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# “We say: Enough!”



Colours of protest: Red for outrage, black for mourning and white to express solidarity in demanding a South Africa unstained by violence. These were the predominant colours as the UCT community, led by the senior leadership group and the Students' Representative Council, marched last Wednesday to protest violent crime against women.

The UCT community came out in their thousands today – staff, students and friends – united under the banner “We say: Enough!”

On placards raised above the crowd, the names and faces of UCT community members who lost their lives to violent crime in recent years were strong reminders of society’s vulnerability – at all levels.

Jammie Shuttles brought colleagues and students from the Hiddingh and medical campuses to join the protest march, which gathered on middle campus, moving up under the highway and between the historic fields of the Green Mile, to halt at the foot of iconic Jameson Hall.

As Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price and SRC president Lorne Hallendorff noted in their addresses, the Jameson Steps have seen other assemblies – though less frequently, over the years – times when the UCT community stood shoulder-to-shoulder to protest apartheid, conscription, unequal education, HIV/AIDS,

government inaction; and now, violent crimes against women.

“Our constitutional right to be safe in our homes and communities is breached hundreds of times every day, particularly for women and girls,” said Price.

He was joined by members of the senior leadership group, the Students’ Representative Council (SRC), and members of the academic community whose research encompasses gender violence and its fallout.

Price said that the march showed that UCT wants a caring society.

“Violence has become so commonplace that we have become numb to it. We protest to preserve our own humanity.”

In this sense, government had failed society, he said.

“We expect the state to protect us; a criminal justice system that ensures perpetrators are locked up.”

It had also failed to support survivors of sexual crimes. Price urged government to fund civil society organisations and train more social workers to tackle the problem at community level.

Turning to the students, Price challenged them to confront the behaviours, attitudes and language that diminish women in society – “and diminish the meaning of the word ‘rape’”.

He said UCT would tackle the problem of gender violence on several fronts, by conducting a survey on the prevalence of date rape among UCT students; changing the curricula to address the norms of gender and inequality; supporting excellent research groups; and working closely with community groups to support victims.

SRC president Lorne Hallendorff asked students to make the 12 February candlelight vigil, to highlight violence and gender-based

crime, an annual event, “to show that we have not forgotten”.

He also called on students to get involved in youth development programmes.

“Research shows that three quarters of male rapists first raped as teenagers. Find a campaign to support at UCT.”

Pointing to the “huge” challenge facing the country, where a woman is killed by an intimate partner every six hours, Children’s Institute director Associate Professor Shanaaz Mathews called on the gathering to “face our own behaviours”.

“We need to ask: what does it mean to be a man in South Africa?”

In closing, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo urged the protestors to complete the slogan displayed on one of the placards: “I march because...”

“You have to find your own reason. Each and every one of us can make a difference.” ■



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# Protest march against gender violence

## What you said on 20 February

### ONE

**John-Paul Banchani :** “I’m an advocate of a violence-free society and I thought that by enlisting onto this protest, I’m making a very big statement. We only hear government officials come out to make statements but we do not see policy that works for us.”

### TWO

**Prof Pippa Skotnes:** “The university also has to couple this kind of thing to more creative, intelligent ways of thinking of how we solve the problem, which I think is one of Max’s initiatives. That combination of public protest as well as really trying to find solutions is important... As long as we have a society that valorises men from politics down to sport to the exclusion of women, I think we’ve got real problems.”

### THREE

**David Wilson (middle):** “We need to stop people being killed and raped. If the government could create more, job-wise, I think some of these things would probably fade away. We do this to show our solidarity with people that have lost loved ones.”

### FOUR

**Assoc Prof Jane English:** “Marches like this achieve publicity and exposure and draw attention and awareness to issues

like rape. Such protests are part of UCT’s heritage.”

**Dr Mignon Breier:** “The march prevents one from saying that ‘these things are out there’ and brings issues like rape home to the ivory tower.”

### FIVE

**Student Schwarzenegger Kusikwenyu:** “We’re trying to bring peace, and are protesting to make a difference in the communities our students are living in... It’s important to have good links with the police and other officials who are involved in the communities in which our students live.”

### SIX

**Student Georgie Berens:** “It’s all about publically showing our disgust at rape. It’s all very well to say rape is terrible, but you have to do something about it. It’s not fair to feel unsafe in your own country.”

**Student Michael Goldsmid:** “Marches like these do achieve change, and it’s important that the university community is engaged in issues of this nature.”

### SEVEN

**Students Sobane ‘Sox’ Motlomo (left) and Aubrey Dime Kekanana**

“We feel that as part of society, what has been done to women recently does not portray what all men are about. So we want to put a stop to that. And the sad thing is, they don’t just rape women, they

kill them too. It comes with all the violence.”

### EIGHT

**Steven (surname withheld):** “My mother was also a victim of a rape three years ago. My father was killed during that rape, so I had to join this march. I don’t want to blame government for allowing such crimes. I blame the society, because these killers are staying with us.”

