
FACULTY OF SCIENCE (CEREMONY 1)

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Academic Procession.

(The congregation is requested to stand as the procession enters the hall)

The Presiding Officer will constitute the congregation.

The National Anthem.

The University Dedication will be read by a representative of the SRC.

Musical Item.

Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies.

The graduands will be presented to the Presiding Officer by the Dean of the Faculty.

The Presiding Officer will congratulate the new graduates and diplomates.

The Master of Ceremonies will make closing announcements and invite the congregation to stand.

The Presiding Officer will dissolve the congregation.

The procession, including the new graduates, will leave the hall.

(The congregation is requested to remain standing until the procession has left the hall.)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondolwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka etjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa la matshwenyeho,
O se boloke,
O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika – South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.

DISTINCTIONS IN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Bachelors degrees may be awarded with distinction

in a subject (or major), where the student achieves first class passes in specified courses

in the degree, where the student has both distinction in at least one subject (or major) and first class passes in at least the equivalent of six full courses.

Honours degrees are awarded by class (first, second class division one, second class division two, or third).

Master's degrees may be awarded with distinction

in the degree, (by dissertation) for especially meritorious work

in the degree, (by coursework and minor dissertation) for especially meritorious work for the dissertation as well as achieving 75% or better for the coursework.

NAMES OF GRADUANDS

An asterisk * denotes that the degree will be awarded in the absence of the candidate.

Dean: Professor M Ramutsindela

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Sasha Luca Abramowitz (with distinction in Computer Science and Computer Games Development)	Silke Freia Brandt (with distinction in Applied Biology and Marine Biology)	Hana Faulds
Shane Gregory Acton (with distinction in Computer Games Development)	Megan Adams Brown	Philippa Eileen Forshaw
Ibrahim Adams	Erin Buchanan (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	Hayli Natanya Geffen (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Brandon Nicholas Addison	Kirsten Emma Buchanan (with distinction in Biochemistry)	Ghia Gelderbloem
Ayanda Nyameka Africa	Chloe Victoria Buck (with distinction in Biochemistry)	*Brandon Gower-Winter
Riyaadh Ahmed	Caitlyn Callanan (with distinction in Applied Biology and Marine Biology)	Campbell Oliver Green
Yasien Gamal Saad Amer	Kimberley Jane Cameron	Liam Adam Greenhalgh
Leah Amod (and that the degree was awarded distinction in Chemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	Duncan James Campbell	Christelle Grimbeek
Mikhail Raqeem Amod	Carole-Keza Capitaine (with distinction in Biochemistry)	Heng Jia Guo (with distinction in Computer Science, Computer Games Development and the degree with distinction)
Ruth Emily Amoore	Liam Gareth Emmerich Carew	Abigail Caitlin Gwynn (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Nikhil Hasmukh Amtha	Jordy Reece Chetty	Michael Logan Haasbroek
Jessica Tiffany Arro	Adam Mitchell Chin	Kahla Alexandra Hackner
Alka Bajjnath	Arad Shulamit Cohen (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	Scott Michael Hallauer (with distinction in Computer Science, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Ariella Barnett (with distinction in Genetics)	Laura Cohen	Eesaa Harris (with distinction in Ocean & Atmosphere Science)
Bianca Baum	Timothy James Colvin Coles (with distinction in Environmental & Geographical Science)	Sinelethu Hashibi
*James Beatham	Arron Taylor Lund Correia (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	Bongiwe Princess Havi
*Claudia Lorenza Beltramo (with distinction in Human Anatomy & Physiology, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	*Leith David Coupland	Jaren James Hendricks
Joshua Daniel Benjamin	Jonathan George Crowther	Sebastian Karl Herbig
Kirstin Lee Bloomer (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	Diane Beatrice David	Wesley Michael Herman
Olivia Carla Bloomer (with distinction in Genetics)	Kauthar Davids	Samuel John Hewat
Reuben Benny Booi	Jose Antonio De Faria	Sonia Heye (with distinction in Ocean & Atmosphere Science)
Sonwabile Alfred Booi	Wayne De Jager	Cecil Rodney John Hlungwana
Thomas Kenneth Borchert	Ella Hannan Maria De Nicola	*Duncan James Hill
Dino Bossi (with distinction in Computer Science)	*Caitlin Dixon	Chiao-Yu Hsiao
Jessica Jean Bourn (with distinction in Computer Science, Genetics and the degree with distinction)	Ashleigh Anne Donaldson	Danielle Rebecca Hunt
	Aamirah Dramat	Massimo Morgan Iovino
	Ashleigh Dreyer	Abdul Rahman Isaacs
	Meluleki Dube	Muhammed Ismail
	Pratish Dullabh	Naadirah Ismail
	Jason Alexander Dunbar	Zaahirah Ismail
	Jarryd William Dunn (with distinction in Computer Science, Computer Games Development and the degree with distinction)	Cayla Jackson
	*Björn Ernest Du Toit	Megan Jane Jackson
	Hannah Jade Earl	Amber Gabrielle Jones
	Amy Rene Edwards (with distinction in Genetics)	Jordan Emma Jooste
	Natalie Rose Erskine	Leonidas Marthinus Karamanof (with distinction in Genetics and the degree with distinction)
	Rifqah Esau	Ruben Edwin Kassier
	Thethela Faltein	*Modiegi Ellen Kgowa
		David Fredrick Kheri
		*Kwanele Goodenough Khomo
		*Timothy Andrew Kirsten (with distinction in Applied Biology, Environmental & Geographical Science and the degree with distinction)

