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## Medical centenary extravaganza



Musical merriment: Medical people are well-rounded people, it would appear. Away from clinics, stethoscopes and rounds they are drummers, flutists, pianists, dancers, rappers and singers. And decent ones at that, as demonstrated when staff and students took to the stage at the Baxter Theatre Centre for the Faculty of Health Sciences' Centenary Concert, staged on 16 May. As the faculty's story was narrated in video, the Medical School community – with a hand from UCT's School of Dance and its South African College of Music – put on a memorable show, performing epoch-defining musical pieces from the past 100 years. The celebration, said Prof Marian Jacobs, is to mark the Medical School's past, its present and, importantly, its future. To view the photo album go to the universityofcapetown photostream on [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com).



## Alumnus wins playwright award



UCT alumnus and playwright Mike van Graan has won the inaugural Theatre in Translation award from Proyecto 34°S, an independent Cape Town-based organisation that oversees the exchange of written theatre plays between Africa and Latin America.

Van Graan's 2004 political thriller *Green Man Flashing* was named the South African winner – a winner from Argentina was also announced – of the award at a ceremony held at the Magnet Theatre in Observatory on 2 May. Van Graan graduated from UCT with a BA degree in 1980 and a Higher Diploma in Education in 1981, followed by a BA honours in 1986. He recently completed a master's degree in drama, also at UCT.

## 28,000

Hours, give or take, it takes the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit and its partners to conduct interviews with the more than 28,300 South Africans who form part of its National Income Dynamics Study, or NIDS. The survey is conducted every two years, including 2012.

## VC elected as HESA deputy chair

Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price has been elected as deputy chairperson of Higher Education South Africa (HESA), for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2013. Price, previously an ordinary member of the HESA exco, replaces Professor Irene Moutlana, vice-chancellor and principal at the Vaal University of Technology, as deputy chair. Moutlana's HESA term came to an end on 31 December 2011. HESA is described as "the voice of South Africa's university leadership", and represents the vice-chancellors of the country's 23 public universities.

## Seeing red

UCT's Prof Mark New joined Cape Town's climate activists who took part in a Climate Impacts Day in May, a global day of protest initiated by the international climate campaign 350.org to highlight the plight of those affected by extreme weather events caused by climate change. The Cape Town protest involved groups such as the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa, AfriOceans Warrior, and Creating Change. The groups took their protests to Table Mountain, Lion's Head and Tulbagh Square. In picture, New, pro vice-chancellor for climate change and director of the African Climate and Development Initiative at UCT, appears on Lion's Head with organisers Samantha Bailey and Robert Zipplies. (Picture by Andy Nix.)



## The AXL for African studies

This time last year, there was much passionate debate in the national and local news about the future of the Centre for African Studies (CAS) at UCT. The debate included ideas about creating new departmental linkages, and ranged from scepticism about the possibility of the creation of a genuinely new UCT approach to research and teaching to idealism about new epistemologies and new notions of scholarship and collegiality.

Letters to the newspapers flew back and forth, websites enjoined action, and the whole faculty engaged in dialogue about the way forward.

Thanks to the work of a number of people (especially Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza, the online group Concerned CAS Students, Professor Richard Mendelsohn, Associate Professor Vivienne Taylor, and Dean Professor Paula Ensor), it was possible to imagine a new school in the Faculty of Humanities, one charged with taking debates on African studies into the heart of what the faculty offers. Alongside this idea came a commitment to a new community, established through a partnership between the African Gender Institute, the Department of Social Anthropology, its Linguistics section and the CAS. Hence: the School of African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics, launched in 2012.

If you say AGSAL fast, in South Africanese, it'll sound like AXL (axe; axis; access; axes to grind...). AXL is thus the code for the new School, which is currently headed by Associate Professor Bennett. The School will be formally launched, with Professor Njabulo Ndebele as guest speaker, on Monday, 21 May, at 17h00 in the Centre for African Studies Gallery. A broad invitation has gone out to the whole university.

– Professor Jane Bennett

## New machine to ease metal processing studies



UCT's Centre for Materials Engineering (CME) recently acquired a state-of-the-art Gleeble 3800. The machine, valued at around R10 million, is described as a "fully integrated digital closed-loop control thermal and mechanical testing system". In other words, it can – at lab level – closely simulate metal processes seen in manufacturing. It will allow engineering students to work on a piece of metal while controlling variables such as temperature, strain, strain rate and time, essential in the manufacturing and testing processes. The Gleeble's purchase was made possible by a special equipment award from the National Research Foundation. In picture, Dr Sarah George conducts an experiment.

## Discuss the billions

The Institute for Humanities in Africa (HUMA) hosts a series of regular events called Cape Town Commons. These events aim to facilitate public engagement with issues that challenge and inform us as citizens, drawing academics into discussion with interested interlocutors in the city. As part of this series, HUMA will host a panel discussion focusing on the South African Lottery on 22 May at 18h00 at the Mowbray Town Hall. This event, titled *Tata our Billions*, will focus on the reported R6 billion of Lottery funds earmarked for "good causes" that remain undistributed. The panel discussion will ask what impact the Lottery's funding decisions and oversights have for civil society in Cape Town, and what could be done about it.

