	★★★★		
Cloof Inkspot Vin Noir 2007	R45	★★★	★★★★	R129.99	188.86%*

The above is a selection of wines that Priilaid likes to sip on.



Dr Nastassja Koen – the first recipient of the Servier Laboratories Fellowship in Psychopharmacology.

Servier Fellowship in Psychopharmacology

Dr Nastassja Koen, a UCT medical graduate, has been named as the first recipient of a new fellowship that will focus on training in the important area of psychopharmacology.

The fellowship has been awarded by Servier, a pharmaceutical company that has previously funded research in cardiology at UCT and now has a growing interest in psychiatric treatments. “Psychiatric disorders account for a major portion of South Africa’s burden of disease, and psychopharmacological treatments are key in ensuring optimal management of these conditions,” explains Professor Dan Stein, head of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health.

Koen is currently working on her PhD, which looks at the genetics of post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. She has already published a number of articles in the area of psychopharmacology, and the fellowship will allow her the opportunity to continue her work.

Koen’s research will draw on a sample of 500 mother-child pairs in the Drakenstein region of the Western Cape. This population is particularly important from a public health perspective, and will allow her to assess the impact of disorders such as PTSD and depression during and after pregnancy on infant outcomes.

“The more we find out about a disease, the more we can add to and enhance knowledge of the treatment,” Koen says. ■

By the BOOK

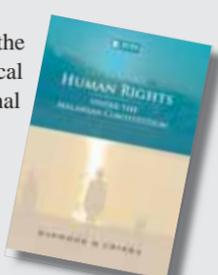


Why are people getting fatter? Why do so many rock stars end up dead at 27? In *Sex, Genes and Rock ‘n’ Roll*, evolutionary biologist Rob Brooks argues that the origins of these and other 21st-century problems can be found at the point where the ancient forces of evolution collide with modern culture and economics.*

In 1994, Malawi adopted an unusually progressive Constitution, un-

precedented in the country’s political and constitutional history. *Human Rights Under the Malawian Constitution*, by UCT’s Assoc Prof Danwood Chirwa, takes stock of the human rights jurisprudence generated by the new Constitution, and the country’s judiciary since.

When Religion and Health Align: Mobilising religious health assets

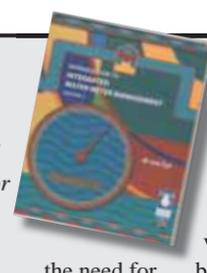


for transformation is co-edited by UCT’s Prof James Cochrane and Barbara Schmid. These selected essays, originally presented at the African Religious Health Assets Programme International Colloquium in Cape Town in 2009, include several cutting-edge studies and reflections on the increasingly important interface between religion and public health.



Sponsoring Nature: Environmental philanthropy for conservation by UCT’s Assoc Prof Maano

Ramutsindela, with co-authors Marja Spierenburg and Harry Wels, evaluates practical examples of environmental philanthropy, in Africa and elsewhere, against philosophical questions about the material and geographical expressions of philanthropy.



Introduction to Integrated Water Meter Management by UCT’s Assoc Prof Kobus van Zyl addresses the need for better water meter management by providing a practical introduction to the technical and managerial aspects of water meters. Since water metering affects different departments within a municipality and external parties, the book looks at the topic from an integrated perspective, as the title suggests.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

Dawood Hattas, chief scientific officer in the Department of Botany

What does the job entail?

In a nutshell, Hattas and his team provide technical support to departmental teaching and research activities. Hattas co-ordinates and supervises the set-up of practicals, and assists academics in designing new and improving existing practicals. Aided by assistants Nazli Davids, Francois Majola, Zamikaya Jikumlambo (who recently moved to another department) and Edward Chirwa, he has multiple functions in the department. In the first semester, Hattas co-ordinates, teaches and administers the first-year cell biology practicals to about 300 students. He also manages demonstrators, mostly postgraduate students, who assist during practical sessions. In addition, he takes care of the teaching and selected research equipment and instrumentation, prepares teaching equipment budgets, and purchase equipment and chemicals. Furthermore, Hattas arranges departmental exhibitions, and designs, co-ordinates and teaches practicals for UCT's outreach initiatives such as the SHAWCO Saturday School, 100-Up, and the Maths and Science Education Project. He also engages in collaborative research with colleagues in his department and other institutions, both locally and abroad.