### NINE

**Leon Petersen:** “The march is good, but it shouldn’t end with this. We need to take the message from the march into our homes and communities. We say ‘enough is enough.’”

### TEN

**Student Yolanda Moya:** “I was watching the news and the only thing I saw other than rape was the Oscar Pistorius story. Everything else was about rape. It’s enough! The justice system is just too poor. It’s important to make our voices heard. If we keep quiet about it then our future will be like this.”

### ELEVEN

**Prof Jennifer Whittall :** “Marching is a demonstration of mass action and reflects the campus community. It might not change individual behaviour but I think it’s certainly a great symbol.”



## Black Friday protest highlights value of DNA evidence

Postgraduate students and staff in the Division of Human Genetics (which is in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences and the Institute for Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine) in Health Sciences staged a Black Friday placard protest on 15 February. This supported a call for South Africans to wear black on the day as a

campaign to raise awareness of the country’s high statistics of rape and violence against women. Prof Raj Ramesar (middle), Head of the Division of Human Genetics, said the event also highlighted the important work done by forensic experts and the need to educate the public on the value of DNA as “almost unflinching evidence.” This form of precious

evidence either on victims or the environment is often unwittingly destroyed, decreasing the chances of perpetrators being convicted. The Division runs an honours programme in forensic genetics, and the parent Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (DCLS) offers a master’s programme in forensic sciences. ■

*Monday Paper's* first interview with Guy Lamb, recently appointed director of UCT's Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI), is against the national backdrop of running media reports of rape, murder and violent crimes against women – and at UCT, against the backdrop of a protest march that rallied the community in their thousands.

**MP: You were appointed director late last year. What was it about SaVI's vision and your own background that attracted you?**

*GL:* For many years I have been passionate about engaged scholarship, particularly how research findings and theory can be converted in practical knowledge and interventions that have the potential make a positive difference in people's lives. Prior to joining SaVI I worked with governments in a number of African countries to improve firearm controls. However, such a narrow single-discipline focus had its limitations. SaVI has a clear social responsiveness objective and has a multi-disciplinary approach with a view to undertaking trans-disciplinary work on violence reduction and safety promotion. SaVI is a forum that brings together academics and students on these issues, and currently includes some world-class scholars.

**MP: In a nutshell, what are the main causes of gender violence and inequality in South Africa, and why are the levels so high? Are we alone in this?**

*GL:* There is no concise answer to this question. There are a number of eminent scholars at UCT and other universities and research institutes that have been undertaking cutting-edge research on the sources and triggers of violence in South Africa for decades. Last year, 12 SaVI affiliated scholars (Catherine Ward, Lillian Artz, Julie Berg, Floretta Boonzaier, Sarah Crawford-Browne, Andrew Dawes, Donald Foster, Richard Matzopoulos, Andrew Nicol, Jeremy Seekings, Sebastian van As and Elrena van der Spuy) jointly published an article in the *South African Medical Journal* on violence in South Africa. It indicated that there are substantial knowledge gaps and that extensive research was required. It did however suggest that certain early childhood development factors (such as maltreatment, and un-supportive parenting) had contributed to aggressive and violent behaviour. In addition, it was argued that certain societal factors may contribute to violence, such as maltreatment in schools; the prevalence of aggressive behaviour in peer groups (such as gangs) and neighbourhoods; heavy-handed policing; alcohol and drug



*Guy Lamb, recently appointed director of UCT's Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI)*

## UCT initiative supports multi-disciplinary approach to gender violence

abuse; social norms that legitimise violence; and high income inequality and unemployment.

South Africa is not entirely exceptional in terms of violence. It is in the top ten when it comes to homicide rates, but the homicide rates in some countries in the Caribbean (eg Jamaica), Central and South America (such as El Salvador, Honduras and Venezuela) are between 40% and 300% higher than South Africa. However, there is evidence to suggest that South Africa may have one of the highest rates of rape.

**MP: You've described SaVI as a melting pot of research and work on violence and safety. How much is being done across the university?**

*GL:* UCT has a long tradition of undertaking research on violence, crime and safety, with the key faculties having been health sciences, humanities and law. These days most faculties are undertaking violence-related research. There are currently four modest SaVI research projects under way: trauma and substance abuse (led by Katherine Sorsdahl, Department of Psychiatry); violence and alcohol use (led by Jeremy Seekings, Centre for Social Science Research); violence and substance abuse (led by Andrew Nicol, Department of

Surgery); and violence interruption through social work (led by Lillian Artz, Gender, Health and Justice Research Unit).

**MP: Is UCT leading the way?**

*GL:* Other South African universities do not have such multi-disciplinary initiatives on safety and violence. However, some universities outside of South Africa do have well developed violence-focused units/centres. We have been in contact with Griffith University, Australia, and University College London, and we may call on both (and other relevant organisations) for strategic advice in the future.