## UCT for Africa-EU universities partnership

Dr Jennifer Ramesar, an undergraduate medical training convenor in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, was recently chosen as the UCT representative in the African Higher Education Harmonisation and Tuning Project, known as *Tuning Africa*. The initiative is part of the Africa-European Union partnership to enhance degree comparability, graduate mobility and employability. Tuning Africa will be piloted for 18 months and focuses on five areas: medicine, teacher education, agriculture, mechanical engineering and construction engineering. Each of the five African regions will lead one subject, in which 12 universities will be involved, and at least one of the universities must come from every other region. UCT is involved in medicine, which is led by northern Africa.

## African-Americans embrace Zulu culture

The Research Office and its Project for the Enhancement of Research Capacity recently hosted a workshop by Assoc Prof Benedict Carton of George Mason University in Virginia, US. In his talk, titled *Shaka's Progeny: Historical reflections on global Zulu culture in the modern Atlantic world*, Carton described how African-Americans enthusiastically embraced images of ritualised Zulu masculinities in the 19th and 20th century. These elements of Zulu culture, he said, influenced the racial ideologies and popular entertainments shaping modern South Africa and the US.

## Winters they are a-changin'

An international consortium of scientists – including Professor Michael Meadows of UCT's Department of Environmental and Geographical Science – have dug into the Western Cape's recent geological past to uncover new insights into the climatic future of the region. Their work, funded by the National Science Foundation in the US and published in May in the open-access journal *Climate of the Past*, used sediment cores from Verlorenvlei, an elongated former estuary at Eland's Bay along the West Coast, coupled with ice-core data from Antarctica. Their findings concurred with other studies that, as the planet warms due to build-ups of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, winter rainfall is likely to become more scarce as well.

## Health minister celebrates centenary



In celebrating the Faculty of Health Sciences centenary, UCT's Students' Representative Council and the Health Sciences Students Council hosted a talk by Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi in April. Motsoaledi spoke on the challenges facing the South African healthcare system and outlined possible solutions, including the proposed National Health Insurance plan. In picture, Motsoaledi (second from left) and the dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Prof Marian Jacobs, are flanked by Mike Ramothwala (far left), the SRC's vice-president external, and Kopano Malebo, HSSC chairperson.

## Putting the punch back into art



Johann van der Schijff of UCT's Michaelis School of Fine Art will run a new exhibition, *Community Punching Bags*, or CPBs, in the South African National Gallery Annex, from 23 May to 16 June. CPBs is a project Van der Schijff ran in collaboration with art teachers and high school learners in and around Cape Town. The exhibition, he says, is inspired by artwork in which the community plays a central part in its realisation. It aims to show that issues that are often not spoken about publicly – such as violence, 'the other', discrimination and racism – can be addressed in a collaborative and creative way.



## UCT three awarded national orders

Three scholars with UCT ties were awarded national orders by President Jacob Zuma in April. The late Professor Apollon Davidson was awarded the Order of the Companions of OR Tambo: Silver, posthumously, for his contribution to the struggle against apartheid and in the development of a democratic South Africa. Davidson was head of UCT's Centre for Russian Studies from 2008 until 2001. Professor Christopher Dugard received the Order of the Baobab: Gold for his "immense" work and achievements in the field of law, especially in human rights and international law. Dugard received an honorary doctorate of law from UCT in 1996. Professor Barry Schoub, who couldn't attend, was awarded the Order of Mapungubwe: Silver for his contributions to the study of infectious diseases and science in South Africa and abroad. Schoub is a visiting lecturer at UCT's Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine.

## Washington opportunity for budding leaders



Six UCT students will jet off to the US in June to participate in the highly-rated South Africa-Washington International Programme (SAWIP) 2012 for young leaders. The students made the final cut from a competitive screening process that started with 175 applications. The programme, which started in April and involved training sessions, service projects and fundraising exercises, will close with the students' induction into the SAWIP alumni network in September. The UCT students, seen here with the rest of the SAWIP group, are Alexandra Appelbaum (centre back, with dark glasses), Rekgotsofetse Chikane (front, third from left), Saif Islam (far left, front), Phiwe Ndinisa (far right, back), Kwadwo Owusu (third from left, back) and Nondumiso Phenyane (second from left, front).

## Awards up for grabs

A host of UCT scholars and units have been nominated for the 2011/12 National Science and Technology Forum-BHP Billiton awards. This year, the NSTF celebrates its 14th Awards, which recognise, acknowledge and promote excellence in the South African research and development community. The Annual NSTF-BHP Billiton Awards event, launched in 1998, is the flagship project of the largest and most prominent multi-stakeholder representative forum for science, engineering, technology and innovation (SETI) organisations in South Africa.

