

September 2015

RECENT EVENTS

TEACHING ADVANCEMENT AT UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME



From 12 to 16 July, Professor Ugash Subramaney, Department of Psychiatry, and Professor Ian Couper, Centre for Rural Health, were privileged to attend the first contact session of the inaugural Teaching Advancement at University (TAU) Fellowships programme, initiated under the auspices of the Higher Education Learning and Teaching Association of Southern Africa (Heltasa) and funded by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). They joined 50 other pioneer TAU fellows from 22 universities, and 12 advisors from 7 universities, under the leadership of Professor Brenda Leibowitz from the University of Johannesburg.

After receiving nominations from home institutions, the TAU management committee selected one to three representatives from each University, representing together a wide spectrum of disciplines, from fine arts to law, accountancy to computer science, and physics to entrepreneurship. The session was considered to be the first unit in a year-long programme, which includes another two contact sessions. The participants had something important in common – a commitment to teaching and learning in higher education, based on experience.

The intense 4 days of input was structured around needs of the participants as elicited in a preceding survey, as well as introducing them to key ideas in higher education. The focus of most sessions was table discussions with 5-6 colleagues, enabling them both to draw on the wisdom and experience of the group, and to get to know each other. Some highlights of the week included sessions on engaging with transformation in Higher Education in SA, supporting academic staff development, the issue of language in higher education, enhancing student learning and success, and a presentation on burning issues in SA Higher Education by Professor Ihron Rensburg, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg.

One of the requirements of the Fellowship is for each participant to undertake an individual project. After submitting proposals, everyone was divided into enquiry groups with members having projects along a similar theme; each enquiry group, supported by a faculty advisor, will assist its members to complete their project and will deliver a joint poster on their theme at the closing session in July next year. Professor Subramaney's project will be looking at resilience training and curriculum development, and Professor Couper's will focus on the most effective ways to develop self-directed learning amongst health science students.

The long-term vision, if funding is secured, is for a regular intake into the TAU programme, with some of the current fellows becoming advisors in the future.

PHYSICIAN'S UPDATE 2015



Photographs: Dr Mark Sonderup, Professor Pravin Manga, Academic Head of the Wits Department of Internal Medicine; some of the displays in the foyer

Dr Ismail Kalla, Chairperson of the Physicians Update committee of the Department of Internal Medicine writes: 'Our Annual Conference was held at the Sunnyside Park Hotel on 31 July and 1 August 2015. This meeting is the flagship event of the Wits Department of Internal Medicine and despite the bitterly cold weather it was a resounding success.

The event was well supported by seventeen drug companies representing different sub-divisions. It was very well attended by more than 200 delegates over the two days, comprising of Registrars, private physicians and senior specialists from the Department of Medicine. There were twenty seven lectures given by some of the most prominent alumni from the Department of Internal Medicine and each of the nine sub-specialities of Internal Medicine was equally represented. There were two pro-con debates, a highly entertaining lecture on the Banting diet and three quizzes. Prizes were awarded to delegates who excelled at the quizzes and dermatology slide shows. The audience was very impressed with the quality of the speakers and the content of the lectures.

The invited speaker was Dr Mark Sonderup from the Hepatology Department of UCT. Dr Sonderup spoke on HIV associated liver disease (his research interests include HIV/AIDS associated liver disease, viral hepatitis, drug induced liver injuries and the porphyrias). There was a lecture on new TB therapeutics by Professor E Variava as well as state of the art lectures in Cardiology, Pulmonology, Endocrinology and others.



We would like to thank all the delegates/participants, speakers and chairs of sessions for making this 2015 conference of the Physicians Update the best thus far!! A special vote of thanks goes to Marlese Blom, Jani Erasmus and Clifford Mokone from the Department of Internal Medicine.'

Photograph: Jani Erasmus and Marlese, Department of Internal Medicine, with one of the main sponsors: Nadine van der Wateren from Sanofi Aventis (Genzyme Division)

MRC/WITS DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS FOR HEALTH RESEARCH UNIT HOSTS DR JENS AAGAARD-HANSEN FROM STENO HEALTH PROMOTION RESEARCH (DENMARK)

Jens Aagaard-Hansen trained as medical doctor and social anthropologist and also obtained a MPH in 2003. He has worked in a broad range of settings including clinical work, public health research, and research capacity strengthening and consulting. Presently, Jens Aagaard-Hansen is a senior researcher at the Steno Health Promotion Research (SHPR), which is an integrated part of the Steno Diabetes Centre in Denmark.

