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UCT June Graduation Diary

11 & 12 June 2015, Jameson Hall, Upper Campus – graduation ceremonies will be live-streamed on www.uct.ac.za

- **Honorary Doctorates** to be conferred at 10h00 on Thursday, 11 June 2015, on highly respected pioneers in law, human rights, political activism, history and the arts: Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke; Advocate Thuli Madonsela; and Mr Ahmed Kathrada (Mrs Graça Machel, Chancellor of UCT, will preside at this event); and at 15h00 on Friday, 12 June 2015, on Professor John Wright, Research Associate at the University of the Witwatersrand, and Professor Okwui Enwezor from the Haus der Kunst Gallery, Germany
- **Speakers** – Professor Crain Soudien, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UCT, to address graduands at 15h00 on Thursday, 11 June 2015; Mr Sandile Zungu, Chair of the UCT Graduate School of Business Advisory Board, at 10h00 on Friday, 12 June 2015; and Professor Enwezor at 15h00 on Friday, 12 June 2015
- **Awards** – A Meritorious Book Award will be bestowed upon Professor Hanri Mostert in absentia at 10h00 on Thursday, 11 June 2015. At 15h00 on Friday, 12 June 2015, Associate Professor Xolela Mangcu will receive a Meritorious Book Award; Associate Professor Sa'diyya Shaikh the UCT 2015 Book Award; and Professor Mark Fleishman a Creative Works Award.
- **Graduands** - More than 1, 250* students, including approximately 70 PhD students and more than 500 master's students will graduate over the four ceremonies on 11 and 12 June 2015. In 2014 altogether 7,315 students graduated from UCT and in 2013, altogether 6,964 were capped.

Date, Time, Faculty	Honorary Doctorates, Speakers & Awards	More info
11 June 10h00, Commerce and Law	An honorary doctorate will be conferred on Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke . His oration will be delivered by Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, Chair of the UCT Council, while Mrs Graça Machel, Chancellor of UCT, will preside at this event.	Constitutional Court Judge, Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa, Deputy Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission, anti-apartheid activist, former political prisoner

11 June 10h00, Commerce and Law	Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Advocate Thuli Madonsela	Public Protector of South Africa, human rights lawyer, equality expert, policy specialist, technical expert to the Constitutional Assembly
11 June 10h00, Commerce and Law	Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Mr Ahmed Kathrada	Veteran of the South African liberation struggle, Rivonia trialist, long-serving political prisoner on Robben Island and Pollsmoor Maximum Prison, ANC leader and Member of Parliament
11 June 10h00, Commerce and Law	Meritorious Book Award to Professor Hanri Mostert for <i>Mineral Law: Principles and Policy in Perspective (2012)</i> (in absentia)	Professor Mostert's book is an opinion piece, intent on providing insight into the mineral law regime in place since 2004, through critical discussion within the historical context. It comments on the political debate about nationalisation of mines and focuses extensively on the implications of the new regime introduced by the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28/2002 ("MPRDA"), especially for the proprietary relations relating to minerals that existed before the MPRDA entered into force. For more info see http://www.uct.ac.za/dailynews/?id=9207 .
11 June 15h00, Engineering & The Built Environment, Health Sciences	Professor Crain Soudien will speak	Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Transformation and Social Responsiveness of UCT and the newly appointed Head and Chief Executive Officer of the Human Sciences Research Council
12 June 10h00, Graduate School of Business	Mr Sandile Zungu will speak	Chair of the UCT GSB Advisory Council and the Executive Chairman of Zungu Investments Company
12 June 15h00, Humanities and Science	Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Professor John Wright	Professor Wright, Research Associate at the Rock Art Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, is honoured for his contribution through his extraordinary scholarship on the pre-colonial history of Southern Africa and the significance of developing an archive that enables wider scholarship. His contributions have shaped this field and challenged the settler versions of history. His scholarship has been dedicated to The James Stuart Archive, a central source for the history of southeast Africa before 1910, which has over the last decade or so become quite popular among lawyers and land claimants because of the information it contains.
12 June	Honorary doctorate to be conferred on Professor Okwui Enwezor , who will also speak. Professor	Curator, art critic, editor and writer whose practice spans the world of international

15h00, Humanities and Science	Barney Pityana, Chair of the UCT Convocation, will attend this event.	exhibitions, museums, academia and publishing. Based at the Haus der Kunst Gallery, Munich, Germany, his focus is African, European, Asiatic, North and South American art of the 20th and 21st centuries, the modern and contemporary art of Africa, and the contemporary art of the African diaspora.
12 June 15h00, Humanities and Science	Meritorious Book Award to Associate Professor Xolela Mangcu for <i>Biko: A Biography</i>	<i>Biko: A Biography</i> is the first in-depth biography of the iconic founder of South Africa's black consciousness movement. In the foreword to the book former President Nelson Mandela, describes Biko as "the spark that lit a veld fire across South Africa" in the 1970s. Contrary to the tendency to reduce Biko to the influence of Frantz Fanon, Associate Professor Mangcu locates the black consciousness leader in the long lineage of political and intellectual traditions that emerged in the African encounter with colonial modernity in the late 18 th and early 19 th century in the Eastern Cape.
12 June 15h00, Humanities and Science	UCT 2015 Book Award to Associate Professor Sa'diyya Shaikh for <i>Sufi Narratives of Intimacy: Ibn 'Arabi, Gender, and Sexuality (Islamic Civilization and Muslim Networks)</i>	What is the nature of being human within the Islamic tradition? What does it mean to be a gendered human being? These are two questions that Associate Professor Shaikh's book on 13 th -century Sufi poet, mystic, and legal scholar, Muḥyi al-Din Ibn al-Arabi, seeks to answer. She grounds her research in Islamic epistemology, and attends to the ways in which Sufi metaphysics and theology allow for fundamental shifts in Islamic gender ethics and legal formulations. In doing so, she addresses the wide-ranging contemporary challenges of our times such as questions of Muslim women's rights in marriage and divorce, the politics of hijab, and women's leadership of Islamic ritual prayer.
12 June 15h00, Humanities and Science	Creative Works Award to Professor Mark Fleishman for <i>Every Year, Everyday, I am Walking</i>	<i>Every Year, Everyday, I am Walking</i> traces the perpetual movement across the continent and towards Cape Town of a mother and daughter from an unnamed francophone African country whose home has been destroyed through violent action, and then chronicles the difficulty of their integration in Cape Town.

To cover any of the graduation events, please contact Thami Nkwanyane for accreditation at 021 650 5672, 072 563 9500 or thami.nkwanyane@uct.ac.za before 16h00 on Wednesday, 10 June 2015.

Television media are asked to arrive at Jameson Hall 30 minutes before the start of the event.

***PLEASE NOTE: Graduation figures for June 2015 (mentioned above) represent the latest available figures as at 2 June 2015**

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