**MP: UCT is often described as an ivory tower; we're 'up on the hill', removed from society. How will SaVI's work be felt at a community level, on the ground?**

*GL:* A number of UCT academics that are associated with SaVI have been working in communities affected by violence for decades. SaVI will seek to learn from these experiences and contribute towards further consolidating these relationships. SaVI is also looking to partner with other UCT community-oriented initiatives – for example we are in discussions with SHAWCO on how we can work together. Some of the SaVI Steering Committee members have been

providing inputs to the Khayelitsha commission of inquiry into policing, and making research and strategic contributions to the civil society campaign where appropriate. Recently I was approached by the Chrysalis Academy for assistance, and I am currently in discussion with them as to how SaVI may provide support.

**MP: You've talked of establishing a 'violence observatory' within SaVI. It's an interesting descriptor. What will this do and what shape will it take?**

*GL:* The idea of the 'violence observatory' was instigated by the SaVI Steering Committee back in 2011, and will be finalised and launched later this year. It is likely to consist of multiple components, with the major focus being a community-centred programme. That is, SaVI will focus on and work in partnership with an interested community (or communities) in Cape Town that is affected by violence. In-depth research on various aspects of violence and safety promotion will be undertaken in that community with a view to supporting, developing and implementing violence reduction/prevention processes and projects.

**MP: Violence seems like a perennially incoming tide. Can we**

**make a difference as a university and community?**

*GL:* Indeed. UCT academics and students can contribute to filling the knowledge gaps on violence, and try and provide some answers to the complex questions about this phenomenon. This knowledge has the potential to shift policy and legislation when required. Also, where there is interest or requests from civil society organisations and communities affected by violence, such knowledge can be used to shape and implement violence prevention strategies and programmes. Universities are the training grounds for many future leaders in government, the private sector and NGOs. A comprehensive programme on understanding and responding violence can influence strategic thinking in the future.

**MP: What is the key to turning the tide? Are there any success stories out there?**

*GL:* There is no panacea for reducing and preventing violence, but there are a host of tried and tested tools. Examples include legislation and policy; health programmes that focus on substance misuse, as well as promoting maternal health and improved parenting; and school-based violence prevention programmes. The challenge is that violence reduction and prevention measures that are developed in one context may not be effective in other contexts. Take the Cure Violence model for example, which was developed and tested in the US cities of Chicago and Baltimore. It involves 'interrupting' violence, and has reportedly resulted in a reduction of between 16% and 34% in shootings and killings in the targeted communities in those cities. However, its applicability to other contexts is yet to be properly tested. The rule of thumb is that violence prevention programmes should draw on solid research and best practice, but be home-grown and take local environmental and cultural factors into account.

**MP: Is there a role for students and PASS staff in this initiative, directly or indirectly?**

*GL:* Certainly. We will be looking to have an open consultation of the work and focus of SaVI in the near future. We will be looking to draw students into SaVI research projects. We also have plans to establish a postgraduate programme and even some short courses over the next few years. There will also be opportunities for interested students and PASS staff to get involved in outreach work and collaborations with NGOs in the sector. As I have already mentioned, SaVI is in the process of developing a partnership with SHAWCO. ■



### SaVI timeline:

Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) is one of UCT's four multi-disciplinary strategic initiatives identified by Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price (left in picture) in his installation address in 2008. It facilitates debate, research and interventions across the university on understanding and responding to violence as well as promoting safety.

#### 2009

In response to an appeal for proposals at the end of 2009, Dr Catherine Ward of the Department of Psychology corrals UCT scholars and researchers from across the campus and proposes the establishment of SaVI.

#### 2010

The Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund earmarks R500 000 for SaVI's start-up research projects. A steering committee is created.

#### 2011

UCT's Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) makes its public debut on 1 April. The Initiative brings together scholars from the African Centre for Cities, the Institute of Criminology, the Gender, Health and Justice Research Unit, the Law, Race and Gender Research Unit, the Department of Psychology, the School of Public Health and Family Medicine, the Department of Social Anthropology, the Department of Social Development, the Centre for Social Science Research (CSSR), the School of Economics, and the Department of Surgery, among others.

#### 2012

In October, alumnus Guy Lamb is appointed first director. He sets up office in the Law, Race and Gender Research Unit in the Kramer Building.

# Forum tackles critical questions facing business, labour and government

UCT's recent Critical Thinking Forum, organised by the *Mail & Guardian* and the German Embassy, saw a host of high-level speakers grapple with the thorny issue of what could be done to mend the rift between business, government and labour.

After a welcome from Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price the panellists looked at a range of issues pertinent to this important challenge, and all agreed that honest discussion is key to resolving the problem.

Price said it was opportune for UCT to host a debate of this nature when labour relations were in crisis following the Marikana massacre and Western Cape farm strikes.

The panellists were Sejamotho Motau, Democratic Alliance Shadow Minister of Labour; Dr Herta Däubler-Gmelin, of the German Social Democratic Party; Tony Ehrenreich, COSATU provincial secretary in the Western Cape; Michael Spicer, vice-president (corporates and Africa) of Business Leadership SA; and Professor Ben Turok, ANC Member of Parliament.