Adrian Daniel Krige
Michael Stefan Lambrecht
Sarah Grace Lampert (with distinction in Biochemistry, and the degree with distinction)
Ryan Dean Lazar
Tumelo John Lephadi
*Allegra Alexandra Liltved (with distinction in Geology, Ocean & Atmosphere Science and the degree with distinction)
Suzan Boni Mabusi
*Robert Peter Maccallum
Angus Ian Mackenzie
Kyle Maclean
Mbulaheni Kelcey Maewashe
Lulama Precious Magoqoba
Athenkosi Magxwalisa
*Caitlyn Daunt Mahony (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Maishe Makwana
Hlengiwe Innocentia Malatji
Sadiyah Malek
*Solomon Malesa (with distinction in Computer Science)
Viwe Malgas
Fhulufhelo Mamali
Charné Maré
Amy Nicole Marks (with distinction Genetics)
Leon Darius Martin
Katileho Pono Mathafeng
Hamandishe Yakob Mathivha (with distinction in Computer Science, Computer Games Development and the degree with distinction)
Lerato May
Grace Mayuni (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Siposetu Mbuli
Taryn Leigh McCormack
Sthabiso Mhlongo
Joanna Barbara Michowicz (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Joshua Mirkin (with distinction in Geology, Ocean & Atmosphere Science and the degree with distinction)
Sbonelo Challis Mntungwa
Thamaga Mohale
Shakeel Mohamed
Tshepiso Moilwe
*Pitso Petrus Mokoena
Jethro James Möller

Rasalika Tamika Moonsamy
Onalerona Gorata Mosimege
Genevieve Christine Moss
Lauren Mouton
Mahlako Mphahlele
Muhammad Riyaad Mukaddam
Christie Munro
Alexander Paul Murie
Takudzwa Emmanuel Murwira
Esenathi Mvundela
Olwethu Arthur Myeza
*Keegan Naidoo
Njabulo Siphon Ndimande
Ziyanda Nekhwalivhe
Cynic Nemaungane
Josephine Agisanang Ngoase
Kgabo Dominic Ngoetjana
Emily Catherine Nicklin
*Gcinile Veronica Nkosi
Sive Nondala
Odwa Nolusiba Ntloko
Luvo Ntshewula
Zachary Ben Nudelman (with distinction in Computer Science, Computer Games Development and the degree with distinction)
Sabrina Cristina Nunes
Alan Kudakwashe Nyanhete
Faniel Nyoni
*Benjamin Thomas Oliver (with distinction in Ocean & Atmosphere Science)
Sara Chetty Owen
Shaylin Padayachee
William Craig Paine
Kauthar Parker
Thaabiet Parker (with distinction in Applied Biology, Ecology & Evolution and the degree with distinction)
Trisha Divieshkumar Patel
Zafeer Abdul Patel
Srishti Kiran Pattundeen
Kirsten Pennington (with distinction in Business Computing, Computer Science and the degree with distinction)
Jason Lemmert Pietersen
Tyler Treshlen Pillay
*Elena Alexandra Maxwell Piller
Natasha Pindral
Jonathan Ingo Pollock (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Dylan Marcel Postmus (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)

