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The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and Universities South Africa (USAf), annually award and acknowledge scholars who have made an outstanding contribution to the social sciences and humanities through their research. The 2023 HSRC and USAf Awards aim to recognise research excellence under the “Social Justice” theme. Social sciences and humanities research influence and direct policymakers on how to improve socio-political and economic experiences. This year’s theme seeks to identify innovative research projects that are centred on analysing social justice inquiry, theories and practice aimed at achieving transformative impact in communities – socially, scientifically and otherwise. As such, the awards will recognise scholars and researchers who approach social justice issues using sharpened analytical lenses, rigorous conceptualisation, and research methods characterised by meaningful engagement with their peers and the affected communities. These researchers focus on questions related to policies or interventions aimed at addressing inequities, inequalities, unemployment and poverty, and their work must include proposed solutions.

Marginalised and disadvantaged individuals and communities are disproportionately affected by social injustices; however, research frameworks often do not consider complex and unique local contexts. Dominated by Western paradigms, approaches often fail to consider that, even within these groups, narratives differ and so will the solutions. The current times require scholars, researchers and institutions to prioritise progressive and transformative discussions and debates aimed at truly understanding social issues, and how research in the area of social justice can be powerful and meaningful.

As inequality and poverty deepen, the gap between social classes widens. Social justice is a rallying cry for progressive thinkers and activists; and the HSRC/USAf 2023 Awards will celebrate and acknowledge scholars contributing toward achieving goal 10 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015, aimed at reducing inequality within and among countries.

## **PREVIOUS WINNERS (2021/22)**

### **Established Researcher**

Professor Deevia Bhana, a National Research Foundation B1-rated scholar.

### **Emerging Researcher**

Dr Witness Maluleke, a senior lecturer in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Limpopo.

### **Research Team**

Two teams won in this category:

- The University of Johannesburg Centre for Social Change in partnership with the Developmental, Capable and Ethical State division of the HSRC. This was led by Professors Carin Runciman and Narnia Bohler-Muller.
- The Africa Centre for Evidence at the University of Johannesburg. The team was led by Professor Ruth Jacqueline Stewart.

# Programme

**Programme Director:** Ms. Brenda Sisane

09:00	Arrivals	All
09:45	Musical performance	Tumi Mogorosi
09:55	All guests are seated	All
10:10	Welcome Address	Dr Cassius Lubisi, Chairperson of Board – HSRC
10:30	Purpose of the HSRC-USAf Medal for the Social Sciences and Humanities	Dr Oliver Seale, Director of the Higher Education Leadership and Management (HELM) programme at Universities South Africa – USAf
10:55	Musical performance & Starter served	Tumi Mogorosi
11:30	Awardees announcements	Ms. Brenda Sisane
12:00	Handing over to winner & finalists	Ms. Brenda Sisane Prof. Sarah Mosoetsa & Dr Oliver Seale
	Congratulatory message	Prof. Heidi van Rooyen, Group Executive (Impact Centre), HSRC
13:00	Musical performance & Lunch served	Tumi Mogorosi
13:30	Message & Closing Remarks	Prof. Sarah Mosoetsa, CEO - HSRC
13:45	Musical performance	Tumi Mogorosi



# Speakers & Entertainment



Programme director:  
Brenda Sisane

**Brenda Sisane** is an accomplished journalist, broadcaster and community organiser who is recognisable from her long-time work as a host on Johannesburg-based KAYA FM. Sisane also serves as Executive Director of the non-profit SPIN Foundation. She started her career as a Public Relations manager, and joined the broadcasting world as a radio and television broadcaster in 1991 which opened doors into the communications sector. Sisane launched her PR consulting firm in 1995 subsequently diversifying her business to specialise in International Relations and the Creative Arts. She leads both SPIN Productions and The SPIN Foundation, which serve the local and international arts and culture marketing space. A notable programme Director Brenda is recognised for her conversation facilitation skills spanning industries and has successfully delivered papers, convened panels as well as facilitated programmes for clients such as the Botswana Economic Development Company, The Canadian Embassy, The Masekela Foundation, Department of Education Tour of Zimbabwean Minister of Education for Minister Motshekga, Standard Bank, The City of Joburg, SATOURISM are amongst her diverse client base.



Keynote speaker:  
Prof. Achille Mbembe

**Achille Mbembe** is a professor at Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER) and at the new Innovation Foundation for Democracy. He was born in Cameroon, obtained his Ph.D in History at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1989 and a D.E.A. in Political Science at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Paris). Mbembe was an assistant professor of History at Columbia University, New York (1988-1991), a senior research fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C. (1991-1992), associate professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania (1992-1996), executive secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) in Dakar, Senegal (1996-2000). Mbembe was also a visiting professor at the University of California, Berkeley (2001), at Yale University (2003), at the University of California at Irvine (2004-2005), at Duke University (2006-2011) and at Harvard University (2012).