UCT nominees in the categories for contributions to SETI by an individual, including: the Lifetime Achiever; the TW Kambule NRF-NSTF Awards through Research and its Outputs; and through Management and Related Activities, are:

Dr Peter Carrick, Institute for Plant Conservation; Emer Prof John Field, Marine Research Institute; Assoc Prof Thomas Franz, Biomechanical Science Cardiovascular Unit; Prof Kevin Naidoo, Department of Chemistry; Prof Ed Rybicki, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology; Prof Heather Zar, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health

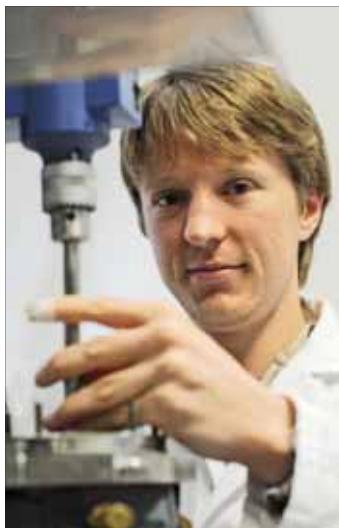
UCT nominees in the category for contributions to SETI by an individual – the TW Kambule NRF-NSTF Awards for an Emerging Researcher (post-docs in a period up to six years after award of a PhD or equivalent in research) are:

Dr William Horowitz, Department of Physics; Assoc Prof Brenda Morrow, Red Cross Children's Hospital; Dr Leena Pillay, Department of Zoology; Dr Dyllon Randall, Department of Chemical Engineering; Dr Thomas Scriba, South African Tuberculosis Research Unit; Dr Amanda Weltmann, Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

UCT nominees in the categories for research capacity development are: Prof Bongani Mayosi, Department of Medicine; Prof Kevin Naidoo, Department of Chemistry

UCT nominees in the categories for research leading to innovation by teams or individuals through organisations are: Crystallisation and Precipitation Research Unit – team leader: Prof Alison Lewis; In Situ XRD Cell – Team Leader: Prof Michael Claeys; Lung Infection and Immunity Unit – team leader: Prof Keertan Dheda; The PantoScanner Team – team leader: Dr Kit Vaughan; UCT Nanoscience Innovation Centre – team leader: Prof Margit Härting; UCT Maxillofacial Surgery Unit – team leader: Dr Rushdi Hendricks

All finalists will be honoured at the NSTF Plenary meeting of 25 May 2012 at Gallagher Estate in Gauteng. The NSTF-BHP Billiton Awards Gala Dinner is planned for 21 June. ■



In the running: (Top, from left) Prof Keertan Dheda, Prof Margit Härting, Prof Bongani Mayosi, (Bottom, from left) Dr Dyllon Randall, Prof Ed Rybicki and Dr Amanda Weltmann are among the UCT nominees.

## Mda becomes number eight for 2012



Acclaimed writer Zakes Mda has been named as the eighth public figure who will receive an honorary doctorate from UCT in 2012. Mda will be presented with an honorary doctorate in literature (DLitt) at a June graduation ceremony.

Novelist, poet, playwright, painter, composer and filmmaker, Mda was born in the Eastern Cape in 1948. He spent his early childhood in Soweto, but left the country in 1963 – when his father went into exile – at age 14, returning only after three decades in exile.

Over this period away from South Africa he would finish his first play, *We Shall Sing for the Fatherland*, which won the first Amstel Playwright of the Year Award in 1978.

That and other works allowed him to complete a master's degree in theatre at Ohio University. By 1984 his plays were performed in the USSR, the US and Scotland, as well as in various parts of southern Africa.

Mda then returned – but to Lesotho, first working with the Lesotho National Broadcasting Corporation Television Project, and then as a lecturer in the Department of English at the University of Lesotho. Between 1985 and 1992 he was director of the Theatre-For-Development Project at the university. Together with his students he travelled to villages in remote mountain regions, working with local people in creating theatre around their everyday concerns.

This work would form the theme of his doctoral thesis for the PhD degree awarded to him by UCT in 1990.

In the early nineties Mda spent much of his time overseas, serving as writer-in-residence at the University of Durham and as a research fellow at Yale University. He returned to South Africa for one year as a visiting professor at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Mda now commutes between South Africa (serving as director of the South African Multimedia AIDS Trust in Sophiatown) and the US, where he works as a professor of creative writing at Ohio University.

Mda is considered a key figure in South African literature. His works focus on South African politics after the fall of apartheid. He has earned countless accolades, including the Commonwealth Book Prize, the Sunday Times Fiction Prize and the M-Net Book Prize; while his 2004 novel, *The Madonna of Excelsior*, was named as one of the Top Ten South African Books Published in the Decade of Democracy

Public-health icon Dr David Sanders will also be honoured in June, while artist Marlene Dumas, physicist Jonathan Ellis, business executive Allan Gray, constitutional expert Nicholas Haysom, and Basil Jones and Adrian Kohler of the Handspring Puppet Company will be awarded honorary degrees in December. ■



### INVITATION

### VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OPEN LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Dr Max Price, invites students, staff and members of the public to attend the following Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture:

#### GUEST SPEAKER

**Bruce Alberts, Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of California, San Francisco; Editor-in-chief, Science magazine:**

Professor Alberts is an American biochemist known for his work in science public policy and as an original author of *Molecular Biology of the Cell*. He is noted particularly for his study of the protein complexes that enable chromosome replication when living cells divide. Apart from his position as Editor-in-Chief of *Science* magazine, he is also the United States Science Envoy to Pakistan and Indonesia, and was the president of the US National Academy of Sciences from 1993 to 2005. He also serves as a trustee of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

