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Upcoming UCT interview opportunities

- **Dr Christopher Colvin** to speak on how social sciences can play a greater role in responding to HIV
- **Shameemah Abrahams** to speak on genetic predisposition to injury in young rugby players
- **Nomakhwezi Mvumvu to speak on developing** antimalarial compounds into good antimalarial candidate drugs

Topic	Highlights/Speakers	Contact
Partnership for the next generation of HIV social science in South Africa	<p>In partnership with Brown University in the USA, Dr Christopher Colvin from UCT's School of Public Health will train a new cadre of HIV social scientists. Dr Colvin says social sciences have a role to play in the overall improvement of public health and clinical medicine.</p> <p>A Senior Research Officer in Social Sciences and in HIV/AIDS, TB and STIs, Dr Colvin's research areas include HIV/AIDS and masculinity; health systems reform; community mobilisation and health activism; community health workers; and qualitative research methodology.</p> <p>Dr Colvin has lectured in anthropology and public health at several US and South African universities.</p>	<p>Loga Makwela Tel: 021 650 5427 Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</p>

<p>How genetic factors affect risk of concussion in young rugby players</p>	<p>A recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Women in Science Fellowship Award, Shameemah Abrahams conducts research focusing on the role played by genes in sports injuries. She is currently studying towards a Master of Science degree in Exercise Science at the UCT/Medical Research Council Exercise Science and Sports Medicine research unit.</p> <p>Abrahams and her team are the first ones to investigate the role of genes in concussion in young rugby players. Her research interests include brain injury, physiological changes during exercise and genetic predisposition to injury.</p>	<p>Loga Makwela Tel: 021 650 5427 Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</p>
<p>Developing antimalarial candidate drugs</p>	<p>Nomakhwezi Mvumvu's research focuses on investigating potential antimalarial compounds — specifically dihydropyridines – in order to develop them into good antimalarial candidate drugs.</p> <p>Mvumvu is a recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Women in Science Tata Scholarship, and holds a first-class honours degree in chemistry and a BSc in chemistry and biochemistry from UCT.</p> <p>In 2012, Mvumvu was awarded the Percy Gordon Award, a Chemistry Honours class medal and James Moir medal. She was the first black South African top student for BSc (Hons) in chemistry at UCT.</p>	<p>Loga Makwela Tel: 021 650 5427 Loga.makwela@uct.ac.za</p>

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