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## UCT interview opportunities and events

- **Insights into the cancer preventative activity of dietary garlic** – Dr Catherine Kaschula’s report is available and she is available for interviews.
- **Farm workers’ living and working conditions in South Africa: key trends, emergent issues, and underlying and structural problems** –The report of the study, commissioned by the International Labour Organisation, is available. Margareet Visser, a researcher from UCT, is available for interviews.
- **Acute stress seems to enhance women’s verbal memory, says UCT researcher** – Acute stress does not impair people’s visual and spatial memory, but exposure to it does appear to improve verbal memory in women. Dr Christopher du Plooy, recent PhD graduate, is available for interviews.

Date	Event/Topic	Background	Contact
14 July	<b>Insights into the cancer preventative activity of dietary garlic</b>	Research at UCT has found that the garlic compound Ajoene targets cancer cells. Dr Catherine Kaschula’s report is available and she is available for interviews.	<b>Dr Catherine Kaschula</b> <b>Tel:</b> 021 650 4848 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:catherine.kaschula@uct.ac.za">catherine.kaschula@uct.ac.za</a>
21 July	<b>Farm workers’ living and working Conditions in South Africa: key trends, emergent issues, and underlying and structural problems</b>	Employment relations between farm workers and their employers are in the spotlight following violent farm worker protests in the Western Cape in November 2012. The emergence of various reports on farm workers’ working and living conditions over the past few years has broadened the discourse on challenges facing agricultural producers, employers and workers. The study was commissioned by the International Labour Organisation. The full report is now available on our website at: <a href="http://www.idll.uct.ac.za/">http://www.idll.uct.ac.za/</a>	<b>Margareet Visser</b> <b>Tel:</b> 021 650 3605 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:margareet.visser@uct.ac.za">margareet.visser@uct.ac.za</a>

<p><b>20 July</b></p>	<p><b>Acute stress seems to enhance women’s verbal memory, says UCT researcher</b></p>	<p>Acute stress does not impair people’s visual and spatial memory, but exposure to it does appear to improve verbal memory in women. Dr Christopher du Plooy’s doctoral thesis, “The effects of acute stress on visual and spatial memory retrieval”, investigates how the administration of prednisone affects the retrieval of visual-spatial material. Prednisone is used to treat conditions such as allergic disorders, skin conditions, arthritis, lupus or breathing disorders.</p>	<p><b>Dr Christopher du Plooy</b>  <b>Tel:</b> 021 762 0866  <b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:christopher.duplooy@uct.ac.za">christopher.duplooy@uct.ac.za</a></p>
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