#### Topic:

#### Science and the World's Future

The knowledge and the problem-solving skills of scientists are critical for every nation – no matter how rich or poor. Scientists have, for example, produced a deep understanding of the natural world that often enables an accurate prediction of the consequences of current actions on the future. In addition, every society needs the values of science: honesty, generosity, and an insistence on evidence while respecting all ideas and opinions regardless of their origin. For the long-term success of our global society, we will need talented people from the scientific community in an array of professions. This will require that science departments at universities expand their view of their mission, and that society creates new pathways to move scientists into positions where they can make a difference, be it in public policy, industry, government, journalism, law, commerce and in public school systems. At all levels, science education needs to be redefined, with much less emphasis on the memorisation of science facts and terms. Instead, we should be providing empowering experiences in problem-solving that take advantage of the curiosity that children bring to school and increase a student's understanding of the world. This type of hands-on, inquiry-based science education can serve as a core from which meaningful writing and reading lessons are generated. Closely related changes in the introductory science courses in college, emphasising "science as a way of knowing", are key to driving these reforms. The lecture will be concluded with a discussion of *Science* magazine and its opportunities and challenges.

**Date:** Wednesday, 23 May 2012

**Venue:** Kramer Lecture Theatre 3, Wilfred and Jules Kramer Law Building, Cross Campus Road, Middle Campus, Rondebosch

**Time:** 13:00 **Guests to be seated by 12:45**

**RSVP:** Please note your attendance at the lecture can only be accommodated if you RSVP by **Friday 18 May** to: Colleen Jeftha, Tel: 021 650 5160

E-mail: [colleen.jeftha@uct.ac.za](mailto:colleen.jeftha@uct.ac.za)

**Please note:** Due to limited seating in Kramer Lecture Theatre 3, seating will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. [www.uct.ac.za](http://www.uct.ac.za)



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# Who's been Celebrating Africa Month?

After a quiet (and one false) start, UCT's Celebrating Africa Month has steadily picked up steam. There've been seminars, book launches, serious talk, performances, a fashion show (and more coming) and some big-name visitors. Below we briefly summarise how staff and students have thrown their weight behind the May commemoration. And don't forget, Africa Day – the annual commemoration of the 1963 founding of the Organisation of African Unity – is on 25 May.



At Afropolitan Through Fabric 2012, the Faculty of Law and its student councils showed off their love of the catwalk as they showcased some colourful outfits and fabric – alongside a buffet of local foodstuffs. Our journalism lecturers may frown at the hackneyed phrase, but the pictures clearly show that 'a good time was had by all'. Go, lawyers!



Jammie Plaza was brought to life by a colourful ensemble of traditional clothing, delicious foods and music from all corners of Africa; this at an event hosted by the Students' Representative Council and international student societies on 15 May.



We Africans love our soccer. So, naturally, the Students' Representative Council and international student societies at UCT chose to kick off their contributions to Africa Month with a game of disk on 5 May. The game was a one-sided affair – the southern Africa side ran out easy 6-1 winners against a side representing southern and eastern Africa – but as the latter showed after their late consolation goal, celebration is the name of the game in May.



On 7 May, Dr Patricia Henderson, the Institute for the Humanities in Africa, hosted the launch of her new book, AIDS, Intimacy and Care in Rural KwaZulu-Natal: A kinship of bones. The book is based on Henderson's work in Okhahlamba in KwaZulu-Natal over 2003 to 2006, when she recorded the experiences of people living with HIV/AIDS



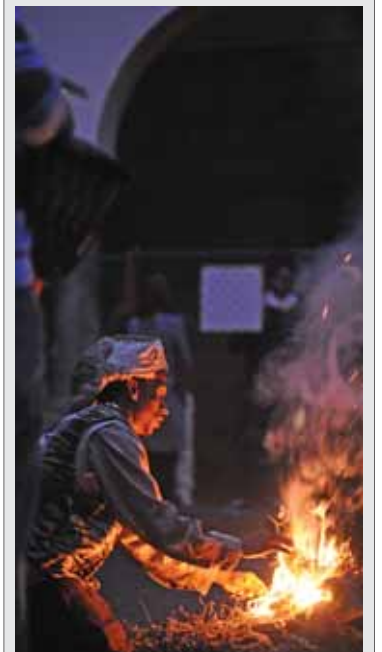
The Faculty of Commerce officially launched its new Department of Finance and Tax on 8 May. At the event, HoD Prof Glen Holman (in picture with Prof Jennifer Roeleveld, head of the tax section) spoke on the potential for trade in derivatives in Africa.

In his lecture on 8 May, Prof Kelly Chibale, director of UCT's Drug Discovery and Development Centre, or H3-D, spoke of the challenges for drug discovery in Africa, and the need for increased Africa-based infrastructure and manpower to address Africa's burden of disease.



Dr Shadreck Chirikure challenged some holy cows of archaeology when he questioned accepted theories on the demise of Mapungubwe – the pre-colonial African state renowned for its gold artefacts – in a lecture, Was Mapungubwe the Origin of the Zimbabwe Culture?, on 14 May.

Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor has been a regular on the UCT campuses. On 16 May she returned once more, this time as a guest of the SRC. As befits her portfolio, Pandor spoke on the challenges facing Africa and how science can help tackle those.