What are the challenges of the job?

Hattas' day is quite unpredictable and can change instantly. A demonstrator may suddenly fall ill, or an instrument may break or malfunction at a critical time. Furthermore, ensuring that practicals run as scheduled and with the desired outcome becomes a challenge when he has two or three running at the same time. "However,



my competent and ever-reliable team of assistants help to ensure that we navigate these challenges successfully," he says.

What are the highs of the job?

Being able to work with and contribute to the development of some of the brightest young minds

in South Africa and beyond. Another high is the beaming amazement and excitement of students and school learners when, for example, looking through a microscope, they see a whole new world unfold before their eyes. The cherry on top is finding time to conduct research for his PhD.

And the lows?

Hattas takes it personally when a practical or project he is involved with does not yield the desired outcome.

What is the weirdest moment he's encountered?

Realising that he was in trouble after failing to submit all of his prac-

ticals, one student wrote to Hattas: 'Dear Professor. You know when you plant seeds, not all of them grow as they are supposed to? Well, I am one of those seeds. I haven't handed in any of my practicals and was hoping that you would be able to help me sort out the problem.' "Can't fault him on creativity," Hattas tips.

Preserve records in time, says archivist

The Administrative Archives unit has called on UCT departments to deposit their hard-copy records regularly to preserve invaluable information.

Now housed in Mill Court, Main Road, Mowbray, the unit boasts the latest technology to control humidity and temperature. This ensures that records are not affected by fluctuating weather conditions, says archivist Lionel Smidt.

Administrative Archives, run by Smidt and assistant archivist Stephen Herandien, falls under the Office of the Registrar. It was originally based in Bremner Building and moved to Kramer in 1989, before relocating to Mill Court late in 2010.

The section serves staff and others interested in university affairs with historical information, such as minutes, policy records and financial records dating back many decades. ■

Safety campaign a success

UCT's first Health and Safety Week campaign in April turned out to be a worthy exercise, and an eye-opener for many. Students and staff, as well as service providers, reacted positively to the various presentations and demonstrations on health and safety at work, reports Michael Langley, UCT health & safety manager. Themed *Setting the Standard for a Safer and Healthier Environment*, the campaign, hosted by the Safety, Health & Environment Department, created awareness of health and safety issues on campus, and showcased the work that the department is doing in this regard. The success of the initiative has set the bar for the campaign for coming years, noted Langley. In the meantime, the talks will now be taken to departments and focus groups.



Stepping up safety: John Langford of Evac Chair demonstrates how to evacuate an unconscious person, with a very conscious staff member ably assisting.



Word: Students Tumelo Morapi and Lisa Bloss hold up the Green Residence Pledge.

Green pledge for residences

As centres of knowledge development, universities should walk the talk.

In that spirit, UCT's Department: Student Affairs (DSA) launched the Sustainable Residences Project in the middle of the university's Green Week, when staff and students were being reminded to think and act green. The aim of the DSA project is to create awareness on sustainable living at residences, and moreover to make residence

living sustainable.

After noticing a substantial increase in electricity and water bills at residences, the focus of the campaign will be on water and energy consumption. Waste management and general awareness will also be covered.

"What we are asking students is to consider making small changes in their behaviour, like taking short showers, switching off lights and computers when not needed, and eating fresh food,"

explains project co-ordinator Trevor McArthur.

Students, staff and service providers have been encouraged to sign a Green Residence Pledge, committing themselves to contributing to the campaign.

The initiative will culminate in a university-wide Sustainable Month in August.

"Contributing to the environment is contributing to us and the next generation," added Moonira Khan, executive director of DSA. ■

EVENTS

Seminars and Lectures and Meeting



When: Wednesday, 23rd May 2012 at 17h30.
Speaker: Prof Carolyn Williamson. Title: HIV: Surviving under Immense Pressure. Venue: Student Learning Centre, Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT

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No ivory tower for planning students

Nothing for us, without us.

This was a key message from the impoverished community in Langrug, Franschhoek, for UCT students and staff from the School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics who visited the area in February. The students were in Langrug for their first official site visit and data gathering expedition as they began researching ways to improve living conditions in the informal settlement.