Spicer told the debate business had allowed itself to become captive to political correctness, and had become



*Critical thinkers: A panel that included (from left) Eusebius McKaiser, VC Dr Max Price, ANC MP Prof Ben Turok, Dr Herta Däubler-Gmelin (German Social Democratic Party), and Michael Spicer (Business Leadership South Africa) spoke at the recent Critical Thinking Forum, organised by the Mail & Guardian and the German Embassy.*

too servile.

"When business and government get together, many business people become far too soft, and don't say what's on their minds. Equally, however, on the few occasions that they do, they are roundly castigated by government and their feet are cut off," he said.

Turok told the gathering it had to be borne in mind that South Africa was a society based on conflict; a society in which the state had, in the past, organised and coerced cheap migrant labour.

"No one would deny that we have to do much better (when it comes to) the relationship between business,

labour and government. Clearly, things are not moving as they should, and no number of tea parties in the Cabinet office, or anywhere else, is going to fix it," said Turok.

One had to remember that South Africa was "rooted in a terrible history of cheap labour and oppression. Much

of that legacy is still with us today".

Motau said when it came to resolving the labour challenges facing South Africa, people had lost faith. Labour felt that business was there merely to exploit workers to get as rich as quickly as possible.

Ehrenreich asked how it was possible for a farm worker to live on R65 a day. "We know it's impossible, yet we expect that," he said.

Many political parties criticised the status quo, but did not offer a single solution, he added.

Däubler-Gmelin said even in Germany, wages were going down. She said that where there was social and labour conflict, it was crucial for those directly involved to talk together to find solutions.

In his closing remarks, *Mail & Guardian* editor Nick Dawes said the fact that the panel consisted of local contributors who had a clear and important set of views on the issues facing labour in South Africa, along with "some triangulation" from Däubler-Gmelin and Price, had been a helpful feature of the debate.

(To view the video, please go to <https://www.uct.ac.za/calendar/events/debate/>) ■

## Honorary doctorates for 2013

UCT will confer four honorary degrees this year (one to a married couple), to candidates nominated for their rich contributions both to their fields of expertise and to society.

They are leading cardiovascular scientist Professor Derek Yellon; internationally renowned South African couple, musicians Caiphus Semenya and Letta Mbulu; computational engineering mechanics giant Professor Klaus-Jürgen Bathe; and literary figure and scholar Professor Emeritus Daniel Kunene.

They will be honoured at the June or December graduation ceremonies. Bathe will receive his honorary degree in September.

A UCT alumnus, Bathe is regarded as a giant in the field of computational mechanics, ranking among a handful of pioneers of a powerful procedure called the Finite Element Method, a numerical method for computer simulation of the response of complex structural and fluid systems used in engineering and the sciences, from bridges and cars to biomedical and nano structures.

He has made fundamental contributions in theories and procedures that are used worldwide in computer programmes. He retains strong links with UCT and established the Klaus-Jürgen Bathe scholarship for engineering students in 1997.

An alumnus, Kunene started his teaching career at UCT in 1954. He is a renowned literary figure and scholar in the fields of translation and critical appraisal of African orature. He is one of the foremost figures in the translation of South African texts from African languages into English. These include an acclaimed new translation of Thomas Mofolo's Sesotho novel *Chaka* in 1981, and a translation of CLS Nyembezi's 1950 isiZulu novel *My Child! My Child!* in 2010. This won him the Karel Čapek Medal.

In addition to their rich contributions to music and culture here and abroad, South African music icons, husband and wife team Caiphus Semenya and Letta Mbulu, have served as unofficial 'cultural ambassadors' for the country.

In 1981 Mbulu narrated *You Have Struck a*



Prof Derek Yellon.



Caiphus Semenya and Letta Mbulu.



Prof Klaus-Jürgen Bathe.



Prof Emer Daniel Kunene.

*Rock*, a documentary on African women's campaigns of non-violent disobedience. A protegee of Miriam Makeba, Mbulu has recorded more than 20 albums on renowned labels with highly regarded producers.

Semenya is an accomplished musical director and composer. His body of work includes conceptualising and conducting a Quincy Jones production at the Montreux Jazz Festival. He composed the African music for *Roots* and *The Color Purple*, earning Emmy Award and Grammy nominations. The couple returned to South Africa in 1990 and in 2009 they were awarded the Order of iKha-

manga for their contributions to music and the struggle against apartheid.

Yellon, who holds a PhD and DSc, is a leading cardiovascular scientist whose work on myocardial protection has provided fundamental insights into the way the heart responds to the acute deprivation of blood supply in myocardial infarction (heart attack). A pioneer, Yellon has led studies that span the range of scientific endeavour, from the laboratory to clinical settings. His work is now in the process of translation into patient care. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Hatter Cardiovascular Institute at UCT. ■

## UCT's race-based admissions policy under the spotlight

UCT will revisit its race-based admissions policy for the 2015 student intake, following recommendations made in the report of the Commission into Student Admissions Policy, submitted to Council at the end of last year.

