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UCT interview events and opportunities

- **'You know the African thing... when you're sick': Challenging our assumptions – the voices of women family cancer caregivers in Nairobi** – Dr Jennifer Githaiga will address the complexities of palliative care within the specific context of family cancer caregiving as experienced by a sample of women caregivers in cosmopolitan Nairobi.
- **Black and White Ways of Talking About Race: Shattering the Myth of a Post-Racial Consensus** – Associate Professor Xolela Mangcu, of the Sociology Department at UCT, will discuss race in post-apartheid South Africa.
- **Discovering the Okavango Delta** – Professor Terence McCarthy will address why researchers choose to conduct their study at the Okavango Delta, the successes and failures along the way, and difficulties and excitement of working in pristine Africa.
- **Five UCT female academics awarded SARChI Chairs** – University of Cape Town (UCT) is offering you an opportunity to interview five new SA Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) Chairs:
 - **Professor Tania Douglas** - Biomedical Engineering and Innovation
 - **Professor Jill Farrant** - Systems Biology Studies on Plant Desiccation Tolerance for Food Security
 - **Associate Professor Nonhlanhla Khumalo** - Dermatology and Toxicology
 - **Professor Hanri Mostert** - Mineral Law in Africa
 - **Dr Amanda Weltman** - Physical Cosmology

Date	Event/Topic	Background	Contact
14 Sept	'You know the African thing... when you're sick': Challenging our assumptions – the voices of women family cancer caregivers in Nairobi	The Alan J. Flisher Centre for Public Mental Health (CPMH), a joint initiative of the Department of Psychology at Stellenbosch University and the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at the UCT, is hosting a monthly seminar programme to share on-going work.	Gillian Hanslo Tel: 021 650 6663 Email: gillian.hanslo@uct.ac.za

	<p>Time: 12h00 – 13h00</p> <p>Venue: Room 3002, RW Wilcocks Building, Stellenbosch University</p>	<p>This week Dr Jennifer Githaiga, a postdoctoral research fellow at Stellenbosch University (psychology department) addresses the complexities of palliative care within the specific context of family cancer caregiving as experienced by a sample of women caregivers in cosmopolitan Nairobi – a context characterised by a fusion of traditional and non-traditional gender roles, and a concentration of specialised cancer healthcare services in Nairobi.</p>	
14 Sept	<p>Black and White Ways of Talking About Race: Shattering the Myth of a Post-Racial Consensus</p> <p>Time: 13h00 – 14h30</p> <p>Venue: Sociology Seminar Room, Leslie Social Sciences Building (Upper Campus), Room 4.51</p>	<p>Xolela Mangcu is Associate Professor of Sociology at the UCT, and Oppenheimer Fellow at the Hutchins Centre for African and African American Research at Harvard University. He is the author and co-author of eight books, and more than a dozen journal articles and book chapters, including <i>Biko: A Biography</i> (2012). His book on race in contemporary South Africa, <i>The Colour of Our Future</i>, was published by Wits University Press in 2015.</p> <p>Mangcu is widely known for his columns in <i>Business Day</i>, the <i>Weekender</i>, the <i>Sunday Independent</i>, the <i>Sowetan</i>, and his op-ed articles in <i>City Press</i> and the <i>Sunday Times</i>. He is also a regular contributor to the international magazine on African current affairs, <i>The New African</i>.</p>	<p>Gina Fourie Tel: 021 650 3515 Email: gina-mari.fourie@uct.ac.za</p>

<p>16 Sept</p>	<p>Faculty of Science Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture: "Discovering the Okavango Delta"</p> <p>Time: 17h30</p> <p>Venue: Lecture theatre 1, PD Hahn, Upper Campus UCT</p>	<p>Professor Terence McCarthy, an alumni of the Science Faculty at UCT and Professor Emeritus in the School of Geosciences at the University of Witwatersrand, will present this year's Faculty of Science Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture.</p> <p>Over the past three decades, multidisciplinary research has unravelled the workings of the Okavango ecosystem. The findings revealed that geology, hydrology, climate, water and air borne sediment, aquatic and terrestrial vegetation, and animals, particularly termites and hippos, collectively sustain the extremely dynamic yet robust Okavango ecosystem. The lecture will deal with the thinking that has driven the research, the successes and failures along the way, and difficulties and excitement of working in pristine Africa.</p>	<p>Shanaaz Smith Tel: 0216505179 Email: shanaaz.smith@uct.ac.za</p>
	<p>Five UCT academics awarded SARChI Chairs</p>	<p>Five prominent female researchers at UCT have been awarded SA Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) Chairs in their respective fields, as part of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and National Research Foundation (NRF) initiative to promote women in research.</p> <p>The recipients of these research chairs are:</p> <p>Professor Tania Douglas - Biomedical Engineering and Innovation Professor Jill Farrant - Systems Biology Studies on Plant Desiccation Tolerance for Food Security Associate Professor Nonhlanhla Khumalo - Dermatology and Toxicology Professor Hanri Mostert - Mineral Law in Africa Dr Amanda Weltman - Physical Cosmology</p>	<p>Azwi Mufamadi Tel: 021 650 5427 Cell: 078 528 6065 Email: azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za</p>

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