He is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Paris VIII (France) and Universite Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). Mbembe held the Albert the Great Chair at the University of Koln (2019) and was an honorary professor at the Jakob Fugger-Zentrum, University of Augsburg (Germany). He has been awarded numerous awards including the 2015 Geschwister Scholl-Preis, the 2018 Gerda Henkel Award and the 2018 Ernst Bloch Award.

A co-founder of [Les Ateliers de la pensee de Dakar](#) and a major figure in the emergence of a new wave of French critical theory, Mbembe has written extensively on contemporary politics and philosophy, including *On the Postcolony* (University of California Press, 2001), *Critique of Black Reason* (Duke University Press, 2016), *Necropolitics* (Duke University Press, 2019) and *Out of the Dark Night. Essays on Decolonization* (Columbia University Press, 2020). Originally written in French, his books and numerous articles are translated in thirteen languages (English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Slovenian, Danish, Swedish, Romanian, Arabic, Chinese). He has an A1 [rating from the South African National Research Foundation](#) and is a member of the [American Academy of Arts and Sciences](#).



Music Performance:  
Tumi Mogorosi

**Tumi Mogorosi** known for his work in composing, arranging, and directing live classic and jazz music. There is a synergy between Sociological theory and the performative gestures in the Black Sonic, that is the thread of Black Consciousness which views blackness as an antagonistic condition that overrides the hegemonic historical narrative of blackness as degradation and deceit. Tumi was nominated for the South African Music Award (2015) and won the Standard Bank Ovation Award (2016) and the Standard Bank Performer of the Year Award in that same year. He is the author of *Deaesthetic: Writing With and From the Black Sonic* (Iwalewabooks: Bayreuth, 2021). His album, *Group Theory: Black Music* was released in May 2022 by two independent record labels including New Soil (London) and Mushroom Art Half-Hour (Johannesburg).



# Nominees: Established Researcher Award

**Prof. Saleem Badat** is a research professor in the History Department at the University of the Free State. Between 2014 and 2019, he served as the first Program Director of International Higher Education & Strategic Projects at the Mellon Foundation in New York. Prior to that he was vice-chancellor of Rhodes University. In 1999, he was appointed the first CEO of the Council on Higher Education, the advisory body to the Minister of Higher Education & Training. He has also served as Director of the Education Policy Unit of the University of the Western Cape. Combining critical theory and practice, scholarship and activism, his concerns are structure and agency, reproduction and transformation, equity, redress, and social justice in and through universities, and the decolonisation and transformation of universities. Saleem's books include *Tennis, Apartheid and Social Justice* (2023), *The Forgotten People: Political Banishment under Apartheid* (2012), *Black Man, You are on Your Own* (2009), and *Black Student Politics, Higher Education and Apartheid* (2000). He is researching books on a history of universities in South Africa and on his tenure as Rhodes University's first black vice-chancellor. Key awards include honorary doctorates from the universities of the Free State, York and Rhodes, and the Inyathelo Exceptional Philanthropy Award. He is a board member of the International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs and of Our Compelling Interest, a trustee of the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust, and a former chair of Universities South Africa and of the Association of African Universities Scientific Committee on Higher Education. Saleem holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of York.



*Prof. Saleem Badat*



*Prof. Ashwin Desai*

**Prof. Ashwin Desai** is a professor of sociology at the University of Johannesburg where he also holds the SARCHI Chair in Social Change. Among his books are *We are the Poors: Community Struggles in Post-Apartheid South Africa*, *Reading Revolution: Shakespeare on Robben and Wentworth: The Beautiful Game and the Making of Place*. His latest book *Durban's Casbah: Bunny Chows, Bolsheviks and Bioscopes* (co-authored) will be published by UKZN Press in July 2023.

**Prof. Fombad** is a professor of law and is based at the Institute for International and Comparative Law of the Faculty of Law. He was previously the Head of Department of Public Law, of the Faculty of Law (2010-2012). Fombad is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa, a fellow of the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) and vice president of the International Association of Constitutional Law. Fombad's areas of research interest-s are onstitutional law; Comparative Constitutional law: Legal history; Mixed legal systems; and Media law. He holds an LLM from University of Yaounde, a PhD from University of London and a Diploma Conflict Resolution from Uppsala University.