SHPR's project portfolio includes health promotion projects in schools and communities as well as patient education in hospital settings. In these health promotion projects, food and exercise practices are addressed as a means for avoiding diabetes later in life. SHPR applies a life-course perspective to prevention and emphasises action research that can provide practical solutions to real-life problems in relation to diabetes and related



diseases based on the principles of empowerment, participation and equity in health. SHPR has been involved in projects on four continents, Africa (South Africa and Kenya), Europe, Asia (Malaysia) and Latin America (México and Colombia).

During the past four years, SHPR and DPHRU have developed strong collaborative ties, first within the Malaysian *Jom Mama* project and later the *GDM in South African Women* project. Jens Aagaard-Hansen has now been given an honorary position at Wits and gave a seminar on 20 August 2015, entitled: *An approach to combine epidemiology with environmental and social determinants to address neglected tropical disease and non-communicable disease*.

Photograph: Dr Lisa Micklesfield, Associate Director DPHRU; Dr Jens Aagaard-Hansen, Steno Diabetes Centre; Juliana Kagura, Data Scientist, DPHRU

INAUGURAL LECTURE: PROFESSOR SHANE NORRIS



Professor Shane Norris, Director of the MRC/Wits Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit, Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Health Sciences, delivered an inaugural lecture entitled: *Growing up in South Africa: does childhood influence adult health and disease-risk?*, on 18 August 2015. His lecture was a synthesis of over 25 years of longitudinal research and presented how Soweto-Johannesburg has transitioned since 1990 and its impact on children's growth and development, and the implications for adult bone health,

obesity, diabetes, and hypertension-risk. The research findings highlighted the importance of maternal and child nutrition in the first 1000 days, which includes pregnancy and first two years of infancy, for programming growth and body composition of children but that childhood and adolescence were stages of opportunity to optimise health.

Professor Norris started at Wits in 1998 as a research officer and now has over 17 years research experience in longitudinal cohort studies and life-course epidemiology. His research expertise includes maternal and child health, child nutrition, growth and body composition and intergenerational transmission and developmental origins of obesity and metabolic disease risk. His greatest scientific impact has been his research that showed that varying early life growth patterns confer different risk trajectories for type 2 diabetes in adult life.

Photograph: John M Pettifor, Honorary Research Professor and Professor Emeritus, Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit, Wits Department of Paediatrics; Professor Tawana Kupe, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Advancement, HR and Transformation; Professor Shane Norris; Professor Martin Veller, Dean, Wits Faculty of Health Sciences

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH BIENNIAL RESEARCH DAY, 25 August 2015. **Healthography:** How and where you live, work and play affects your health and well-being



Photographs: (left): Professor Beverley Kramer, Assistant Dean, Research and Postgraduate Support; Dr Joe Phaahla, Deputy Minister of Health; Professor Laetitia Rispel; (right): Dr Jessica Ruthven, post-doctoral fellow; Professor Lenore Manderson, Distinguished Scholar, Wits School of Public Health; and PhD students Jacqueline Seitieni and Abigail Hatcher

In keeping with its proud tradition of scholarly engagement, networking and sharing of research findings with the broader community, the Wits School of Public Health (WSPH) held its biennial research day on 25 August 2015. The theme of the conference, **Healthography**, a new term borrowed from the American Public Health Association, combines health and its social, ethnographic and geographical determinants. The theme encompassed all divisions and units in the School, and provided staff and students an opportunity to showcase their research and scholarly activities.

The Head of School, Professor Laetitia Rispel, welcomed delegates to the event. The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Joe Phaahla, gave the keynote address entitled "Healthography – revitalising health promotion, disease prevention and health protection". He highlighted the importance of health promotion, disease prevention and health protection in the management of South Africa's complex disease burden. This was followed by Professor Beverley Kramer's (Assistant Dean: Research and Postgraduate Support, Faculty of Health Science) plenary lecture entitled "Policy implications in Africa of the diversity in human sexuality". Professor Kramer shared some recent findings of the Academy of Science of South Africa which explored the causes and policy implications of diversity in human sexuality.

The five sub-themes for the oral and poster presentations were: (1) social determinants of health, public health policies and community action; (2) burden of disease, disability and population health; (3) the natural and built environments and health; (4) improving the performance of the health system; and (5) the scholarship of education, teaching and learning. The afternoon session started with a panel discussion: Highlighting universal health coverage (UHC) & its implementation challenges in South Africa, which was chaired by Prof Jane Gouge.