Kimone Premall (with distinction in Business Computing and the degree with distinction)
Pieter Cilliers Pretorius
Wilhelm Prins
Thembiso Mulisa Ragimana
Kiara Ramjith
Humbelani Simon Ramulumo
*Joshua Leslie Redman
Kyle John Robbertze
*Muhammad Azhar Rohiman
Tayla Jane Ross (with distinction in Biochemistry)
Robert Thomas Sadler
Moegamat Iesgaq Samsodien
Elsa Caetano Da Conceicao Dos Santos
Tashka Schulz
*Daniel Schwartz
Kyra Emily Scott (with distinction in Psychology)
Michelle Ashleigh Scott
Mose Diana Sebastian
Keneilwe Sebulela
Diya Gitanjli Seeburrun
Nicole Njemu Segkoma
Joshua Stephen Selfe (with distinction in Human Anatomy & Physiology, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
Abigail Victoria Sendall
Thembeka Cebile Shongwe
Clayton Sibanda
Pavan Singh
Minenhle Ntando Sithole
Claudia Ann Smith (with distinction in Genetics)
Shannon Margaret Smith
Camilla Alice Smyth (with distinction in Applied Biology and the degree with distinction)
Sean Patrick Sproul
Gabriella Morgan Stapley (with distinction in Applied Biology)
Moegamat Ra-Eez Moegamat Stenekamp
Mark Philip Stone
*Taella Morgan Thiart
Christopher James Thurling
Liron Jacov Toledo
Tessa Toolsee
Jessica Jane Tyrrell
Taron Jessica Van Der Berg
*Michelle Helen Vrettos (with distinction in Ecology & Evolution and the degree with distinction)
*Harley Henny Wandrag
Mughammad Saleigh Warner (with distinction in Computer Science)

Laurens Weyn (with distinction in Computer Science)
 Michael James White (with distinction in Computer Games Development)
 Alexandra Catherine Whitehouse (with distinction Genetics)
 Gabriella Mia Wilensky
 Rhys Willmore
 Storm Wilson
 Michelle Anneli Winter
 Shannon Wonfor (with distinction in Biochemistry, Genetics and the degree with distinction)
 Robert Thomas Hellier Wood
 Sive Xokashe

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)

In Archaeology:

*Ruan Brand (first class)
 Amy Grace Hatton (first class)
 *Gizelle Mignon Kotze
 Bacara Ashleigh Spruit (first class)

In Atmospheric Science:

*Peter Anthony Marsh (first class)
 Sindiswa Thembela Anita Mdlalose
 Trisha Parbhoo (first class)

In Biological Sciences:

Klara Beckerling
 Shonese Thora Bloy
 Carla Claire De Cerff
 Samantha Kirves (first class)
 *Guy Nicholas Logan
 Jess Lund (first class)
 Jonathan Christopher Michael Plaistowe
 Marianne Putz
 Michael Duncan Ross (first class)
 Caton Maria Schutte
 *Megan Rose Woolley (first class)
 Lara Wootton (first class)

In Chemistry:

*Nielfah Ebrahim
 *Larnelle Faye Garnie (first class)
 Taryn Marcelle Golding
 Kim Louise Jackson (first class)
 *Maximillian Ludwig Keresztesi
 Linda Lufuta
 Sinethemba Mkhize
 Kedibone Gudani Muguru
 Tayla Lee Wilson

In Computer Science:

*Robert Barnhoorn
 *Robert Peter Bodley
 Jonathan David Bouwer (first class)
 Takunda Albert Chikondo
 Daniel John Collins
 Kushal Shewock Shaw Cuppoor (first class)
 *Shang-Ping Dai
 Oliver De Bruin (first class)
 *Imaan Dolley
 Adam Edelberg
 Jarrod Jonathon Finnis
 Alexander Furman (first class)
 *Guy Andrew Orpen Green
 Claudia Maria Grindlay (first class)
 Andrew James Howe-Ely (first class)
 *David Griffin Jones (first class)
 Jonathan Paul Leyland (first class)
 Breyden Monyemoratho
 Ntokozo Motsumi
 *James Andrew Murray
 Danielle Rose Nagar (first class)
 Dzunisani Robinson Ndlhovu
 Luke Sebastian Neville (first class)
 Masixole Ntshinga
 *Thomas Daniel Tiaan Pownall (first class)
 Elijah Kevin Roussos (first class)
 Paul Gordon Roux (first class)
 *Dylan Sims (first class)
 *Jason Ronald Smythe
 Zakariyah Toyer (first class)
 Gianluca Truda (first class)
 *Ross Van Der Heyde
 Jocelyn Leigh Van Heerde (first class)
 *Neville Varney-Horwitz

In Environmental &

Geographical Science:

Michael Philip Anthony Armitage (first class)
 Yakhuluntu Dubazana
 Natasha Elaine Else
 Sivuyisiwe Mapapu
 Aisha Wanjiru Mugo (first class)
 *Maia Roxanne Nangle
 Kolosa Ntombini (first class)
 Irvine Simbarashe Sibehla
 *Ricardo Vasapolli