*Prof. Charles Fombad*



*Dr Tim HB Hart*

**Dr Tim Hart** is a chief research specialist in the HSRC's Democratic, Capable and Ethical State research division. He holds an MPhil in social science methods (2004) and a PhD in social anthropology (2020), both from Stellenbosch University (SU). Hart specialises in research methodology, policy and cultural diversity in community development, with a focus on developing urban areas and rural development. Hart has strong interests in the sociology of science, land reform, inclusive methodologies and the roles of different actors and actants in development implementation networks, as well as innovation, indigenous knowledge, gender in development and food and nutrition security and food systems. Hart has worked in the field of disability studies since 2014, providing disability service organisations and disabled people's organisations in South Africa with research guidance. Hart has reviewed government and internationally funded reports on disability in South Africa for the Ministry of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities. Hart has been coordinating a small team of HSRC researchers since 2020, primarily focusing on the human rights of persons with disabilities and working on the research needs of disability-support organisations. Since joining the HSRC in 2004, Hart has managed numerous research projects on indigenous knowledge systems, agricultural development, land reform and innovation in rural districts.



Prof. Modimowabarwa  
Kanyane

**Prof. Modimowabarwa Hendrick Kanyane** is a published researcher with a doctorate from University of Pretoria (UP) in the field of Public administration. He worked at Universities of Limpopo and Fort Hare as an academic professional for more than 15 years. Kanyane later joined HSRC in 2010 where his research, leadership and managerial skills are finding application in new and ongoing large research projects that are expected to have an impact on policy and practice. Kanyane serves on various professional and advisory bodies. He also spends part of his life in public space expressing his opinion about issues of democracy, governance and service delivery. International exposures in Kanyane's research career include attending and facilitating training, involvement in joint research and presenting conference papers abroad. To date, Kanyane has produced over 100 research outputs which include peer reviewed articles in accredited journals, peer reviewed book chapters, books, peer reviewed policy briefs, non-peer reviewed material and clients research reports. Kanyane currently provides mentorship support to the post graduate students in African universities under the auspices of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) College of Senior Academic Mentors. Kanyane is actively involved in BRICS activities as chair of the Political and Economic Cluster of the BRICS Think Tank South Africa at the National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS).

**Prof. Malose Langa** is a professor and senior lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. He is also an associate senior researcher at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation. His research interests include risk-taking behaviours among young people and their role in politics, substance abuse and addiction; the trauma of collective violence; and the psychology of men in post-apartheid South Africa. He has published book chapters and journal articles on violence and other topics related to masculinities, including the book *Becoming Men: Black Masculinities in a South African Township*, and, recently, the co-edited book *Youth in South Africa: agency, invisibility and development*. Langa has authored policy briefs and research reports with a specific focus on the Community Work Programme and the Marikana Massacre. He has served as a board member for the Health Professional Council of South Africa, and is currently a board member of the non-governmental organisations Gun Free South Africa and Vukashokho. Langa has worked as a psychologist for the last 18 years, focussing on mental health issues such as trauma, depression and suicide. He has also served as an expert witness in various legal cases, and as a commissioner at the University of Cape Town's Institutional Reconciliation and Transformation Commission following the Rhodes Must Fall protests.



Prof. Malose Langa

**Prof. Mavhandu-Mudzusi** is a professor in the Department of Health Studies and the Chairperson of the Research Ethics Committee of the College of Human Sciences at the University of South Africa (UNISA). Mudzusi started her professional journey as a Nurse at Siloam hospital in 1982 where she went through the ranks from being a student nurse to Chief Professional Nurse. Mudzusi is a professor at the University of South Africa. She is a NRF C rated researcher with 33 peer-reviewed publications, a book chapter and 25 peer-reviewed conference papers and a winner of 2017 Distinguished Women Scientist Award. Mudzusi was an HIV/AIDS coordinator at the University of where she trained students and educators in basic HIV/AIDS information. Mudzusi trained educators in Limpopo in HIV/AIDS counselling skills for orphans and vulnerable children and is involved in rural community service work, which includes HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns at rural secondary schools, churches and orphanages. Mudzusi is a fellow of M.A.C. AIDS Fund Leadership Initiative at Columbia University, the University of California and the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa. She holds several diplomas, advanced diplomas and degrees in nursing, including an Honours and master's degree. She is the holder of the following awards:

2019: Finalist: Standard Bank Top Women Awards: Top Women in Science.

2018: Chancellor's Award of Excellence in Research: College of Human Sciences. University of South Africa

2017: Women in Science Award: Distinguished Women Scientist (National Department of Science and Technology).

2016: Women's award for excellence in research: Leadership in research (University of South Africa).



Prof. Azwihangwisi  
Helen Mavhandu-  
Mudzusi



*Prof. Brij Maharaj*

**Prof. Brij Maharaj** is a senior professor of geographer at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. He is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa. Maharaj is a former president of the Society of South African Geographers. He is a B-rated NRF researcher. Maharaj was co-editor of the South African Geographical Journal (Routledge). He was also the consulting editor of the Journal of Immigration and Refugee Studies. Maharaj has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Urban Affairs, Geoforum, Antipode, Indian Ocean Survey, African Geographical Review, Migration and Development, and South Asian Diaspora. Maharaj is a civic activist from the anti-apartheid era, and actively promotes and advocates for a revived civil society in democratic South Africa. He is a regular media commentator on topical issues as part of his commitment to public intellectualism.