The day ended with the presentation of student prizes. The prize for the best poster presentation was won by Dr Claire von Mollendorf (PhD student) and Shehnaz Munshi (MPH) was the runner up. The best oral presentation award was given to Caroline Govathson (MSc graduate) and the second prize went to Celeste Sauls (MPH).

SCIENCE & COCKTAILS: PUBLIC SCIENCE LECTURES INTERTWINED WITH MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AND COCKTAILS



Science and Cocktails aims to bring science out of academia and establish it as an integral part of the cultural and entertainment life of the city, thereby making it accessible to all members of the public, regardless of income level or social status. Started in Copenhagen in 2010, it has grown to be one of the most successful science outreach projects in Denmark with an average attendance of around 600. It was awarded the Genius Prize by the Danish Association of Science Journalists in 2014.

More than just a public science talk in a novel venue, Science & Cocktails is an integrated cultural event which includes art installations, specially crafted dry-ice cocktails, distinctive introductory videos and musical performances. The first season of S&C Johannesburg started in July 2015 at the Orbit – a live music venue and bistro specialising in jazz – located in Braamfontein.

On 25 August 2015, Lynn Morris presented the second S&C Johannesburg talk entitled "The ultimate challenge: an AIDS vaccine". She argued that a vaccine is our best hope of controlling the HIV pandemic explaining some of the enormous challenges towards creating such a vaccine and some of the research that has been done towards this goal. Lynn Morris is Head of the HIV Virology section within the Centre for HIV & STIs at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases and Research Professor at the Wits School of Pathology. After the talk, the audience was entertained by the Peter Sklair Quintet.

S&C Johannesburg is organised by Kevin Goldstein, an Associate Professor in Physics at Wits, and Konstantinos Zoubos, an Associate Professor in Physics at the University of Pretoria. It is supported by the National Institute of Theoretical Physics and S&C Copenhagen.

<http://www.scienceandcocktails.org/jozi/2015/AIDSVaccine.html>

To be informed of future events, **like** their page of facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/scienceandcocktailsjozi>

**STEVE BIKO CENTRE FOR BIOETHICS/UNESCO ETHICS TEACHER TRAINING COURSE:
31 August to 4 September 2015**



An Ethics Teacher Training Course (ETTC), a collaborative effort involving UNESCO and the Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics, was held between 31 August and 4 September 2015. The course offered a unique opportunity for participants from South Africa, and from other countries in the region, to enhance their teaching and professional capacities in bioethics and ethics. It was designed to advance pedagogical capacity for ethics teaching and improve the quality of ethics education around the world. Delegates came from as far afield as Egypt and Israel to name a few, to attend the course. This is the 2nd time that UNESCO has offered such a course in Africa and the response was overwhelming. The Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics was privileged to be asked to be the host this time. Clearly there is a need for training in this area.

The course was conducted by a team of international and local experts with extensive experience in ethics education, and was based on a five-day training module developed by UNESCO in collaboration with global experts in ethics education. The three UNESCO trainers were Professor Amnon Carmi, Director of the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics established in 2001 at Haifa University in Israel, Dr Dafna Feinholz, Director, Division of Ethics of Science and Technology, UNESCO and Dr Masoud Nassor, Lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam, Education Management.

Photograph: International team that attended the course

SIXTH TEACHING AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

On 2 September 2015, just over 100 delegates attended the Faculty's sixth teaching and learning symposium. The Dean, Professor Martin Veller, officially opened the symposium. The theme was "From Molecules to the Bedside". Professor Patangi Rangachari-Chari, from McMaster University, Canada was the guest speaker. Café conversations were led by Professors Chari and Lionel Green-Thompson, Ms Shirra Moch, Lara Goldstein, Hilary Thurling and Reuben Dlamini, the latter is from the School of education. The theme attracted a range of short presentations from teachers. The day finished with Professor Ian Couper, the SAAHE 2014 Distinguished Educator, delivering his acceptance address, entitled: "Context counts: The role of context in health professions education." Professor Green-Thompson made closing remarks and thanked Professor Chari for his "out of the box thinking and comments". The day ended with Professor Chari facilitating a workshop for a small group, probing the values for good teaching.