In Geology:

*Brent Bouchier Bowker
 Gordon William Harding
 *Timothy Leonard Jones
 Wendy Hlengiwe Khumalo
 *Ntuthuko Phakama Khuzwayo
 Teboho Lekaota Nkotsi

In Information Technology:

Tassallah Amina Abdullahi
 Joshua Juan Abraham
 *Gregory Austin
 Tahir Moolla
 Pieter Johannes Van Der Walt (first class)

In Marine Biology:

Teejaswani Bachoo
 *Michael Andrew Bennett
 *Rouane Mai Brokensha (first class)
 *Casha De Vos
 *Matthew Germishuizen
 Lisa Hodgson
 *Jemma Elizabeth Lewis
 Candice Anne Lortan

In Molecular & Cell Biology:

*Robyn Elizabeth Craythorne (first class)
 Stephanus Francois Du Toit (first class)
 *Lee French (first class)
 *Jasmin Fay Camilla Knopp (first class)
 Kimberley Tawanda Midzi
 Rethabile Mokupi
 *Zohra Peer
 *Mayur Prag (first class)
 *Kristin Ruth Winkler (first class)

In Ocean & Atmosphere Science:

Maria Kristina Ingreso
 Tayla Susan Louw
 James William Maitland (first class)
 Anathi Olwethu Manyakanyaka
 Jason Peter Oconnor
 Brandon Michael Opie
 *Anna Liisa Penelao Tulimevava
 Shangheta
 Wanjiru Thoithi (first class)
 Sina Wallschuss (first class)
 Ashleigh Catherine Stevenson Womack

DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

In Information Technology:

Frans Letsukulo Ramphele

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

In Applied Ocean Sciences (Operational Oceanography):

*Yotam Fadida (with distinction)

In Archaeology:

Kelvin Mukabeta

In Chemistry:

Consolata Nsanzimpaka Nsanzubuhoro
(with distinction)

In Climate Change & Development:

Casey Tara Lyttle

In Computational Science:

Ananya Gangopadhyay (with
distinction)

In Computer Science:

Edmore Tutsirayi Moyo
Adrianna Barbara Pinska

In Environmental &

Geographical Science:

Quraisha Bux

In Environment, Society & Sustainability:

Deirdre Botha

In Geology:

T’Nielle Haupt

In Ocean & Atmosphere Science:

Jessica Mary Burger (with distinction)
Keneilwe Motlalepula Hlahane

In Physical Oceanography:

Cristina Serena Russo

DEGREE OF DOCTOR
OF PHILOSOPHY

In Biological Sciences:

Alexander Adnan Awad

Thesis Title: *Testing the use of
port biological baseline surveys to
support relevant marine alien species
management applications in Africa*

Adnan Awad holds two BSc degrees (Zoology and Environmental Science) from the University of Washington, USA, and a MSc in Conservation Biology from UCT, which he earned in 2000. He re-joined the School of Biological Sciences at UCT in 2015 for his PhD studies. While undertaking his PhD he has been working for an international NGO, based in Cape Town, on issues related to ocean management and conservation.

Adnan Awad’s thesis focuses on marine alien and invasive species, particularly interrogating the nexus between science and management in

the African context. He investigates how to effectively survey port areas for relevant species data to support regulatory approaches to prevent species introductions. He uses biological survey projects that he conducted over several years at ports in South Africa, Kenya and Mauritius to demonstrate and refine a methodology that is applicable in capacity-challenged areas. He then tackles the resulting management implications through the development of risk assessment-based tools to guide and support the actions of the relevant authorities.

Supervisor: Emeritus Professor
C Griffiths (Biological Sciences)

Heath Beckett

Thesis Title: *Firestorms in a mesic
savanna-forest mosaic*

Heath Beckett completed his BSc and BSc(Hons) qualifications at UCT. He upgraded his MSc to a PhD in 2014, having spent time at the University of the Witwatersrand and Princeton University as a Visiting Student Research Collaborator.

Heath Beckett’s thesis focuses on the spatiotemporal vegetation dynamics in fire-prone savanna and fire-averse forest mosaics in Southern Africa. He investigated the drivers of bistability and coexistence of these vegetation types, focusing on the effects of wind and topography in creating fire refugia, where forests can establish in fire-prone environments. He went on to investigate the recovery of vegetation that had burnt in a number of extreme fire events or firestorms, the conditions under which switches between vegetation types occur, and, through a global synthesis of woody plant functional traits, identified key axes of functional variation in savanna-forest trees. These findings highlight the need for nuanced savanna conservation and fire management in a rapidly changing world.