The Exuberance Project was made up largely of a week of sombre and serious discussion. But the Gordon Institute of Performing and Creative Arts likes a good show, so the launch on 11 May included everything from a masquerade and fireplay to screenings and a performance of Kat and the Kings by David Kramer and the late Taliep Petersen (holders of honorary doctorates from UCT).



**THEN**  
When UCT's School of Medicine moved from Orange Street in town to the Wernher and Beit Laboratories on the edges of the Groote Schuur campus in 1928, the medical

collection of 10,000 books and journals was transferred to three rooms on the top floor of the pathology block, and so became the first and largest of the UCT libraries. With the opening of Groote Schuur Hospital in 1938, increased usage of the library had it bursting at the seams. Soon the University Council made good on its promise of a new medical library, a project that it was estimated would

cost approximately £140,000. The new library opened its doors on 19 February 1954.

**NOW**  
Today, the Health Sciences Library houses about 55,000 books and approximately 74,000 print journals. With computers on-site, students and staff have access to 75,000 electronic journals and 200 electronic data-

bases. In addition, users now have 24-hour off-campus access, from anywhere in the world, to the library's e-journals. In 1998, the new MSD wing of the library was officially opened by Dr Donald de Korte, then managing director of pharmaceutical company MSD. The wing includes a training room and the Wolfson Computer Laboratory, home to some 130 PCs.

# Post-recession, consumers tread carefully

The global economic recession and the credit crunch have left consumers on edge, and wary with their wallets.

They are now more cautious with their spending, says UCT's Unilever Institute of Strategic Marketing. Along with economists, the Institute worries that the spendthrift 'era of exuberance' – between 1999 and 2007, when the credit-fuelled economic boom led to rampant consumer spending and soaring consumer and business confidence – will not return anytime soon.

This means marketers need to re-think their tried-and-tested strategies if they are to stay ahead of the game, according to Unilever's research project, *Wake Up! Shake Up!* Like consumers, most marketers have known only the years of plenty, "an era of guaranteed demand".

But the goalposts have been shifted, says *Wake Up! Shake Up!*.

That study, completed last year, involved over a year of quantitative and qualitative research, interviews with consumers across the board, and analysis from 70 of South Africa's leading economists, academics, financial analysts, industry specialists, and business and marketing forecasters.

Professor John Simpson, director of the Institute, compares South Africa's downturn to an "economic tsunami".

Those towards the upper end of the socio-economic spectrum rode out the downturn largely unscathed,

In the aftermath of the global economic near-meltdown, things will never be the same again for the world's consumers

he says. But those lower down the income chain were hit very hard and are still dealing with the fallout, whether through debt repayment or job losses.

Now almost out of the recession, South Africans across the income spectrum have become more cautious with their money than ever, Simpson adds.

The study found that 69% of South Africans are more guarded about their spending than they were a year ago. Also, 58% said they are financially worse off, and confidence levels are still low.

Purchasing patterns have altered drastically, with 55% saying that when in shops, they are now more likely to compare prices than they were before.

"All this points to the likelihood that things will not revert to the pre-recession status quo," says the Institute's Martin Neethling.

While consumer debt is dropping slowly, unemployment is still high; and there is a high level of dependency on government grants.

And it isn't just the lower-in-



come groups tightening their belts.

Another Unilever study, called *Top End*, investigated the thinking of South Africa's more affluent consumers. These are consumers who earn over R30 000 a

*Shop till you stop: South African consumers – affluent or otherwise – have become penny-wise in the wake of the global economic slowdown.*

month, and are described by the study as "the backbone of the local economy".

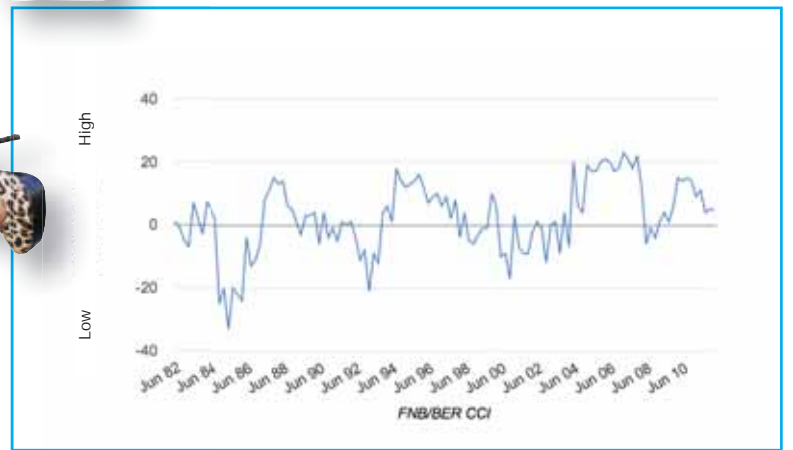
These consumers make up only 10% of the country's tax-payers, but earn over half the country's taxable income. Their estimated annual spend stands at over R300 billion.

It's a segment that's transforming, says the Institute. Just under 37% of these consumers are black.

Although this segment was the least affected by the recession, they too are beginning to be penny-wise.

"The vast majority of respondents reported using only low-cost airlines, with 96% preferring to fly economy class," reported Simpson.