First-year master's students in city and regional planning and landscape architecture are collaborating with community leaders, residents, and municipal officials for the purpose of recommending a number of different spatial development options and housing upgrades for the area under study. The project also forms the core of the department's basic planning skills in situ upgrade course, which introduces South Africa's future planners and designers to the physical, social, economic, environmental and political circumstances that inform the current social structure.

Deputy director of integrated human settlements for the Stellenbosch Municipality, David Carolissen, said it was important for government and other partners to work with communities like Langrug instead of "talking down" to them, if they hoped to correct social ills. "Informal settlements in Franschhoek present a complex challenge," Carolissen said. "Langrug has 4,088 people. All have challenges such as access to water and electricity."

In the first of six formal visits to the area, hidden from view from the picturesque and wealthy Franschhoek town centre, students were taken aback by the physically and economically stifling conditions. Many agreed that the most pressing need was supplying running water and sanitation facilities to the settlement.

Professor Vanessa Watson, deputy dean of the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, explained that the project stemmed from a 2010 memorandum of understanding signed by a number of African planning schools with Slum Dwellers International. The schools pledged to teach students to plan *with* communities, as opposed to *for* them.

"Planners have a very bad reputation worldwide, because they like to control things," Watson explained. "So now we're trying to train planners to learn from communities as well as from books." ■



Fact-finding: (Clockwise from top) It was a steep learning curve for students; students trek through Langrug, set against the picturesque backdrop of the Franschhoek hills; sanitation is one of the concerns students hope to address in the community; UCT's Dr Tanja Winkler speaks to community members and other stakeholders.

Top honour for young leader



After a tough international selection process, Erik de Ridder has been elected as the secretary-general of a simulated chamber of the United Nations (UN) that will participate in the 2012 G8/G20 Youth Summits in Washington DC in June. The annual summit gathers some of the brightest young minds from these countries – plus an international delegation, which De Ridder will lead – to craft a vision for addressing key contemporary issues. "It's not a model," he says. "It has real, consequent outputs that are communicated to all participating governments and international organisations." ■

UCT Radio on the move



The sight of student DJs spinning the decks in the Robert Leslie Social Science building is officially a thing of the past as UCT Radio celebrated its move to new premises in April. Jazz and juice flowed at the launch of the radio station's swanky new studios on the Cissy Gool Plaza, right on the boundary of the Computer Science building. UCT Radio administrator and former station manager Natalie Brandreth (in blue, in picture, with rest of team) is pleased that the move has brought the station closer to the heart of student activity. "Logistically, it makes sense," says Brandreth. "We want to be seen. We're ready for a fresh start." ■

HSC promotes healthy living



UCT'S Humanities Students' Council (HSC) hosted their inaugural Health Day on 25 April. Representatives from a range of health-related organisations, including the Cancer Association of South Africa, the South African Anxiety Group and UCT'S HIV/AIDS Institutional Co-Ordination Unit, as well as a group of senior dietetics students, set out their stalls in the Leslie Social Science building to provide students and staff with as much information and advice as they could absorb. HSC chair Dalitso Maluza (left, in picture, with student dietician Lindsay Pollard) says the aim of the Health Day was to "create a health-conscious student body". ■

"Agents of change" press on



The Rural Support Network (RSN), a group of UCT health-sciences students who aim to encourage their fellow students to work in rural communities, pulled out the big guns when they launched their Rural Health Awareness Week, from 23 to 26 April. The guest speaker at the group's opening event was Malebona Matsoso (in picture), director-general of the national Department of Health. Along with fellow speaker Dr Reno Morar, deputy dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Matsoso had nothing but praise for the RSN, calling the students "agents of change". The week, themed *Heroes in Rural Health*, was dedicated to success stories of working in rural areas. ■

UCT helping to grow tennis



The UCT Tennis Club hosted some 123 primary school learners – hailing from local schools Rahmeniyah, St Mary's, Walmer Estate and Windermere – in April. The daylong development exercise was hosted alongside long-time partner Growing Tennis, a development initiative run by Michelle Whitehead, founder and CEO of the Growing Sports Foundation Trust. Over the past few years the two groups have joined forces, allowing UCT students the opportunity chance to coach the young tennis hopefuls. "It's very rewarding," says student Bronwyn Jack (in picture, right back, with clubmate Stella Theron). ■