

Good morning all

Please note the correct title for Professor Ben Turok below.

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UCT December Graduation Diary

- **Honorary Doctorates** to be conferred on trailblazers in neuroscience, African research, drama and literature, journalism and energy storage – Professor Rodney Douglas; Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr; Mr William Kentridge; Mr David Edward Fanning; Dr Michael Thackeray
- **Speakers** – Ben Turok, Imam Rashied Omar, Alide Dasnois, Sandile Zungu, Mary-Jane Morifi
- **Awards** – Distinguished Fellows, Distinguished Teachers and Socially Responsive Research will be recognised in some ceremonies

Date	Honorary Doctorates, Speakers & Awards	More info
15 Dec	Distinguished Teacher Award to Professor Delawir Kahn , who will also speak Time: 10h00, Health Sciences Distinguished Fellows: Professors Greg Hussey and Naomi Levitt	Head of Department of Surgery, University of Cape Town
15 Dec	Professor Ben Turok will speak Time: 15h00, Engineering and the Built Environment Distinguished Fellows: Professors Sue Harrison & Eric van Steen	ANC veteran MP and former ethics committee co-chairman
16 Dec	Imam Dr Rashied Omar will speak Time: 09h00, Humanities	Research scholar of Islamic Studies & Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA

16 Dec	<p>Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Professor Rodney Douglas, who will also speak</p> <p>Time: 14h00, Law</p> <p>Distinguished Fellow: Emeritus Professor Clifford Shearing</p>	<p>UCT alumnus and neuroscientist who has revolutionised the understanding of cerebral cortex functioning, through anatomical and computational studies of the visual cortex</p>
16 Dec	<p>Ms Alide Dasnois will speak</p> <p>Time: 18h00, Humanities</p>	<p>Veteran journalist</p>
17 Dec	<p>Mr Sandile Zungu will speak</p> <p>Time: 10h00, Commerce</p> <p>Distinguished Fellows: Professors Don Ross & Murray Leibbrandt</p> <p>Social Responsiveness Award: Mr Stuart Hendry</p>	<p>Executive Chairman of Zungu Investments Company</p>
17 Dec	<p>Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr</p> <p>Time: 15h00, Humanities</p> <p>Distinguished Fellow: Professor Nigel Worden (in absentia)</p>	<p>Globally reputed literary critic, educator, scholar, documentary maker, writer and editor; Director of the WEB du Bois Institute for African and African American Research; and the founding Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research. He was instrumental in establishing the Harvard Mandela Fellowships at the Du Bois Institute.</p>
18 Dec	<p>Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Mr William Kentridge who will also speak</p> <p>An honorary doctorate will also be conferred on Mr David Fanning</p> <p>Time: 15h00, Humanities</p>	<p>Mr Kentridge: One of the most successful South African artists of his generation, acknowledged worldwide</p> <p>Mr Fanning: Founder and Executive Producer of <i>Frontline</i>, the US's longest-running public television investigative documentary series, distinguished for its excellence, independence and integrity</p>
19 Dec	<p>Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Dr Michael Thackeray, who will also speak</p> <p>Time: 10h00, Science & Commerce</p> <p>Distinguished Teacher Awards to Dr Spencer Wheaton, Dr Linda Ronnie & Associate Professor James Gain</p> <p>Social Responsiveness Award: Associate Professor Sophie Oldfield</p>	<p>A world leader in the field of energy storage who has pioneered several major advances in metal oxide electrodes for lithium batteries, notably manganese-oxide spinel materials now used in electric vehicles such as the Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf</p>
20 Dec	<p>Ms Mary-Jane Morifi will speak</p> <p>Time: 10h00, Commerce</p>	<p>Global Campaign Lead at the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust, and former Executive Head of Corporate</p>

		Affairs at Anglo American Platinum
20 Dec	Distinguished Fellow: Professor Stephen Richardson Time: 15h00, Science	

This year UCT will initiate two programmes to honour past graduates. The first is the recognition of Golden Grads – alumni who graduated 50 years ago. This year the ceremonies will honour Golden Grads of 1964. The second programme acknowledges alumni who elected not to attend graduation ceremonies during apartheid. These alumni have been invited to participate in a graduation ceremony for the faculty from which they obtained their degree.

Media who would like to cover any of the graduation events, should please RSVP to Kemantha Govender at 021 650 5672, 084 737 6522 or kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za by 16h00 on Thursday, 11 December 2014.

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