Supervisor: Emeritus Professor W Bond
(Biological Sciences)

In Chemistry:

Peter Mubanga Cheuka

Thesis Title: *Antimalarial
imidazopyridazines and aminopyrazines:
synthesis, physicochemical optimization
and structure-activity relationships*

Peter Cheuka holds BScEd and MSc degrees in Chemistry from the Universities of Zambia and Cape Town, respectively. He has been an academic staff member at University of Zambia for 5 years.

Peter Cheuka’s thesis focuses on the discovery of new chemical entities (NCEs) to counter the problem of resistance by the human malaria parasite to current antimalarial treatment options. He focuses on two chemical classes – the imidazopyridazines and aminopyrazines, primarily focussing on optimising their antimalarial activity and physicochemical properties, while reducing toxicity. He designs the NCEs by incorporating chemical features with potential to address the liabilities identified in earlier studies. He uses diverse methods to synthesise the designed NCEs and measures their antiparasitic activity, solubility, toxicity and metabolic stability. This has led to his identification of NCEs possessing a combination of good solubility, antiparasitic activity and an improved safety profile. His correlation studies further establish a link between the introduced chemical changes and the observed physicochemical properties. Using computer-aided drug design approaches, Peter Cheuka further sheds light into how the investigated antimalarial molecules bind to their target parasite protein.

Supervisor: Professor K Chibale
(Chemistry)

In Computer Science:

Mabule Samuel Mabakane

Thesis Title: *Effective visualisation of
callgraphs for optimisation of parallel
programs: a design study*

Mabule Samuel Mabakane holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Information Technology from the Tshwane University of Technology. He has been studying part-time towards his PhD since 2012.

Mabule Mabakane's thesis reports on the design of a novel visualisation to effectively identify performance bottlenecks within parallel programs. Such visualizations are used to optimize the performance of parallel algorithms that perform scientific calculations on high performance computers. He employed a user-centred iterative methodology to design a new visualisation, involving expert users in the three developmental stages of the system, from a paper prototype to high fidelity interactive prototypes in the final design. The final result is a novel, effective visualisation that is demonstrably an improvement on previous systems and should enable more rapid optimisation of parallel programs.

Supervisor: A/Professor M Kuttel
(Computer Science)

In Conservation Biology:

*Benjamin James Dilley

Thesis Title: *The effects of introduced mice on seabirds breeding at sub-Antarctic Islands*

Benjamin Dilley completed his BScHons at UCT in 2011, after spending a year as a seabird assistant on Marion Island, and has been working towards his PhD since 2012. During this time, he spent another year on Marion as well as one on Gough Island.

Benjamin Dilley's thesis focuses on two large oceanic islands, Marion and Gough Islands, where introduced mice eat seabird chicks and eggs. He assessed how many seabird species are affected by installing custom-built video cameras at nests to record mouse attacks and quantified the impacts by monitoring breeding colonies of multiple species over several breeding seasons. In addition, he established baseline estimates of burrow-nesting petrel populations at Marion Island and investigated how populations have recovered since cats were eradicated in 1991. His findings show how mice can be serious predators that suppress the growth rates of seabird populations. He concludes that this may significantly affect threatened seabird species at both islands, where the frequency and severity of mouse predation has escalated in recent years. His findings have helped persuade

funders and governments to support mouse eradication operations at both study islands.

Supervisor: Professor PG Ryan
(Biological Sciences)

In Environmental & Geographical Science:

*Liza Rose Cirolia

Thesis Title: *Accounting for the C/city: analyzing Kisumu's fiscal configurations*

Liza Rose Cirolia holds a BA from University of California Berkeley and a Master of City and Regional Planning from UCT. She has been working at the African Centre for Cities as a researcher for the past six years, focusing on urban infrastructure, housing and finance. She joined Faculty of Science in 2016 to pursue her PhD.

Conceptually and methodologically, Liza Cirolia's thesis draws together urban public finance and urban studies to produce an interdisciplinary framework for the fiscal study of African cities. To ground this endeavour, she uses a case study of Kisumu, a secondary city in Kenya. In the thesis, Liza Cirolia unpacks the historical development of Kisumu's urban financing and the contemporary fiscal arrangements of the sub-national government. Following this, she traces three particular fiscal configurations, land rates, water corporatisation, and transport grants, to better explore the relationships between the material, fiscal, and institutional city. She concludes that the fiscal study of Kisumu provides insights into importance of understanding money and how it flows, the social and political dimensions of fiscal arrangements, the practices and micro-politics of fiscal functionaries, and the potential for new infrastructure and finance arrangements in African cities.