**Dr Mokgadi** whilst serving in her areas of operation, took part in statutory regulatory compliance committees. She was appointed as a director at Statistics South Africa from 2005 to 2015. Mokgadi was an active member of the Employment Equity Committee forging the attainment of departmental employment equity targets. She was also a member of the Policy Coordination Unit from 2011-2015. Mokgadi served in the Departmental Bid Adjudication Committee for three years. She has been instrumental in the development of strategies emanating from the policies. She served in the Council of the Da Vinci as a student representative for 3 years. Mokgadi is involved in Public Policy Analysis research at the University of South Africa where her main responsibility is authoring of academic manuscripts and getting them published as articles in the various academic Journals. Mokgadi's PhD thesis recommended that organisations should establish organisational efficiency improvement centrifugal units to be able to deal with aspects of organisational transformation, leadership, management of people, change management, organisational culture and staff coaching. Mokgadi has published a book titled Development of Organisational Culture morals in 2015.



*Dr Julia Mokgadi  
Ngoepe-Ntsoane*



*Prof. Mpho Ngoepe*

**Prof. Ngoepe** is a member of the Technical Subcommittee on Encoded Archival Standards (TS-EAS) of the Society of American Archivists, he serves on the advisory council of the National Archives of South Africa in his capacity as chair of the Gauteng Provincial Archives, and has also served the Southern Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives as journal editor.

Ngoepe served as director of the African team that participated in InterPARESTrust, a multinational, interdisciplinary research project investigating issues relating to digital records. He has worked interalia for the United Nations Children's Fund, the Auditor-General of South Africa, Technikon Northern Gauteng, Bloemfontein Legal Deposit and the National Archives of South Africa.

**Prof. Umesh Ramnarain's** research focuses on inquiry-based learning. His research is on inquiry teaching and learning, and its uptake in South African classrooms, characterised by diversity and complexity in terms of intrinsic and extrinsic or environmental factors. The knowledge base Ramnarain has built has important implications at both the national and international levels, especially in terms of inquiry teaching in underprivileged schools.



*Prof. Umesh Ramnarain*





Prof. Tina Uys

**Prof. Tina Uys** is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Johannesburg. She has held the position of Head of Department for 15 years and is a certified Clinical Sociologist with the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology. Recently appointed to the United Nations Independent System-Wide Evaluation Mechanism (UNISWEM) Global Panel of Advisors, Uys also served as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at George Washington University and the University of Cincinnati in 2013. Uys has held numerous leadership positions in the sociological community, including Vice-President of the International Sociological Association, past President of ISA's Clinical Sociology and Social Psychology divisions, and former President of the South African Sociological Association. Additionally, Uys serves on the advisory board of the Whistleblowing Canada Research Society and has authored or edited over 50 publications, with her most recent work, "Whistleblowing and the Sociological Imagination," published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2022. Prof Uys is rated as an Internationally Recognized Researcher (B3) by the South African National Research Foundation, and specialises in the field of clinical sociology with a specific focus on advancing the sociological understanding of whistleblowing.

## Nominees: Emerging Researcher Award



Dr Hannah Dawson

**Dr Hannah Dawson** is a senior researcher at the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies. Her research focuses on questions of unemployment, labour, gender, citizenship and new forms of social welfare, with a focus on South Africa. Broadly, her research has grappled with the social, economic and political consequences of the growing unemployment in South(ern) Africa. She has approached this through a range of projects, including a study on young people's responses to chronic unemployment, digital technology and the changing nature of work, and popular demands and policy-making around more expansive cash transfers and basic income. Her research has been published in *Economy and Society*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Social Dynamics*, *Africa*, and *African Affairs* among others. Dawson has substantial teaching experience across disciplines and institutions and experience working in policy research, analysis and advocacy in the fields of development, socio-economic rights, and poverty and inequality in research and civil society organisations. Dawson has a DPhil in Social Anthropology and an MPhil in International Development from the University of Oxford.

**Dr Pedro Mzileni** is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of the Free State. He heads the department's undergraduate 1<sup>st</sup> year programme where he teaches and develops courses to introduce students to decolonial sociology. Mzileni is a productive, engaged and passionate researcher who has published in peer-reviewed international journals and supervised on social justice thematic areas. His work examines the histories of universities, the histories of colonial-apartheid cities and how these forces connect with present-day questions of housing, land, urban spaces, studentification, black childhood, and decoloniality. Mzileni is also a research associate in the Raymond Mhlaba Centre for Governance and Leadership at Nelson Mandela University and the author of the Monday column for *The Sowetan*. He received his PhD in sociology in 2021 from the Nelson Mandela University.