The report urges UCT to use alternative markers of disadvantage for incoming students. Until then, the university's current policy will remain in place.

Council appointed the Commission (in October 2011) to consider the admissions policy and potential alternatives to the use of race as a measure for redress and as a proxy for disadvantage. The decision followed several years of sometimes intense public debate on the matter. Various models for admission will now be studied.

Chaired by retired Appeal Court Judge-President Craig T Howie, a UCT Council member at the time, the Commission worked in parallel with (but independently of) the Alternative Admissions Policy Review Task Team (AAPRTT), which Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price established at Senate's request in 2009.

In an email communiqué to staff and students on 12 February, Price outlined the Commission's recommendations as well as the developments within the AAPRTT, and the process UCT will follow in assessing a future admissions policy.

Price said the AAPRTT had been testing alternative admissions criteria for three years and could now offer other models for discussion.

Broadly, UCT's current admissions policy is designed to achieve three outcomes. First, it ensures that the university attracts the best students – those who get the top results in the National Senior Certificate (or equivalent) and National Benchmark Tests (NBTs); and those who, after taking into

consideration educational and other disadvantages, are the top performers in their class. Second, it gives effect to UCT's redress aims. And third, it ensures a diverse student body.

"All three of the above are concurrently achieved by using 'race', self-declared by the applicant, as part of the determination of who should be admitted," Price said in the communiqué. "Nonetheless, the continued use of the applicant's self-declared race group as a proxy for disadvantage and a vehicle for redress and diversity continues to be controversial."

There were also growing concerns around the current policy's constitutionality (UCT sought legal advice on this score, and the Commission's report acknowledges the constitutionality of the policy); the use of self-declared race; UCT's commitment to non-racialism; the small numbers of black students who are no longer seriously disadvantaged, and the fact that disadvantaged white students do not benefit from the current policy; and the growing number of students who believe it is appropriate not to declare their race.

"How this policy changes is a matter for serious, informed discussion on many different levels," Price noted. "As we have done in the past, we invite input from all parties on campus to help formulate a policy that will maintain our commitment to both academic excellence and diversity in our student population."

A special meeting of Senate on 15 March 2013 will consider the commission's report and the research on alternatives, and give direction as to the future direction of admissions policy development.

You are welcome to provide individual and personal responses to the report, UCT's current admissions policy and possible alternatives to using race as a proxy for disadvantage. Responses may be emailed to [commission@uct.ac.za](mailto:commission@uct.ac.za) ■

# New Dean of Health Sciences for UCT

UCT has appointed Professor Willem (Wim) de Villiers as the new Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. He will take up his appointment on 1 July 2013.

A respected researcher in the field of gastroenterology, De Villiers has been chief of the Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition in the Department of Medicine at the University of Kentucky, where he was professor of the same division for over six years.

He is the recipient of several awards for his studies and work: best final-year MBChB student at Stellenbosch University, Nuffield Dominion Medical Fellow at Wolfson College at the University of Oxford, and several consecutive annual awards for Best Doctors in America.

In a letter to staff and students, Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price wrote:

“We look forward to the critical contribution that Professor de Villiers will make to the faculty and the university through his leadership.”

De Villiers obtained his MBChB (summa cum laude) and MMed (Int) (summa cum laude) from Stellenbosch University. He has a DPhil from the University of Oxford, and a Master’s in Health Care Management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

A Fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association and an Honorary Fellow of the South African Gastroenterological Society, De Villiers is also an international speaker on inflammatory bowel disease, pathophysiology, translational science and clinic management.

With support from industry, he built up one of the largest gastroenterology clinical research centres in the

US. The Inflammatory Bowel Disease Programme currently has more than 2 500 active patients, with some 600 patients on biologic therapy. In addition, he has been the principal investigator on more than 35 industry-sponsored studies into inflammatory bowel disease.

The appointment of De Villiers comes in the wake of the 2012 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, which rated UCT among the top 50 universities offering clinical and health subjects.

The health sciences faculty celebrated its 100th birthday last year, and its teaching and research is focused on addressing the health needs of Africa and the rest of the developing world. ■

*Prof Wim de Villiers is a respected gastroenterologist.*



## A-rating milestone for commerce dean Ross

Economics professor and recently elected chair of the executive board of the International Network for Economic Methodology, Don Ross, has become the first dean of a South African commerce faculty to be awarded an A-rating by the National Research Foundation.

The award affirms his status as an internationally recognised scholar.

Deputy vice-chancellor Professor Danie Visser said: “Don Ross is a scholar of world renown. His work is a splendid example of the exciting results that can be achieved through serious interdisciplinary work. His rating will be an inspiration to all who work in an interdisciplinary space, because the way the NRF rating system is set up makes it especially difficult to achieve a high rating for interdisciplinary work.”

Ross’s research explores economic methodology, cognitive science and the philosophy of science. Among his recent achievements has been the launch of the Research Unit in Behavioural Economics and Neuroeconomics (RUBEN), with colleagues such as Associate Professor Justine Burns and Professor Harold Kincaid, also a recent recipient of an NRF A-rating.