Supervisor: Emeritus Professor S Parnell
(Environmental and Geographical Science)

*Carly Ruth Cowell

Thesis Title: *Exploring the past and the present in order to predict the future: herbarium specimens, field data and extinction probability for conservation managers*

Carly Cowell is a Regional Ecologist with the South African National Parks. She completed her Bachelor of Technology and Master of Technology degrees at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. In 2013 she began her studies towards her PhD at UCT.

Carly Cowell's thesis investigates the use of historic and contemporary botanical records in support of protected areas mandates to conserve biodiversity and heritage. She explores the contribution of botany to the development of science, via analysis of historic botanical explorers, their collections and methods. She goes on to investigate the existence of original plant collection sites within national parks as biocultural heritage sites using herbarium specimens. Using an extinction probability equation, she tests the use of herbarium and survey data to predict plant extinction in a national park. Using the findings of this test she uses in-field detection to determine whether plant species are indeed extinct. Her research demonstrates the significant and multi-faceted value of botanical collections beyond current recognition. For this value to be fully recognised botanical data requires synthesis and improved curation to be useful in determining monitoring priorities for biodiversity and heritage conservation.

Supervisor: Dr P Anderson
(Environmental and Geographical Science)

Co-supervisor: Dr W Annecke
(South African National Parks)

*Catherine Dale Ward

Thesis Title: *Climate variability in social-ecological systems of the Southern Cape: integrating farming and fishing perspectives*

Catherine Ward holds BSc, BScHons and MSc degrees in Environmental Science

from Rhodes University. She joined UCT in September 2014 to begin her PhD studies. Before this, she worked for an environmental science communication group under the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, USA.

Catherine Ward's thesis focuses on bringing together knowledge systems from farmers, linefishers and local scientific weather sources to examine climate variability in terrestrial and marine social-ecological systems of the southern Cape, in order to bring local perspectives into conversation with scientific data outputs. Her research reduces the uncertainties associated with any single set of observations and confirms two environmental regime shifts in the region, in the mid-1990s and at the end of the 2000s, which are corroborated by farmers and fishers. Her research also contextualises responses to change under the theme of climate variability from farmers' and fishers' perspectives, and shows how different, current theoretical discourses can work in a complementary fashion to address complexity. This local-based case study builds towards improving understanding of complex social-ecological systems under global change in an effort to contribute to future adaptation strategies in the southern Cape region.

Supervisor: A/Professor A Jarre
(Biological Sciences)

Co-supervisors: Dr G Cundill Kemp
(Environmental Science, Rhodes University); Professor G Midgley (Botany and Zoology, Stellenbosch University)

In Molecular & Cell Biology:

Johnson Mosoko Moliki

Thesis Title: *Synergism between immune activators and progestogens: differential effects on gene expression and HIV-1 replication and the role of the glucocorticoid receptor*

Johnson Moliki holds a BSc (Biochemistry) and MSc (Biochemistry) from the University of Buea, Cameroon. He began full-time study towards his PhD in 2011.

A critical question for women's health in Sub Saharan Africa is whether some contraceptives increase

the risk of HIV-1 acquisition. Johnson Moliki's thesis investigates whether different progestogens used in hormonal contraception act alone or cooperate with immune activators associated with genital tract infections, to regulate HIV-1 replication and gene expression in vitro. MPA, unlike NET, was found to act alone or cooperate with immune activators to increase HIV-1 replication. MPA, unlike NET, was shown to act via the glucocorticoid receptor to reduce the expression of genes required to maintain the integrity of the female genital mucosal barrier but upregulate in a synergistic manner the expression of select innate immune receptors and soluble mediators involved in mucosal and systemic trafficking of specific HIV-1 target cells. These results suggest that NET used in Nuristerate may be a better choice for injectable contraception than MPA used in Depo Provera for women in areas with high risk of HIV-1 and other genital tract infections.

Supervisor: Professor J Hapgood
(Molecular and Cell Biology)

Co-supervisor: Dr C Avenant
(Molecular and Cell Biology)

In Ocean & Atmosphere Science:

Arielle Stela Nkwinkwa Njouodo

Thesis Title: *On the role of the Agulhas Current on weather and climate of South Africa*

Arielle Stela Nkwinkwa Njouodo holds an MSc in Physics from University of Yaoundé, Cameroon and a co-badged MSc in Physical Oceanography from University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin and University of Toulouse, France. She joined the Department of Oceanography at UCT in April 2015 to start her doctoral research.