Dr Pedro Mzileni



Phindile Nkosi

**Phindile Nkosi** is a researcher in the field of Environmental and Development Economics. Nkosi's research interests include energy economics, behavioural economics and gender studies. She has published research relating to household energy use in several international journals. Nkosi has also presented several papers in local and international conferences.

**Dr Andri Schoonen** has experience in teaching higher education and research administration, and conference organisation. Schoonen has advanced knowledge in technology use for teaching and learning environments. Schoonen lectures Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) with the main focus of Afrikaans and English Home Languages. As a young academic, Schoonen was presented with the opportunity to lead the ECDE-subject group of the NWU as subject chair since August 2016. She is pursuing her PhD in Education, hoping to obtain the qualification in 2019. Schoonen's research focus includes: Service Learning Decolonisation of the teacher education curriculum (Foundation Phase) Pre-service teacher education for South-African teaching realities The role of English Home Language in ECDE for teacher preparation in SA-contexts.



*Dr Andri Schoonen*



*Nombulelo Shange*

**Nombulelo Shange** is a lecturer in Sociology in the University of the Free State (UFS) in the Department of Sociology and one of our top opinion article writers – regularly quoted by the media. She is also currently a PhD candidate in Anthropology, studying a Cape Town community called the 'mountain doctors'.

Through his research, **Dr Nathi Zongozzi** is an advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities, providing key information, recommendations and policy direction in this field. During times of transition in South Africa's higher education (e.g. driven by the COVID-19 pandemic), his immediate focus was ensuring the rights and continuous inclusion of students with disabilities. His research interests include education, disability and public policy. Zongozzi work has been published and cited in leading local and international journals. He has served as an advisory board member of international journals, is involved in various research projects related to supporting students with disabilities, supervises masters and doctoral students, and serves as a leader in departmental committees. Zongozzi seeks to make his research findings meaningful by continuously engaging with fellow young leaders on continental and global societal issues. These include platforms such as the Obama Young African Leaders Initiatives and the South African Bricks Youth Association. He believes that, for research to be meaningful and impactful, researchers should move beyond a narrow focus on citation metrics, towards collaborative research that seeks solutions to real-life problems. Zongozzi obtained his doctoral degree from UNISA in 2022.



*Dr Nathi Zongozzi*

# Nominees: Mid-Career Researcher Award



*Dr Zaynab Essack*

**Dr Zaynab Essack** is a chief research specialist in the Human and Social Development (HSD) research programme at the HSRC. She holds an MSocSci in research psychology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and obtained a PhD in psychology from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (2015) on the topic: An empirical study of standards of prevention in South African HIV vaccine trials: Norms, perspectives and practices.

Before joining the HSRC in October 2015, Essack was a senior researcher for the Social Development Portfolio Committee at the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature (Pietermaritzburg). She has worked for the HIV AIDS Vaccines Ethics Group (HAVEG), University of KwaZulu-Natal and is currently an honorary research fellow at the School of Law, UKZN, and convenes a module on informed consent for the South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI, UKZN).

Her areas of research interest include: HIV prevention interventions for key populations, with a focus on adolescents; ethical-legal issues in research; and sexual and reproductive health rights. Underscoring this is an interest in novel and innovative research methodologies and a research ethics focus.

**Prof. Howard Chitimira** lectures in the Faculty of Law of North-West University. He is an advocate of the High Court of South Africa and a National Research Foundation (NRF) rated legal scholar. Chitimira holds the degrees LLB cum laude (UFH), LLM (UFH) and LLD (NMMU). For Chitimira's doctorate he specialised in securities and financial markets law. To date, he has published two books and over twenty journal articles in this field. Chitimira is a reviewer and editorial board member of several law journals in South Africa and elsewhere, as well as an external examiner for LLB, LLM and LLD degrees at several universities.



*Prof. Howard Chitimira*



*Dr Alude Mahali-Bhengu*

**Dr Alude Mahali-Bhengu** is a chief research specialist in the Inclusive Economic Development programme at the Human Sciences Research Council. Her scholarship has been largely driven by the desire to create and support opportunities for the marginalised to meaningfully participate in social, educational, political and civic life. Mahali-Bhengu's research expertise and experience focuses on youth social justice work using innovative visual and participatory methodologies, especially those suited to resource-strained contexts. Mahali-Bhengu was recently Principal Investigator on a project on civic education for youth and another on language policies and practices in South African Higher Education Institutions. She is currently the co-Principal Investigator on a longitudinal cohort study of African tertiary alumni of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Programme that investigates how to maximise the impact of young African graduates as agents in the social and economic transformation of Africa. She has published a number of journal articles, book chapters and research reports, including the book, *Studying while Black: race, education and emancipation in South African universities* (2018). Her most recent publications look at youth activism, the sociology of education and youth navigational capacities. In 2018, she was recognised as one of Mail and Guardian's 200 inspiring young South Africans. She is former editor of the South African Theatre Journal and currently honorary lecturer in the School of Arts at the University of KwaZulu Natal. Mahali-Bhengu holds a PhD from the University of Cape Town.