Ross believes methodological work should be directly integrated with empirical research. Since 2008 he has led an international research team of experimental economists and psychologists in applying his ‘anti-behaviouralist’ approach. This emphasises the importance of structural economic models of heterogeneity in populations, rather than idiosyncratic models of individuals, to behavioural phenomena such as addiction and related disorders of impulsive consumption.

This methodology is explored in his 2005 book *Economic Theory and Cognitive Science: Microexplanation*, also published in Chinese in 2010. He has published various papers that apply the methods empirically, as well as a book of which he is first author, *Midbrain Mutiny: The Picoeconomics and Neuroeconomics of Disordered Gambli*. Ross is also co-editor, with Kincaid, of the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Economics*.

In 2007 he and James Ladyman co-published a broadened exploration of Ross’s general structuralist and anti-individualist metaphysical perspective across the whole of the sciences, particularly quantum physics. This book, *Everything Must Go: Metaphysics Naturalized*, received a highly favourable reviews. It has been taught in graduate seminars around the world and has been the subject of book symposia at four international conferences.

Early this year, Ross published a collection of follow-up essays titled *Scientific Metaphysics*, edited by Ladyman and Kincaid. Ross is also programme director for Methodology at the Centre for Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) at Georgia State University in Atlanta, which is launching the multi-year project Portfolios of the Atlanta and Cape Town Poor.

Ross has produced 13 major policy reports for clients such as the National Department of Trade and Industry. Between 2006 and 2010 he was director of research for the National Responsible Gambling Programme.

He has taught and applied game theory throughout his career, and it informs the majority of his work. He is the author of the game theory article in the *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*. ■



*New A-rating: Prof Don Ross, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce.*

## Single-dose cure for malaria is Elsevier review’s top story

The news of a possible single-dose cure for all strains of malaria not only dominated headlines worldwide following its release in August last year, but Elsevier’s Malaria Nexus review voted it their most popular story of 2012.

The news detailed the discovery that a compound, MMV390048, from the aminopyridine class, has the potential to become part of a single-dose cure for all strains of malaria – and could also block transmission of the parasite from person to person.

The research was done by a collaborative team from the Medicines for Malaria Venture, based in Switzerland, the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Monash University in Australia, Syngene in India and the Drug Discovery and Development Centre (H3-D) at UCT, directed by founder Professor Kelly Chibale.

It was first reported in the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*.

“We’re very pleased about this announcement by Malaria Nexus,” said Chibale. “We feel greatly honoured to have had our malaria clinical candidate announcement voted top story for 2012, especially considering the variety and diversity in the top ten stories listed.”

(Part of the Reed Elsevier group based in Amsterdam, Elsevier is a leading publisher of medical and scientific literature. It also operates in the US and the UK. Its best-known publications include journals such as *The Lancet* and *Cell*, books like *Gray’s Anatomy*, and ScienceDirect, a collection of electronic journals.) ■



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Ask A Librarian, a new service launched by UCT Libraries, will change the way students and UCT staff and students interact with UCT libraries regarding finding information, without physically going into the library.

Students and staff with any kind of query, whether administrative or academic, will be able to use the new Ask A Librarian online service. Queries could cover anything from digitising a thesis to finding a particular book. The online reference service can be accessed from anywhere. Gwenda Thomas, Executive Director: UCT Libraries, said: "We've been inclined to focus on the physical reference service presence but a virtual presence, is so critical."

The project was initiated a year ago and in December 2012, 66 librarians were trained to deal with queries of all kinds. The service particularly suits students who may not be able to visit the library themselves. Students submit their questions online, and a librarian receives and deals with their request.

There is a 24-hour turnaround time on all queries. Questions are answered by subject or service specialists from the main library and from the various branch libraries.

To visit the service, check out <http://www.lib.uct.ac.za> ■

## Students sharpen design skills to re-imagine Cape Town's Foreshore



Future Foreshore Project held at the Oceana Building in Jan Smuts Street on the 15th February 2013. In Photo Architecture Student: Yannik Marie.

The eye-catching incomplete bridge along Cape Town's Foreshore has been a landmark – and talking point – for decades.

Now, students from UCT's School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics have been asked to envision a new look for the historical area. Each year, undergraduate and postgraduate students from the school participate in the Vertical Studio Project, which

sees them spending a week 'on site' as they execute what they've learnt in the environment they wish to modify.

For 2013, the brief was *Re-imagining Cape Town's Foreshore*. Thirty groups of students spent the week of 11 to 15 February thrashing out designs to make maximum use of the space underneath Cape Town's freeways, while keeping it easy on the eye.

Each group was tasked with producing a two-minute film titled *How We See the Foreshore*; an A0 poster on *How We Imagine the Foreshore*; a 300-word statement accompanying the poster; and (this is the big one) an A3 group photo. The projects will be credited as part of their coursework for the semester.