Photograph: Professors Lionel Green-Thompson, Assistant Dean, Student Support; Patangi Rangachari-Chari; Trish McInerney, Acting Director and Education Development Officer, Centre for Health Sciences Education; Ms Shirra Moch, Faculty Development Co-ordinator, CHSE; Professor Martin Veller, Dean, Wits Faculty of Health Sciences

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON YOUNG CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING: THE BURDEN OF POOR DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY LEVERS FOR CHANGE, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

Hosted by the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence on Human Development (CoE-HUMAN) at Wits, internationally renowned experts in public health and policy, Professors Chunling Lu and Jody Heymann, presented a combined public lecture on the global burden of poor child development and identifying and evaluating the impact of policies to support families.

Professor Lu, from Harvard Medical School, outlined the methods and results of her recent analysis to estimate the number of children living in extreme poverty and/or have stunted growth in Low and Middle Income Countries. Stunted growth has been linked, in research, to various poor life outcomes including lower education and reduced income earned potential as adults.



Professor Heymann, Dean of the UCLA School of Public Health, presented research emerging from the World Policy Analysis Centre. The group has identified and coded policy data to allow for cross-country analysis. By linking these data to national-level household surveys, these data allow for careful examination of the impact of policy on child outcomes.

The World Policy Analysis Centre has identified parental income protection, parental leave and free pre- and primary education policies as important in producing better outcomes for children. They have found that, in most areas, even imperfect implementation of these policies results in better child outcomes than no policy.

Professor Heymann invited participants to contact her or the centre if they were interested in working with the data - <https://world.ph.ucla.edu/>.

Both presenters were in the country to participate in a CoE-HUMAN-sponsored two-day workshop examining the possibility of modelling child development to inform priority setting.

The CoE-HUMAN concentrates excellence in the study of Human Development through supporting innovative research and providing funding for Masters and PhD students and Post-Doctoral Fellows. Go to www.wits.ac.za/coe-human to sign up for news and calls from the Centre or contact sandra.roberts@wits.ac.za for more information.

Photograph: Professors Chungling Lu, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Assistant Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School; Linda Richter, Director of Wits CoE-HUMAN; Jody Heymann, Dean of the UCLA School of Public Health; Dr Chris Desmond, Chief Research Specialist in the Human and Social Development research programme at the Human Sciences Research Council

CONGRATULATIONS!

2015 DST DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD WON BY PROFESSOR MAUREEN COETZEE



On behalf of the Faculty we are delighted to congratulate Professor Maureen Coetzee, Director, Wits Research Institute for Malaria Faculty of Health Sciences, who was announced the winner of the 2015 DST Distinguished Scientist award in the Life Sciences category for her work in malaria. This was announced at a glittering function held in Sandton on 17 August 2015.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) hosts these awards annually to reward excellence among women scientists and researchers. The awards theme this year was "Science for a sustainable future", highlighting the contribution made by women researchers

towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The year 2015 marks the target date for achieving the MGDs.



TWO NEW SARCHI CHAIRS FOR THE FACULTY!

Wits proudly announced four new South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARCHI) chairs awarded to the University, two of which are in the Faculty of Health Sciences: Professor Laetitia Rispel, Head of the School of Public Health, and Professor Penny Moore, scientist at the Centre for HIV and STI at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases of the National Health Laboratory Service. SARCHI is a government intervention to strengthen and improve the scientific research and innovation capacity of South African public universities. It was established in 2006 by the Department of Science and Technology and managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF).

Professor Rispel – Research on the health workforce for equity and quality



The Chair will generate new knowledge and expand scientific capacity on health workforce planning, production, performance and dynamics in South Africa, contribute to capacity strengthening in health workforce research, and provide evidence to strengthen the development and implementation of national health workforce policies. The Chair will also make an important contribution to international knowledge, by leading cross-country studies (particularly the BRICS countries) that draw lessons beyond the specifics of national contexts and are useful for other countries embarking on similar health sector reforms. The Chair focusing on the health workforce will provide for theoretical and methodological innovation in this area, thus enhancing international debates in the academic disciplines that it spans – public health and health.

Professor Moore – Virus-Host dynamics for public health

The research focus of the Chair is firmly ensconced in this Thrust of bioscience. More specifically it will continue with the HIV focus. Specifically to define the precise viral variants that engage rare B cells that go on to become anti-HIV broadly neutralising antibodies. Furthermore, viral deep sequencing using longitudinal samples will enable a precise definition of the viral variants associated with the maturation of breadth. These will enable the design of immunogens to be tested in nonhuman primates.