In the wake of these findings, the Institute has a few words of advice for marketers: be strategic and efficient, as opposed to operational and reactive. ■



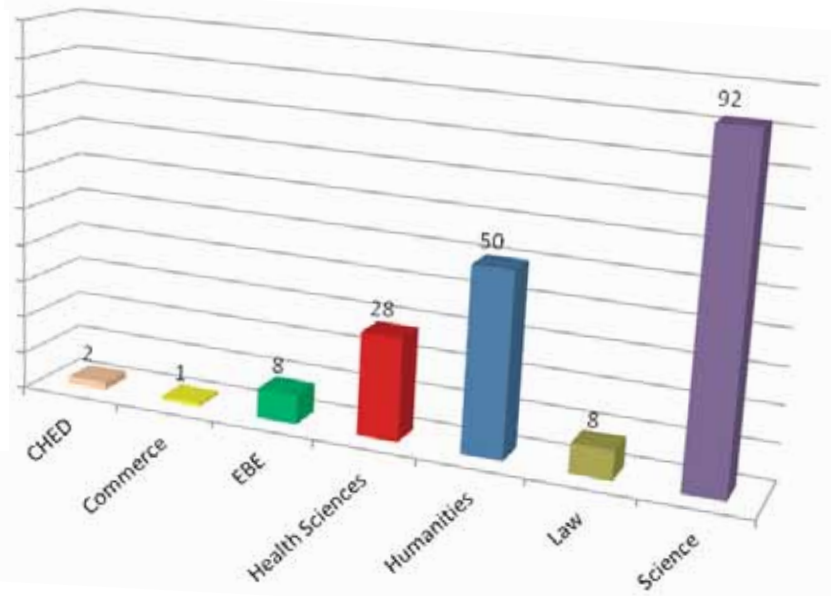
Consumer confidence index: South Africans have had mixed feelings about the economy over the past three decades. (Source: Bureau for Economic Research.)

## Honorary research associates: mentors and nurturers

There are currently nearly 100 honorary research associates (HRAs) affiliated to UCT faculties. HRAs are academics who are not paid by the university, but have an attachment to an academic department that lasts from one to three years. They are often eminent international or nationally-based scholars whose research expertise and productivity contributes to UCT's standing as Africa's leading university. The HRAs, together with linked-in senior UCT staff members from a variety of departments, provide advanced research expertise and actively mentor emerging researchers. They create a dynamic supervisory environment which provides global institutional linkages. The HRAs, as advanced researchers, work with graduate students in a mutually supportive relationship to create an international community that works to prevent the research isolation often associated with postgraduate status, while contributing to UCT's drive to enhance the quality of postgraduate training.

### HRAs & APC

No fewer than 13 honorary research associates are linked with the Archival and Public Culture (APC) Research Initiative, headed by Professor Carolyn Hamilton. The APC holds one of the 32 research chairs awarded to UCT under the auspices of the Department of Science and Technology/ National Research Foundation's South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI). Among the HRAs at APC is Professor David Cohen of the University of Michigan. Cohen, a specialist in the field of East African history, is a world leader in the emerging field of historical anthropology. He is renowned for his work on the production of history, which has had a major impact on southern African studies. The APC undertakes research into the work of archive, history and memory in the present, both in the public sphere and grounded in local experiences, and into archival cultures and histories. It is trans-disciplinary and encompasses anthropology, archaeology, history, sociology, literature, music and the visual arts. ■



Since 2005, 189 HRAs have been associated with UCT. This is how that number is broken down by faculty.

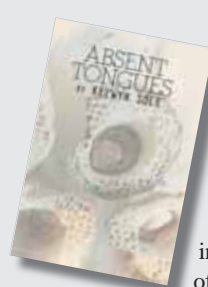
## By the BOOK



**Challenging Beliefs: Memoirs of a career** by Tim Noakes, Discovery Health Professor of Exercise and Sports Medicine at UCT, provides an intimate look at the golden threads running through Noakes' life and career, and reveals the landmark theories and principles generated by one of the great minds of sports science.



**Circular Migration in Zimbabwe and Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa** by Deborah Potts of King's College, London, is about trends in migration to and from African towns and cities, and the changing characteristics of migrants and migrancy. The core of the book is based on longitudinal research in Harare, Zimbabwe.\*



Award-winning poet Kelwyn Sole, professor in UCT's Department of English Language and Literature, has released his sixth volume of poetry, *Absent Tongues* – his first collection in six years. The book speaks of tenderness, anger, ambivalence and fear, and is written, say reviewers, with grace and thoughtful philosophical purpose, affirming Sole's position at the forefront of contemporary South African poetry.



**Up in Arms: Pursuing accountability for the arms deal in Parliament** by Raenette Taljaard, of UCT's Department of Political Studies, tells an insider's story of political drama and intrigue during the Mbeki era, when the arms deal controversy erupted and pitted Parliament against the executive. Taljaard argues that it was not only reputations that were damaged by the arms deal saga, but also core institutions of South Africa's new democracy.