*Dr Vishwas Satgar*

**Dr Vishwas Satgar** is an associate professor of international relations at the University of the Witwatersrand. His research interests include global political ecology and earth relations, civilisational crisis, transnational alternatives and Marxist theory. He is the editor of the Democratic Marxism book series with Wits University Press and principal investigator for Emancipatory Futures Studies in the Anthropocene. Satgar is a veteran activist and co-founder of the South African Food Sovereignty Campaign and Climate Justice Charter Movement. He chairs the board of the Cooperative and Policy Alternatives Center.

**Prof. Luke Sinwell** is an associate professor in the sociology department at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and project coordinator of the Centre for Sociological Research and Practice. He is co-author (with Siphwe Mbatha) of *The Spirit of Marikana: The Rise of Insurgent Trade Unionism in South Africa* (Pluto Press, London: 2016) and author of *The Participation Paradox: Between Bottom-up and Top-Down Development in South Africa* (McGill-Queens University Press, Montreal: 2023). Sinwell is co-hosting (with Farieda Nazier) a series of artistic events called, "Marikana's Memory: The Brush is Mightier than the Bullet" in May and June which will culminate in the launch of Ayanda Mabulu's art exhibition at UJ on 16 June 2023. The project calls for a return to the idea of the public African university and argues that the decolonial approach must be located within the everyday lived experiences of the oppressed. The organisers aim to use the launch as a springboard to move towards a national annual lecture at higher education institutions that commemorates the Marikana massacre on 16 August 2023.



*Prof. Luke Sinwell*

## Nominees: Team Award



*Nelson Mandela  
University:  
The Centre for Women  
and Gender Studies*

Launched in October 2019 and housed under the Engagement and Transformation Portfolio at Nelson Mandela University (NMU), the **Centre for Women and Gender Studies** (CWGS) aims to promote attitudinal and social transformation through the empowerment of women, gender equity and equality, and gender mainstreaming in teaching and learning, collaborative engagements, and research. The CWGS team includes seven key members. Profs Babalwa Magoqwana and Pumla Dineo Gqola guide the intellectual and strategic projects of the centre. They work with Siphokazi Tau, Simran Juglal, Qhama Noveve, Khanyisile Khunga and Wendy Adams (administrator). The CWGS's prestigious NMU-DSI-NRF SARCHI Chair in *African Feminist Imagination* (the Chair) is headed by Gqola, an award-winning author and academic. Through various projects and archival endeavours, the Centre and Chair highlight African women's often-forgotten power and leadership in society and spotlighting of African women's biographical and intellectual histories while developing a 'gender intellectual corridor in the Eastern Cape' with Rhodes University and the University of Fort Hare. The team has engaged in numerous activities, including the Dr Brigalia Bam Archive project with the Humanities Faculty, the award-winning *Author Fridays Series* that brings together authors, academics, researchers, and students to critically discuss topics relating to gender. This series sought to keep the humanities and social science perspective at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions. Through its annual summer schools and writing workshops, the centre, the chair and partners have trained many postgraduate students across the province.



*The NRF supported  
Communities of Practice Team*

**The NRF supported Communities of Practice (CoP) team** for improved child well-being of beneficiaries of the Child Support Grant (CSG) is made up of 13 researchers, 19 partner organizations and 165 children and their families who have actively participated in the CoP over the past three years. The team is led by three UJ SARCHI Chairs (Professors Patel (PI), Pillay (Co-PI), Henning (Co-PI)). The team is supported by collaborating research partners: Prof Norris from the Wits Centre of Excellence in Human Development; Prof Telukdarie (Johannesburg Business School and Dept of Engineering, UJ and his team lead, Mr Maphisa); Prof Graham (Director of the CSDA, UJ), Prof Ntshingila, Department of Nursing UJ; Dr. Sadiyya Haffeejee, CSDA, UJ; Dr Nesengani (Nursing), UP; Dr MKabile-Zembe, Medical Research Council; Dr Kajee-Setlhare UWC; Dr Nyati (Wits); Dr Bezuidenhout (UJ); Ms Sello; CSDA, UJ; Tania Sani, CSDA, UJ; Mr Ramasodi (UJ); Ms Mbowa and Prof Katja Joronen, Nursing Science, Turku University, Finland.