NEWS FROM THE STUDENTS

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A PIECE OF PLASTIC



Tracey Ling writes: 'Drive for Change is a philanthropic group of medical students formed in 2013 trying to make a difference in people's lives by focusing on empowering learners with tools of knowledge and providing assistance to adults and children living with disabilities. We think of different ways to improve the quality of life of others. Currently, the project on which we have focused our attention, excitement and inspiration is: Bread tags and bottle caps for wheelchairs.

This initiative is about wheelchair but also about raising awareness about environmental care and learning to recycle even something as insignificant as a bread tag. Each one is appreciated and makes a difference to the overall picture. This ensures the production of less plastic waste and more plastic being recycled. Our goal is to collect enough bread tags (approximately 300 000 tags/100kg of tags) for 5 wheelchairs.

We work in collaboration with the Sweethearts Foundation and collect and hand over tags and caps to this non-profit organisation. The Foundation sends the plastic to Interwaste to be recycled and the money collected is used to fund the wheelchairs which are distributed to those in need, based on a waiting list. We have collected approximately 180 000 (60kg) bread tags - equivalent to THREE wheelchairs - and with the continued support from all the Wits students and staff and a host of others we look forward to continuing this venture. We thank each and every person contributing to this incredible initiative.

Our appeal is: please keep bread tags and plastic bottle tops and help us with our collection. Drop your bread tags and plastic cold drink bottle tops in the jars available at various collection points at Medical School, in the Public Health Lecture Theatre and in the Phillip Tobias Building and other collection points. For more information, please email medicsdriveforchange@gmail.com. You can also follow The Sweethearts Foundation on facebook.'

Photograph: Back: Nicole Glover, Janet Moyle, Sa'eeda Hendricks, Tracey Ling; Front: Emily Webber, Thato Nong

NOTICES

FESTSCHRIFT IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR MICHAEL C KEW

The Gastroenterology Foundation of South African meeting at the SAGES Congress, CSIR Pretoria:
August 2016

The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa, which was founded by Dr Chris Kassianides (MB BCh 1979), will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2016. Acclaimed international speakers who will participate in the event include Dr Jay Hoofnagle, Deputy Director, Liver Disease Branch and Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda (NIH) and Professor Massimo Pinzani, Sheila Sherlock Chair of Hepatology at the Royal Free Hospital, UCL institute for liver and digestive health London. Past visiting fellows at the NIH and Wits graduates who will also attend include Professor Geoff Dusheiko, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, UCL Institute of Liver and Digestive Health, Royal Free Hospital and Professor Adrian Di Bisceglie, Co-Director and Chief of Hepatology, Saint Louis University Liver Center.



Professor Kew is mentor and a Trustee of the Gastro Foundation and has made enormous contributions to science and teaching of hepatology both nationally and internationally. He is one of the luminaries of Wits Medical School and has an international reputation for his research on liver cancer. Although most of his working life was spent in the Wits Department of Internal Medicine as the Dora Dart Professor of Medicine from 1978 to 2007 and Honorary Director of the joint University/MRC Molecular Hepatology Research Unit from 1994 until 2007, he also spent periods at the Royal Free Hospital in London and at the NIH.

Professor Kew's research, which began early in his career on heat stroke in the gold mining industry in the Transvaal, then turned to hepatocellular carcinoma which has established him as a scientist of international standing. He has written a text book of hepatocellular carcinoma as it occurs in the Black African and has written 84 chapters other books devoted to the diseases of the liver. He is the author of 451 manuscripts in medical journals on the results of his research and his articles have been cited 22 000 times. Now retired from Wits, he is an Honorary Professor in the Department of Medicine at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town where he continues his research activities.

In recognition of Professor Kew's contribution to hepatology locally and internationally the Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa will hold a one-day symposium, a Festschrift, in his honour him. The meeting will be open to all Wits graduates. Funding has been secured to invite 15 leading hepatologists from both West and East Africa to attend.

The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa was founded by Dr Chris Kassianides who graduated from Wits Medical School and completed his Registrar training there after which he joined the Liver Unit of the NIH in Bethesda to do research on the antiviral therapy of Hepatitis B and C viruses. This was followed by GI Fellowships at Georgetown in Washington DC and Cornell Hospital in New York City and by a visiting lectureship Wales Hospital in Hong Kong. When he returned to Johannesburg in 1991 he started a private practice.