Arielle Stela Nkwinkwa Njouodo's thesis focuses on the impact of Agulhas Current on Southern African climate and weather. Although it was known that high evaporation rate and transfer of moisture exists from the Agulhas Current to the atmosphere, there was no study so far that demonstrated that the Agulhas Current could have an impact on the weather and climate of Southern Africa and what where the mechanisms behind the phenomenon. After a thorough

validation of data and model outputs, she demonstrates that the warm core of the Agulhas Current, due to high evaporation and turbulent mixing, drives a band of coastal precipitation above the current and along the east coast of South Africa where the Current is adjacent to the coast. Additionally in summer, due to the warm Agulhas Current sea temperature, the moisture above the current is advected inland from the south leading to more precipitation above the continent.

Supervisor: A/Professor M Rouault
(Oceanography)

Co-supervisor: Professor N Keenlyside
(University of Bergen, Norway)

In Zoology:

*Elsa Marion Bussièrè

Thesis Title: *Camera traps as sensor networks for space-time exploration of terrestrial mammal communities*

Elsa Bussièrè grew up in Paris. She qualified as an Ingénieure Agronome from ENSAIA and completed her MSc at the University Henri Poincaré in Nancy, France. She spent one year in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, working as a field biologist for the CNRS. She began full-time study towards her PhD at UCT in 2012.

Elsa Bussièrè's thesis focuses on providing new analytical methods to explore large ecological datasets collected with camera trapping technology and attaining deeper knowledge of the mammal community assembly and structure over space and time. She went on to investigate some of the ecological forces driving species coexistence in the local mammal community of the Little Karoo. She showed subtle and continuous nuances in the spectrum of habitat preferences, as well as patterns of seasonal occurrence within species circadian rhythms. She also examined temporal-partitioning as a mechanism driving species sympatry. Finally, using spatially explicit capture-recapture models, she estimated leopard population density in relation to terrain ruggedness.

Supervisor: Emeritus Professor
L Underhill (Biological Sciences)

Co-supervisor: Dr G Distiller
(Statistical Sciences)

ACADEMIC DRESS

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor wears a gown made from dark blue silk. The front of the gown has facings down each side made of dark blue velvet embroidered with a gold floral design. The gown and sleeves are lined with pale blue silk and the sleeves are looped up in front with a gold cord and button. The yoke of the gown is edged with gold cord. The gown is worn with a square blue velvet hat with a soft crown and gold tassel.

VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor wears a gown made from bright blue silk. The front of the gown has facings down each side and sleeve-linings of pale blue silk. The sleeves are looped up in front with a gold cord and button and the yoke of the gown is edged with gold cord. The gown is worn with a black velvet bonnet with a silver cord.

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

A Deputy Vice-Chancellor wears a gown made from dark blue silk. The gown has closed sleeves with an inverted T-shaped opening at the level of the elbow to free the arms. The front of the gown has facings of light blue down each side. The sleeves are lined with light blue and the yoke of the gown is edged with silver cord. The gown is worn with a black velvet bonnet with a silver cord.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL

The Chair of Council wears a gown, of the same pattern as that worn by the Vice-Chancellor, made from light blue silk. The front of the gown has facings down each side and a yoke of dark blue. The sleeves are lined with dark blue and the facings and yoke are trimmed with gold cord. The sleeves are looped up in front with a gold cord and button. The gown is worn with a black velvet bonnet with a gold tassel.

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Members of Council wear graduate-pattern gowns made from black silk. The front of the gown has 10cm wide, light blue facings down each side trimmed with dark blue cord. The gown is worn with a black velvet bonnet with a blue cord.

REGISTRAR

The Registrar wears a gown made from black silk. The front of the gown has 10cm wide facings of blue silk down each side. The gown is worn with a black velvet bonnet with a white cord.

PRESIDENT OF CONVOCATION

The President of Convocation wears a gown made from black silk and has long closed sleeves with an inverted T-shaped opening at the level of the elbow to free the arms. The front of the gown has facings down each side and sleeves of blue silk. The gown is worn with a black velvet bonnet with a blue tassel.

ACADEMIC DRESS (continued)

GOWNS

A plain black gown styled after the pattern of the Oxford scholar's gown is worn by diplomats, and Bachelor's, Honours and Master's graduands. Senior doctoral graduands wear a scarlet gown, with facings the colour distinctive of the faculty in which the degree is awarded. PhD graduands wear a scarlet gown without facings.