An awards ceremony for the best packages took place on 15 February. ■

## Potter seminar explores sustainable development in South Africa

"Be the change you want to see in the world."



Supporting sustainable development: Ziningi Madonsela's Potter Foundation Fellowship Seminar tackled sustainable development. Pictured at the seminar were (front) Ziningi Madonsela and Tony Brutus, and (back) Andy le May, Luke Metelerkamp, Alan Matthews and Tom McLaughlin

These words, by Gandhi, ran through the recent Potter Foundation's Fellowship Seminar on Sustainable Development: Managing South Africa's Resources effectively.

The Foundation's Fellowship Programme, which is administered by UCT's Postgraduate Funding Office, supports exceptional South African students who intend to contribute to civil society in South Africa in their disciplines.

The Foundation's belief is that a strong civil society holds national and local government accountable, enhances democratic institutions and the quality of life of its citizens, and helps to strengthen and sustain economic, civil and legal rights.

The seminar was hosted by MSc student Ziningi Madonsela, and explored sustainable development in the South African context, offering possible solutions to the challenges faced. It featured speakers from the public and private sectors, academia, civil society organisations and other groups in the sustainable development arena.

Andy le May, managing director of *icologie*, spoke on the subject of sustainability, and how to drive the changes required; Tom McLaughlin, of Woolworths Foods, addressed farming for the future; Tony Brutus (deputy director of monitoring and evaluation, regional office, Department of Water Affairs) presented a

discourse on frameworks and policy that underpin a catchment approach; and Luke Metelerkamp (programme coordinator, Undergraduate Learning, Sustainability Institute) spoke about transformative education in South Africa. The final speaker, Alan Matthews (chief operating officer, Energy Partners) looked at delivering energy saving in a corporate environment.

Students and academics from UCT, the Cape Peninsula University of Technology and Stellenbosch University, municipality representatives, local government representatives, corporate company executives and NGO heads made up the audience. ■

## HySA/Catalysis Centre hosts Limpopo MEC

UCT's HySA/Catalysis Competence Centre in the Department of Chemical Engineering recently hosted a top-level government delegation from Limpopo, headed by the Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) MEC, Pinky Kekana.

UCT is co-host, together with Mintek, of the HySA/Catalysis Competence Centre, the national competence centre in catalysis and catalytic devices for the hydrogen and fuel cells industry.

LEDET has identified HySA/Catalysis as its partner to develop a value proposition to the Department of Trade and Industry. This will support the construction of the Platinum Group Metal Beneficiation Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for the exploration of the hydrogen and fuel cells industry as a special focus for the development of the economic zone.

Kekana and her team met with HySA/Catalysis director Dr Olaf Conrad and Dr Sharon Blair, Key Programme Manager: Portable

Power Systems.

The HySA/Catalysis Centre presented its current strategy for the development of value-added manufacturing capability in the hydrogen and fuel cells industry in South Africa.

"The ensuing discussion showed that this strategy was viewed as attractive, to integrate with Limpopo's development of the PGM beneficiation SEZ," said Conrad.

During February HySA/Catalysis and LEDET will jointly develop the value proposition, which will be presented to national government in March. Blair and Samuel Mafadza, LEDA's group chief executive officer, will take the lead for their respective organisations.

Conrad said that the meeting between the Centre and the Limpopo delegation would "enable a commercialisation pathway for technologies developed in our laboratories at UCT and Mintek as part of the HySA programme". ■



African links: UCT executives met recently with representatives of the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Photographed here are (from left) Caxton Oduro-Donkor (director of finance), Prof Stephen Kendi (dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences), DVC Prof Thandabantu Nhlapho and VC Dr Max Price.

## UCT strengthens academic ties with Ghana

A delegation from the University of Cape Coast (UCC) in Ghana visited UCT for a week-long exploratory exercise to initiate talks and establish connections, in the spirit of UCT's Afropolitan goal.

Delegates from UCC included Professor Stephen Kendi (dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences), John Kofi Nyan (registrar), Caxton Oduro-Donkor (director of finance), Dr Kibiru

Koredele Azeez (director of health services) and Priscilla Babaa Bansah (junior assistant registrar).

Kendi said that "UCT offers a well-structured arrangement for research, and this shows in the quality and output of its research community."

The meeting concluded with an agreement by both institutions to work closer together to understand each other's higher education landscapes, national constraints, and opportunities. ■

EVENTS



When: Wednesday, 27 February 2013 at 17h30 • Speaker: Professor Rochelle Le Roux, Institute of Development and Labour Law, Faculty of Law • Title: 'Employment: A dodo or simply living dangerously?' • Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building Middle Campus, University of Cape Town



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# Students break silence on violence at candlelight vigil

Stand up, speak up and change the structural inequality that allows injustices like the brutal rape and murder of Anene Booysen to occur.

This was the gist of the many messages delivered at a candlelight vigil on 12 February at UCT that hundreds of students attended in protest against Booysen's murder and rape and the recent murder of UCT student Bayanda Baba.