The CoP is made up of local, provincial and national government departments such as the City of Johannesburg, the Departments of Basic Education and Departments of Social Development at provincial and national levels. Non-governmental Organizational (NGO) partners include NGOs operating at community levels such as FAMSA, ChildLine, MES; Soul Foods and the Ndlovu Care Group based in Moutse, Limpopo; SAVE the Children, an international NGO and UNICEF. The CoP is nested in six schools in Johannesburg: Malvern Primary School (Malvern); Lejoeleputsoa Primary School (Meadowlands); Mayibuye Primary School (Doornkop, Soweto); Mikateka Primary School (Ivory Park); Ekukhanyisweni Primary School (Alexandra) and Ekucathulweni, Moutse in Limpopo. The intervention team is composed of social workers (7), teachers (60), nurses (12), education psychologists (5) all of whom are implementing partners who form a local level CoP at the six schools. The success of the CoP is attributed to the cooperation and support of the children and their families.

**Basic Package of Support for Young People who are Not in Employment, Education or Training: University of Johannesburg and Cape Town** - The team comprises researchers from the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and the University of Cape Town (UCT). Prof. Lauren Graham (UJ) and Prof Ariane De Lannoy (UCT) lead a team of emerging researchers, most of whom are women from designated groups. They are also collaborating closely with the DG Murray Trust as an implementing partner in this innovative, applied research project, which brings together implementers and researchers to demonstrate how research can have a real impact in communities.

Prof. Lauren Graham, a development sociologist with a Doctorate in Sociology from the University of Johannesburg (UJ), was promoted to associate professor in July 2016 and appointed the deputy director of the *Centre for Social Development in Africa* (CSDA) in October 2016. In January 2019, Graham assumed a new role as director for the CSDA. Her research interests are in the application and testing of social and development theories in practice with a focus on youth, children and people with disabilities and their agency in assessing human development outcomes. Graham has strong expertise in evaluation research and is skilled in the use of both quantitative and qualitative research approaches. She is particularly interested in the use of research methods that give a voice to vulnerable groups. Graham manages a range of research initiatives related to youth, including our flagship project – the Siyakha Youth Assets Project – which seeks to develop knowledge and interventions to support young people to transition to employment. She also supervises post graduate students and mentors younger researchers.

Prof. Ariane De Lannoy is a chief research officer at Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU). Her work involves developing and coordinating a “youth focus” within the existing Poverty and Inequality Initiative of the University of Cape Town (UCT). Prior to joining SALDRU/PII, De Lannoy worked as a senior research officer at the Children’s Institute of UCT for 5 years. De Lannoy holds a PhD in Sociology from UCT, and her dissertation looked at educational decision-making in the era of AIDS.



*Prof. Lauren Graham*



*Prof. Ariane De Lannoy*



*Dr Moses H Lubinga*

**Cassava Value Chain Project: National Agricultural Marketing Council** - The team is led by Dr Moses Lubinga and Dr Ndiadivha Tempia of the National Agricultural Marketing Council. The output of the project, which includes opening markets for farmers in rural areas and increasing interest among local communities in adopting the crop for industrial and food purposes, has the potential to address two major challenges in the country: high unemployment and food security.

Dr Moses H Lubinga is a senior economist for trade research at the National Agricultural Marketing Council. Lubinga looks at how this scenario may play out for South Africa.

Dr Ndiadivha Tempia's experience in the academic and research environment spans a period of 17 years. Tempia has served as a researcher, lecturer, and head of department in the field of economics. Tempia is the head of the research division, whose mandate is to provide policy advocacy on the marketing of agricultural products in South Africa to the Minister of Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) and other key stakeholders. The policy advisory covers the viability of the agricultural sector amidst challenges of climate change, competitiveness in the sector, food security and affordability.

Tempia's doctoral studies examined the impact of foot-and-mouth disease on the livelihoods of smallholder farmers living adjacent to the Kruger National Park. It made contributions towards policy formulation on addressing market opportunities and challenges facing smallholder farmers. The study culminated in the publication of two journal papers and policy briefs targeting policy makers in the agricultural sector.

Tempia is overseeing a project titled "A value chain analysis of the cassava sub-sector in SOUTH AFRICA." The study is already making tangible contributions to policy formulation around food security, diversification of food baskets, import substitution, job creation and inclusive growth. Tempia's other projects include:

"Interim Evaluation of the Temporary Deployment of Rural Development Planning Assistants (RDPA)" and "High-quality markets and value chains for small-scale and emerging beef cattle farmers in South Africa"

**Vuwani Science Resource Centre: University of Venda** - The Vuwani Science Resource Centre is actively engaged in education for social justice in the Rural Limpopo Province. The centre has been involved in improving the science, engineering, technology and mathematics in the Limpopo region and South Africa at large. The centre embarks on education inhouse and outreach programmes for previously disadvantaged individuals, aiming to stimulate interest in and understanding of maths and science.