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## New Staff

The following staff members have been appointed or re-appointed at UCT over the past few months. Some have recently joined the university, while others have been appointed to new positions:

**Shaakirah Arnold** – finance manager, Department of Finance and Tax

**Assoc Prof Neil Armitage** – head, Department of Civil Engineering

**Prof Andy Buffler** – head, Department of Physics

**Dr Paolo Denti** – research officer, Division of Pharmacology

**Mogamet Dollie** – maintenance co-ordinator, Obz Square residence

**Dr Divine Fuh** – lecturer, School of African and Gender Studies, Anthropology & Linguistics

**Prof Jeremy Midgley** – head, Department of Botany

**Anya Kohler** – cataloguing and metadata librarian, UCT Libraries

**Sarah Marriott** – communications manager, Development Policy Research Unit

**Tabeth Masengu** – research officer, Department of Public Law

**Christopher Oxtoby** – research officer, Department of Public Law

**Mfusi Papu** – helpdesk consultant, Customer Services Division

**Lucian Pitt** – lecturer, Department of Finance and Tax

**Roshan Sunday** – co-ordinator: quality assurance reviews and funding, Research and Innovation Office

**Dr Leslie Street** – principal research officer, Drug Discovery and Development Research Centre

**Elle Williams** – communications officer, Development and Alumni Department

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF Anne Isaac, UCT's legal counsellor

## What does her working day look like?

Isaac reports to Claude Bassuday, director of legal services and secretariat in the Office of the Registrar, and is assisted by senior secretary Noluthando Tiya. Much of her day is taken up with issues of misconduct by students. Her day starts with correspondence to students, parents and academics on disciplinary matters. Then she prepares charge sheets and summonses. Isaac is also responsible for holding pre-hearing meetings with students and their representatives. She then presents cases before the University Student Discipline Tribunal, representing UCT. She works closely with the Discrimination and Harassment Office on matters of sexual harassment and discrimination. It's part of Isaac's job to present educational talks on student misconduct at various student meetings, and to facilitate community service arrangements when students are so sanctioned.

## What are the challenges of the job?

These include making sure that students turn up at meetings and disciplinary hearings – not always as easy as it sounds. Legal representatives often delay the process with lengthy negotiations.

## What are the highs of the job?

Cross-examination is always a thrill for Isaac. Getting effective sentences on serious cases of misconduct, and simply being part of a process that contributes to effective governance and shaping the lives of



young people are highlights of the job. "We actually get many positive comments from students who have been convicted and sentenced," Isaac reports.

## And the lows?

It's frustrating when students learn very little from the process and walk away with a blasé attitude, or when parents condone their children's misconduct. The worst, Isaac says, is when an otherwise good student makes one terrible decision that results in rustication or expul-

sion. "It's very sad for me when their academic careers come to an end like that. So, yes, contrary to popular belief, I do have a heart... possibly buried beneath many layers of steel, but it's definitely there."

## Any weird moments?

Funny moments have become part and parcel of Isaac's day. Among them was one occasion when a female student followed her to the bathroom, and stood right up against the bathroom door. "Subsequently, in the hearing before the

tribunal, she flung herself to the ground, kicking and screaming, while we just carried on as though we couldn't see her behaviour." And there was the student who, after he was convicted and expelled, followed Isaac into her office and kept throwing himself to his knees, saying how sorry he was. Even stranger, however, was when Isaac held a pre-hearing meeting with a student in her office in the afternoon, and later that evening saw the same student singing on the Idols SA television programme.

## Negligence blamed for crime on campus

Negligence has been cited as a major concern, as UCT recorded a rise in incidents of theft on campus and at residences over April.

Theft reported to the Campus Protection Services (CPS) rose from 24 cases in March to 35 in April. Twenty of these incidents involved complainants leaving property unattended.

Items stolen included laptops, bags and cell phones, which went missing from public areas such as lecture halls, cafeterias and libraries.

Steven Ganger, UCT's investigations manager, put the blame on students and staff who often leave their rooms and offices unlocked.

"Sometimes people feel very safe with the visibility of security guards and CCTV cameras," Ganger explains. "We are doing our best to combat crime, but staff and students also need to come to the party by being a little more cautious." Although investigators are battling to pin down culprits in such cases, there has been at least one breakthrough.

A former student was arrested in Forest Hill residence early in May for housebreaking and theft, and was handed over to the South African Police Service. All the stolen items were recovered and returned to the complainant.

The suspect appeared in Wynberg Magistrate Court and was remanded into custody.

Ganger called on the university community to report suspicious-looking people wandering around on campus to CPS immediately, on 021 650 2222.



# Jamaican dance expert joins UCT

It is evident from her defined movements, distinctive dancer's posture and colourful back story that dance and music are in Lisa Wilson's blood.

This could be why the Jamaican-born Wilson received the nod to teach and convene contemporary dance at UCT's School of Dance, joining the university in April.

Dance has always been a part of her life, says Wilson. It started, as a youngster, with musicals; in which she would sing – but musicals, as they do, also meant dance and choreography.

"I realised then that I had a natural ability to express myself through movement, but I was not attracted to the long hours of physical training," Wilson recalls.

That commitment came with time. "Soon I was addicted to the dynamic challenge and thrill of sensing, integrating and moving mind, body and soul in any given time and space."

Wilson's career was not straightforward, though.

There were no degrees in arts and dance in Jamaica back in her university years, and instead she took a detour into manage-



*Dancing her way up: Lisa Wilson will share her many years of experience in dance with UCT students.*

ment and economics, studying at the University of the West Indies. Dance remained the dream, however.