The Gastroenterology Foundation focuses on continuing medical education in South Africa of gastroenterology and hepatology fellows in training, those in teaching hospitals as well as in private practice and provides support towards research in this field. A major focus over the last 18 months has been the collaboration with Sub-Saharan colleagues and the extension of activities into Sub-Saharan Africa. It hosts six to eight CM meetings per year in a broad range of gastroenterological and liver related subjects. It has raised over R15 million in the form of generous pledges, mostly from the pharmaceutical industry and has used this to sponsor 13 research grants, 41 travel awards for international travel and 246 for local travel to fellows in training. It has also awarded a three-year travelling scholarship to the United States and one to Oxford University. Collaboration with the American Gastroenterology Association and the European Association of Liver Diseases and with several African countries (Nigeria, Kenya and others) has been successfully established and there are many plans to extend the Foundation's activities in Sub-Saharan Africa to further teaching in all aspects of gastroenterology and hepatology.

Further information regarding Professor Kew's Festschrift is available from:

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SAGES Secretariat / www.sages.co.za / Gastro Foundation Secretariat / www.gastrofoundation.co.za

JOE VERIAVA BIOETHICS MEDAL 2015

Nominations are invited for the Joe Veriava Bioethics Medal 2015 for contributions to bioethics and human rights in health care. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge and reward academic staff and postgraduate students who have made a substantial contribution to one or more of the communities which they are involved with such as the Faculty-Division, social community, national or international community of their discipline. The award is open to all members of academic staff and postgraduate students from all ranks.

Criteria:

The following activities could be considered as contributions to bioethics and human rights in health care:

- Involvement in projects and/or initiatives for the upliftment of communities including community-based research / participatory community service projects / community-based teaching initiatives, projects or work.
- Functioning as a change agent within the Faculty through involvement in key projects, work or initiatives linked to the broader transformation vision of the University.
- Participation in committee work, policy making and organizational development processes at Faculty, Community and Provincial and/or National Government level that advances ethical health care practice and human rights.
- Playing a significant role in promoting the field of bioethics and human rights in health care into the wider community through serving as an acknowledged expert and/or substantially contribution to the public profile of the University.

Closing Date:

Completed nomination forms must reach the Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences no later than **02 October 2015**.

Enquiries and nomination forms: Please contact Mrs Marlese Blom, Department of Internal Medicine, Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
Tel: 011 488 3621; Email: Marlese.blom@wits.ac.za

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
THE PHILLIP V TOBIAS AND CONVOCATION AWARD
Pre-Clinical; Clinical; Allied Medical Disciplines

The Faculty of Health Sciences invites nominations for this award which is designed to recognise and promote teaching excellence in the Faculty.

The criteria for the award are:

- The number of students taught
- communication skills in the presentation of the subject matter
- the organization of the topic or course
- the creation of an environment conducive to student learning
- the encouragement of deeper approaches to learning
- concern for student understanding of the subject

Nominations are invited for this award from staff and students.

An **information sheet** providing more detailed information and **Nomination Forms** are available from departmental secretaries, class representatives and the Faculty of Health Sciences Office.

CLOSING DATE: Nominations must be returned to the Faculty Registrar, Faculty of Health Sciences by **Friday 25 September 2015**.

For further information please email the Faculty Registrar, Mrs Sandra Benn: sandra.benn@wits.ac.za

INVITATIONS



ALBERTINA SISULU MEMORIAL LECTURE - 2015

**“Disabled Women’s Stories of Social Change:
Advocating for Inclusive Health Systems.”**



Associate Professor Theresa Lorenzo

Theresa Lorenzo is an Associate Professor in the University of Cape Town’s Disability Studies and Occupational Therapy, Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town. She gained experience in community-based disability and development programmes and the training of community rehabilitation workers in the rural communities of Limpopo and Mpumalanga. She joined UCT’s Occupational Therapy department in 1996 and has worked with the SACLA Health Project in building students’ capacity to work with civil society organisations in addressing the needs of disabled persons and their families. She initiated the Disability Studies Postgraduate Programmes at UCT in 2003 to bridge the gap between activism and scholarship. Recently, a Higher Certificate in Disability Practice was accredited for community care workers to upgrade their skills in disability inclusive service delivery across sectors.

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2015.

Time: 16:30 for 17:00.

Venue: Marie Curie Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, 7 York Road, Parktown, Johannesburg.