The lawns outside the Graca Machel residence were lit up by the tiny flames, which were symbolically extinguished once proceedings were concluded.

Speakers – including students, student leaders, staff members and community workers – condemned the unequal power relations that inform much of the violence against women and children in our society. While attending such vigils was lauded, students were challenged



to actively work to undermine the patriarchal system at the root of the scourge.

Lorne Hallendorff, president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC), quoting the late Martin Luther King Jr, told the gathering: "Our

lives begin to end the moment we stay silent about things that matter."

Hallendorff commended those that, by attending the vigil, were registering their protest against violence, and urged them to continue the fight once the flames were extinguished. ■



Driving seat: SRC president Lorne Hallendorff.

## UCT's student leaders join protest

On 20 February, the community assembled in its thousands to denounce the widespread violence, especially against the most vulnerable members of society, women and children. UCT's Students' Representative Council (SRC) added its voice to the chorus of "Enough!"

This is what the student leaders had to say: "Violent crime in South Africa has become such a common occurrence that the ordinary citizen has become desensitised to the issue. The majority of violent crime cases don't even make the news, such is its frequency. Consequently, there are thousands of cases that slip under the public's radar. This is not acceptable.

"We are marching for Anene Booysen. More than anything, we are marching for the nameless, faceless, everyday victims of violent crime in our country.

"This march is significant because it symbolises a fundamental shift in student governance at this university. For too long, student governance has been equated with bureaucracy and passive leadership. This event marks the return



Shout it out: The SRC rallied students across campus to join the protest march against gender violence.

of socio-political activism by student leaders.

"This is a public display that UCT students do not accept violent crime in our country and in our communities. These students have forgone lectures to march in solidarity against violence in any way, shape or form.

"We acknowledge that this event, in

and of itself, will not bring about an end to violent crime. However, we believe it is the duty of the youth to inspire the nation towards a better future. The only way we can improve the state of our country is through the commitment of each and every South African. But it starts with the individual.

"We say: 'Enough!'" ■

## HAICU wall supports march



HAICU and ACES launched an online campaign partnering with the UCT We Say: "Enough!" protest march. The campaign encourages UCT students and staff to talk about the reasons for marching. Students and staff posed for photographs with their personal messages calling for action. In picture are (from left, back) Zine Jobela, Cal Volks, and Sianne Abrahams. (Front) Stella Kyobula Mukoza and Lucina Reddy.

A collage of these pictures can be viewed online at:

<http://www.facebook.com/haicu.uct#!/media/set/?set=a.468301487662.9.2163867.1331554584&type=3>. ■

## Mobile office, academic activism and community focus for new SRC

Student leadership plays a vital role in the life of a university such as UCT. *Monday Paper* caught up with BBusSci student Lorne Hallendorff, president of the 2012/13 Students' Representative Council (SRC), on the SRC's plans and role in the broader context.

**MP: What are the key issues SRC aims to address this year?**

LH: We have set up ten working groups to address specific issues. The Orientation working group focused on making the SRC visible and encouraging students, through a 'Get Involved' campaign, to experience university beyond the classroom. We have created a Mobile SRC Office with our bus and a new gazebo. We plan to use it to market events, gather student opinion and make ourselves accessible. Linked to this is will be the C3 campaign: Comment, Compliment, Criticise. Other working groups will focus on academic activism, students with disabilities, admissions policy, financial policy and national dialogues, discussions and debates. We have a STRIVE document working group which will work on the proposal to recognise students involved in leadership and community service. And then there's the Dream Project, which will act as a repository for the dreams and aspirations of young South Africans for the future of this country, and how they plan to achieve them. We hope to create a book out of it.

**MP: You've mentioned the mobile SRC office; how else will the SRC go about obtaining a mandate from students?**

LH: The mobile office will be very important. We will also keep our ears to the ground. Beyond that we

welcome student emails and interaction on social media. @UCT\_SRC on Twitter for example.

**MP: As a student leader, your job is to gather students' opinions to take to Senate and university management; but also, one might argue, to shape students' views.**

LH: Maybe us 'shaping' student views is not quite the way to look at it. Instead, we hope to provide opportunities that will help students shape their own views. Hopefully the SRC's national dialogues, debates and discussions working group will create events, in partnership with other organisations, that will create that space.

**MP: What role does the SRC play at a university in post-apartheid South Africa?**

LH: Tertiary institutions drive knowledge and public opinion. As the SRC of the leading university on the continent, we have a role to play in adding to the public discourse on various issues that affect the university and the country. The admissions policy and the violent nature of South African crime would be examples of issues on which we can comment.

**MP: Why do you believe students engage with the SRC?**

LH: We have direct input into issues that affect students; issues such as fees, or whether or not we should schedule exams on Saturdays. In order for us to have credibility when we attend committee sittings on these issues, we have to engage with the student body and the student body has to engage with us. We are able to effect change. For example, Jeremy Rose contributed to excellent financial aid improvements last year. ■