After graduation, Wilson hopped on a plane; first to Australia,

where she completed a bachelor of fine arts in dance at the Wesley Institute. She then trekked to the University of Exeter in the UK for a master's degree in education in dance and the creative arts.

She's picked up a wealth of experience since then.

Before joining UCT she worked as a senior lecturer in contemporary dance, and was head of the dance education department at the Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts School of Dance in Kingston, Jamaica, where she had been a lecturer since 2002.

UCT got Wilson's attention primarily due to its support for and commitment to research, she says.

"The post at the School of Dance was attractive due to the fact that the area of contemporary dance in the School of Dance was an emerging one which, with the necessary support, could provide much opportunity for artistic experimentation, creative research and academic leadership in contemporary dance and its pedagogy." ■

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

When: Wednesday, 30th May 2012 at 17h30. Speaker: Prof Anthony Figaji. Title: Brain/Child. Interrupted. Venue: Student Learning Centre, Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT

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**Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer/Lecturer:** Geotechnical Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 31 May 2012

**Senior Lecturer/Lecturer:** Organisational Psychology, School of Management Studies, Faculty of Commerce, Closing date: 1 June 2012

**Clinical Educator:** Physiotherapy, Department of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 8 June 2012

**Allan Gray Chair and Senior Lecturer** in Values-Based Leadership, Graduate School of Business, Closing date: 1 July 2012

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**Senior Energy Efficiency Engineer,** Energy Research Centre, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 28 May 2012

**Finance Administrator,** Department of Statistical Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 28 May 2012

**Sub-specialist Registrar:** Neonatology, Department of Paediatrics & Child Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 30 May 2012

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**Deputy Project Coordinator:** State of Cities in Africa, School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 31 May 2012

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# Students extend a hand to Ottery community

On Freedom Day, 21 UCT students – most from Groote Schuur Residence – checked in for a day of manual labour on an Ottery farm, adding the finishing touches to a crèche established by the Fellowship Bible Church Christian School.

The crèche, which opened earlier this year, offers schooling to children with foetal alcohol syndrome and other learning challenges. Many of the children come from informal settlements, such as Freedom Park in Ottery and Jim se Bos on a nearby farm.

With the help of the UCT students, the crèche now sports tiled floors and painted walls, a playground with grass and plants, and trenches for irrigation pipes.

To contribute towards the crèche through time or resources, please email Daniel du Plessis at fellowship@telkomsa.net, or through the website www.fbschool.org.za. ■



Colour by heart: On 27 April, UCT students opted to spend their Freedom Day on an Ottery farm, where they helped complete a community crèche.



# Sporting times

Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price has sung the praises of students who participate in – some at elite levels – and administer sports at UCT. It takes time and effort to do what they do, said Price at the cocktail party he hosted with his wife, Professor Deborah Posel, at their Glenara residence on 14 May. But sport, he added, adds another dimension to student life at UCT, and to UCT's reputation as the leading university on the continent. In picture, Price talks about sports venues with Jason Miller and Benike Palfi of the gymnastics club. ■

# Cast a light



Stigma was tackled in word and art at UCT's Candlelight Memorial – themed Shine Light. Stop Stigma – on 10 May. On request from the HIV/AIDS Institutional Co-ordination Unit (HAICU), 62 fine-arts students on the foundation course at the Michaelis School of Fine art had set up a series of exhibitions in which they investigated the theme. One challenge set for the students by lecturer Fabian Saptouw was to make the pieces "interactive", and to get a dialogue of sorts going with viewers. "Because it needs to be a conversation that we're all able to have with each other," said student Helen Aadnesgaard. In pictures (clockwise from top): Saptouw and students Michelle Aucamp and Aadnesgaard; Tamsyn Dodds, Laura Chittenden, Jolandi Coetzee, Cleo du Plessis, Elize de Beer, Kasey Davies and Kate Eriksen with their condom vending machine; Pam Bentley and Jane Matthews show off some of their creations; and passer-by Ndlela Sithembile gets up close to another of the pieces.

# Squash open a smashing success

UCT's squash courts boasted some of the top names in the local game as the seventh annual Keith Grainger Memorial UCT Squash Open delighted players and spectators alike over the first weekend of May. Rodney Durbach repeated his 2010 success when he overcame top seed and South Africa number two Adrian Hansen 3-0 in the men's final. SA number one Milnay Louw swept aside all contenders in the women's section, going unbeaten before beating UCT alumna Siyoli Waters in the final. Louw inherited the title from 2010 and 2011 winner Natalie Grainger – Keith's sister – who did not participate this year. The UCT Squash Open – the only university tournament of its kind in the Western Cape – was renamed in honour of the late Keith Grainger in 2002, one year after the third-year UCT student and dedicated club member succumbed to cancer. ■

# Student apprentices tackle core business

UCT students showed off some winning business acumen at the first instalment of the twice-yearly AIESEC Student Apprentice Challenge (SAC) in early May. The SAC – hosted at UCT for the first time since its 2005 inception – pitted 64 ambitious students from around South Africa against each other in a five-day face-off, testing core business disciplines such as project management, networking, logistics and bargaining. The challenge was organised jointly by AIESEC's UCT chapter and AIESEC South Africa. ■



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