Dr Maluta, Head of Department and Coordinator of Vuwani Science Resource Centre, has been involved in a physics teachers' development training workshop through the South Africa Institute of Physics since 2019. Malutha has 20 years of in-depth knowledge and experience of renewable/solar energy, mathematics and theoretical physics as well as extensive research training acquired during post-graduate education. Maluta takes a strong analytical and detail-oriented approach to problems. He has a proven track record of high-level job performance in all previous roles.

Maluta possesses intimate understanding of what makes technical projects successful. Proficient in stakeholder management, risk assessment and strategy formulation. Maluta has a flexible approach to project methodology, which optimises team performance and cohesiveness, while ensuring all goals are met within scope and budget



*Dr Nditshedzeni Eric Maluta*





**Just Gender Project Team (CSA&G, UP): University of Pretoria** - The “Strengthening Practice Through Collaboration” (Just Gender) Project constitutes a portfolio of research-based interventions and community engagements geared towards supporting social justice through a gendered lens. The project has spanned a period of five years (2017-2022) and has been implemented through a strategic partnership between the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (CSA&G) at the University of Pretoria (UP) and the Embassy of Ireland in South Africa (SA).

#### **The team:**

**Dr Cori Wielenga** is a senior lecturer in the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Pretoria and a research associate in the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation. Wielenga's research interest is in the intersection of local, national and international justice and governance systems in Africa. To this end, she has spent time in Rwanda, Burundi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria and South Africa to understand the impact of these intersecting systems of justice and governance on people 'on the ground'. Dr Wielenga has published her work in numerous journals on Africa including *African Insight* and *African Journal on Conflict Resolution*. A volume she has edited about justice and governance systems in Burundi, Zimbabwe and Mozambique is to be released by Codesria in October 2018.

**Dr Bosco B. Bae** is a postdoctoral research fellow with the Human Economy Programme in the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship at the University of Pretoria. Bae is an interdisciplinary scholar in the study of religion and has published on issues of belief, cognitive dissonance, religion and society, racism, and the human economy. He is currently conducting fieldwork with traditional healers and buddhists in Johannesburg, South Africa and focuses on the intersectional axis between religion, money, and morality.

**Dr Ruth Murambadoro** joined the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (CSA&G) as a researcher and project administrator in November 2017. Murambadoro holds a DPhil in Political Sciences, an MA in Political Sciences, BA (Hons) International Relations and BPolSci Political Studies all from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She also holds several postgraduate certificates in conflict management, political psychology, post-conflict transitions, African thought leadership and international justice from the International Peace and Security Institute (IPSI), the Central European University (CEU) and the Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute (TMLI). She serves on the board of the African Studies Association (ASA) and is a research associate at the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn). Her work has been published in the *African Journal for Conflict Resolution* (AJCR), the *Strategic Review of Southern Africa* (SRSA), and *Kujenga Amani* to mention a few. She is currently working on various research projects in Zimbabwe related to maternal and neonatal health, gender justice, transitional justice, governance, social justice and tradition-based justice systems.

**Dr Zefanias Matsimbe** is a senior lecturer at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM), Mozambique, where he also holds cumulative positions as director of Master's Programs in Political Science and Public Administration. He holds a PhD degree in Political Science from University of Pretoria (UP), South Africa. He also collaborates with the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa, Mozambique office, as a resident consultant in elections and political parties. Besides tradition-based justice practices, Matsimbe's other areas of research interests include democracy and electoral processes, voting behaviour, intra- and inter-party development, electoral dispute resolution, electoral systems, money and political corruption. He maintains a continuous link with UP through collaboration in alternative / informal / traditional justice research projects in Africa at the Center for the Study of Governance Innovation.

**Ms Chenai Matshaka** is a PhD candidate at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. She has worked in the human rights field in Zimbabwe and South Africa with a focus on organised violence, torture, political violence, and migrant and refugee rights. She is at the Centre for Mediation in Africa, the Centre for Human Rights, and the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation amongst others. Matshaka's research interests include issues to do with transitional justice, memory and conflict, political violence and peace building.

**Dr Erika Dahlmanns** holds a PhD in Cultural Anthropology/Conflict Studies from the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) at the University of Bayreuth (Germany), where she wrote her doctoral thesis on issues related to local political imageries and practices of social reconstruction in post-genocide Rwanda. Dahlmanns has been awarded research fellowships from the Gerda Henkel Foundation and the German Research Foundation (DFG) and conducted field work in Rwanda at the Rwandan National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC), among prison inmates and artists between 2006 and 2011. Since 2010, she has been working as a trained mediator and a lecturer at the Philipps-University of Marburg (Germany), teaching courses related to collective violence, mediation, nationalism and development. In 2010 and 2011 she curated an exhibition entitled “Ruanda Gezeichnet: Gesellschaft – Geschichte – Genozid” that showed drawings collected from Rwandans, depicting images of Rwandan history and society after genocide.

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