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UCT events and interview opportunities

- **Biochemistry breakthrough for UCT researchers** – In a global first, three UCT researchers have visualised – at a resolution close to that of individual atoms – the intact active site of a commercially important biological molecule. The three researchers are available for interviews.
- **UCT Chancellor installation** – UCT will host an official installation ceremony for the new chancellor, Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe on 16 March 2020. RSVP's for the event and post-event interviews are essential.
- **Psychotherapy Symposium** – The intention of the symposium on 18 March 2020 is to discuss service delivery models and to develop practical implementation strategies with input from government stakeholders, policy makers, community organisations, and researchers.
- **HUMA Seminar; launch of 'Beneath the Surface: A Transitional History of Skin Lighteners'** – Author Lynn M. Thomas constructs a transnational history of skin lighteners in South Africa and beyond at an event on 19 March.

Event/Topic	Background	Contact
Biochemistry breakthrough for UCT researchers	<p>In a global first, three UCT researchers have visualised – at a resolution close to that of individual atoms – the intact active site of a commercially important biological molecule.</p> <p>Dr Jeremy Woodward, Dr Andani Mulelu and Angela Kirykowicz gained novel insights into the structure of a group of enzymes known as nitrilases, which have enormous biotechnological potential.</p> <p>The breakthrough research holds the potential for long-lasting and widespread impacts on everything from manufacturing better medicines to cleaning up pollution.</p>	<p>Dr Jeremy Woodward Email: jeremy.woodward@uct.ac.za</p> <p>Dr Andani Mulelu Email: AE.Mulelu@uct.ac.za</p> <p>Angela Kirykowicz Email: angela.kirykowicz@gmail.com</p> <p>Aamirah Sondag Tel: 021 650 4976 Cell: 076 947 6071 Email: aamirah.sondag@uct.ac.za</p>

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<p>UCT Chancellor installation</p> <p>Date: 16 March 2020</p> <p>Time: 10:00 – 14:00</p> <p>Venue: Sarah Baartman Hall, Upper Campus, UCT</p>	<p>The University of Cape Town will host an official installation ceremony for the new chancellor, Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe, who took over this role at the beginning of the year.</p> <p>RSVP's by 12 March 2020 are essential.</p> <p>Note: An opportunity for one-on-one interviews is scheduled for 14:00. Interview slots will be allocated on the basis of pre-confirmation from media houses. Please indicate if you are interested in doing one-on-one interviews when confirming your attendance.</p> <p>Read the media release</p>	<p>Aamirah Sunday Tel: 021 650 4976 Cell: 076 947 6071 Email: aamirah.sunday@uct.ac.za</p>
<p>Psychotherapy Symposium - What works in South Africa?</p> <p>Implementing and scaling up evidence-based psychological therapies for resource limited settings.</p> <p>Date: 18 March 2020</p> <p>Venue: River Club, Observatory, Cape Town</p>	<p>The intention of the symposium is to discuss service delivery models and to develop practical implementation strategies with input from government stakeholders, policy makers, community organisations, and researchers.</p> <p>After speeches in the morning there be training workshops in the areas of maternal mental health, chronic disease, and child and adolescent mental health with a focus on implementation and scale-up considerations.</p> <p>Following the workshops, a panel of local experts will discuss and debate the findings and the themes of the day, with input from the audience, with a view to generating common themes for best practice. The day will end with a final summary session.</p> <p>Read more about the symposium</p>	<p>Claries Roelofsz Tel: 011 954 5753 Email: claries@londocor.co.za</p>
<p>HUMA Seminar; (book) launch of 'Beneath the Surface: A Transitional History of Skin Lighteners'</p> <p>Date: 19 March 2020</p> <p>Time: 12:30 – 14:00</p>	<p>For more than a century, skin lighteners have been a ubiquitous feature of global popular culture – embraced by consumers even as they were fiercely opposed by medical professionals, consumer health advocates, and antiracist thinkers and activists. In <i>Beneath the Surface</i>, Lynn M. Thomas constructs a transnational history of skin lighteners in South Africa and beyond.</p>	<p>Dr Divine Fuh Email: divine.fuh@uct.ac.za</p>

Venue: HUMA Seminar Room, Level 4, Neville Alexander Building, Upper Campus, UCT		
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