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The hood is particular to the qualification and the faculty. Diplomates and Bachelor's graduands wear a black hood lined with white and edged with the colour distinctive of the faculty. Master's graduands wear a black hood lined with the colour distinctive of the faculty and edged with white, except in the case of the hood for the MMed degree, which is edged with red. Senior doctoral graduands wear a hood of the colour distinctive of the faculty and a black velvet bonnet with a cord of the colour distinctive of the faculty in which the degrees is awarded. PhD graduands wear a hood of scarlet lined with black and a black velvet bonnet with a cord of the colour distinctive of the faculty in which the degree is awarded.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Founded as the South African College (a boys' school that aimed to provide higher education as well) in 1829, the University was established as the University of Cape Town in 1918.

The early history was one of great expectations and hard times and it was not until the early years of the twentieth century that the University was developed into a fully-fledged tertiary institution. A significant and pioneering development in the 19th century was the admission of women as degree students in 1886, many years ahead of most universities in the world.

At the start of the 20th century the University incorporated the Diocesan College, the teacher training classes of the Normal College, the South African College of Music and the Cape Town Schools of Fine Art and Architecture.

The Medical School was established and in the 1920s the University began a partnership with the local health authority (now the Provincial Government's health department) that saw the Medical School move from the Hiddingh Campus and the Green Point Somerset Hospital to Observatory (the rest of UCT's Upper Campus moved from Hiddingh to its present site, on part of Cecil Rhodes' estate, in 1928). This partnership allowed for the construction of the first Groote Schuur Hospital on a University site. The partnership continues to this day and now involves not only Groote Schuur as a teaching hospital but Red Cross Children's Hospital, Valkenberg and a growing number of primary health care sites.

The period between the end of World War II and 1994 was marked by two themes. Firstly, the University recognised that if it was to be fully South African, it would have to move beyond academic non-segregation to be fully inclusive. It would have to face the consequential and increasing clashes with a government determined to legislate for segregation and enforce the doctrine of apartheid. And secondly, the University intended to transform into a leading research institution.

Before World War II, the University was largely a teaching university and its students were mostly undergraduates. The research undertaken was sporadic, though in some cases notable. A research committee was appointed for the first time in 1945. The next 75 years saw a great expansion of research and scholarly work such that the UCT of 2014 has a greater proportion of highly rated researchers and gains significantly more research grants and awards than any other South African University.

The 1980s and 1990s were characterized by the deliberate and planned transformation of the student body. This was aided by the establishment of the Academic Development Programme aimed at helping students from disadvantaged educational and social backgrounds to succeed and the desegregation of student residences. As a result, a student body that was 90% white in 1979, when UCT marked its 150th anniversary, is in 2014 more than 50% black. The total student enrolment of just above 26 000, includes international students drawn from over 100 countries, a significant proportion of which are from SADC states. Particular emphasis is placed on postgraduate studies and more than 20% of these students will be enrolled in master's and doctoral programmes. A growing number of postdoctoral fellows contribute substantially to the research endeavours and reputation of the University (UCT has more than a third of the total number of post docs in South Africa).

UCT continues to work towards its goal to be Africa's leading research university. Its success can be measured by the scope of study it offers and the calibre of its graduates.

VISION AND MISSION

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Vision

An inclusive and engaged research-intensive African university that inspires creativity through outstanding achievements in learning, discovery and citizenship; enhancing the lives of its students and staff, advancing a more equitable and sustainable social order and influencing the global higher education landscape.

Mission

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UCT provides a vibrant and supportive intellectual environment that attracts and connects people from all over the world.

We aim to produce graduates and future leaders who are influential locally and globally. Our qualifications are locally applicable and internationally acclaimed, underpinned by values of engaged citizenship and social justice. Our scholarship and research have a positive impact on our society and our environment.

We will actively advance the pace of transformation within our University and beyond, nurturing an inclusive institutional culture which embraces diversity.

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Diverse as this community is, the shared experiences of a critical academic ethos and a spectacular campus make for a strong network that has a wide footprint, not only in South Africa, but across the continent and the globe.

We set a great store by our links with our alumni, and indeed the links alumni have with each other. We promise that we will be in touch, and ask you in turn to let us know not only your current contact details but also, from time to time, something of your lives and where you are in your careers.

*Updates can be done on the web – <http://www.uct.ac.za/dad/alumni/update/>
- or by writing to the Alumni Office, UCT, PB X3 Rondebosch 7701
or by contacting us on (27) (21) 650 3746.*

*Your alma mater looks forward to welcoming you back,
whether to a public lecture, a leadership forum, your class reunion,
or just an informal call!*