RSVP: Mrs Irene Janse van Noordwyk – 011 717 2063;
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*Pre-lecture drinks will be served and
refreshments afterwards.*



INAUGURAL LECTURE: PROFESSOR LAETITIA RISPEL

“REVOLUTIONARY HEALTH POLICY IN PRAXIS”: ANALYSING THE PROGRESS AND FAULT LINES OF 21 YEARS OF HEALTH SECTOR TRANSFORMATION



Using her own health policy and systems research conducted over two decades, Professor Laetitia Rispel's inaugural lecture will explore the [dis] connections between progressive and far reaching health policies in South Africa, leadership and management, and the fault lines of implementation and health systems change experienced by health workers, the patients and poor communities they serve. The inaugural lecture will present a critical analysis of, and reasons for, the relatively poor performance of the South African health system, compared to other countries of similar income levels, and in light of the country's quantum of health care spending. Professor Rispel will argue for the metaphorical 'repair of the fault lines' to ensure the success of the proposed national health insurance system.

Date: **28 September 2015**

Time: 17:30 for 18:00

Venue: Marie Curie Lecture Theatre, Parktown Health Sciences Campus

Enquiries: Kelebogile.Tadi@wits.ac.za -

SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE RESEARCH DAY

The Faculty of Health Sciences' School of Clinical Medicine will host its first Research Day on Wednesday 30 September 2015. The Research Day will cover a wide spectrum of topics.

The major themes will be health systems; education and bioinformatics; general (disciplines such as paediatrics, obstetrics, neurology, radiology and ophthalmology); renal and cardiology; and anaesthesia and surgery. Members of the School of Clinical Medicine will have an opportunity to present both oral and poster presentations of their research. Three major prizes will be awarded in the categories of Undergraduate/Master in Medicine; Postgraduate Masters by dissertation/PhD and Postgraduate Fellow/consultant.

Date: **30 September 2015**

Venue: Marie Curie Lecture Theatre, Wits Health Sciences Campus

THE ECO-BIOLOGY OF AFRICAN PYGMIES: NEW INSIGHTS

The MRC/Wits Development Pathways for Health Research Unit presents a lecture by Alain Froment. Professor Froment is a medical doctor, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the anthropological collection of the Musée de l'Homme in Paris. Professor Froment will discuss decades of research on Pygmies (from central African region) with his interdisciplinary group involving ethnography, musicology, linguistics, archaeology, demography, biometry, food consumption, epidemiology and genetics. His presentation will showcase the latest results in human biology with special attention on linear growth.

Date: **6 October 2015**

Time: 13:00 – 14:00

Venue: Conference Centre, Wits School of Public Health, Parktown Education Campus

Enquiries: Rihlat.Saidmohamed@wits.ac.za or call 071 283 6366



Professor Martin Veller, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences,
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and the Chairman of
the Board of Control of the Adler Museum of Medicine

take pleasure in inviting you to attend the

AJ Orenstein Memorial Lecture 2015



DRONES IN HEALTH CARE

Presented by

Professor Barry Mendelow

Thursday 1st October 17h30 for 18h00

Venue: Public Health Resource Centre, Wits School of Public
Health Building
7 York Road, Parktown

RSVP: Adler Museum of Medicine, 0117172081
adlermuseum@wits.ac.za

All Welcome

CPD Accredited



Biographical note:

Date of Birth
September 21, 1948

Qualifications:
MB BCH, PhD (Med), FCPATH(Haem), FRSSAf,
MASSAf

Previous University and SAIMR/NHLS appointments:
Professor and Head, Pathology, Baragwanath Hospital
(1982-1983)
Assistant Dean (Research) Faculty of Health Sciences
(1996-1998)
Executive Director (Research) for Wits University (1999-
2000)
Research Manager of the South African Institute for
Medical Research (2001)
Professor and Head, Dept of Haematology, University of
the Witwatersrand (1983-1998)
Founding Professor and Head, Molecular Medicine and
Haematology, University of the Witwatersrand. (1998-
2003)
Executive Manager, University Relations, Quality
Assurance and Research, NHLS August - December
(2010)

Administration of Professional Societies:
President, South African Society of Haematology (1988-
1991)
President, Federation of South African Societies of
Pathology (1994-1996)

Main Research Activities:

Haematological malignancies (1980-1990), with special
reference to genetics of leukaemias (postdoctoral studies
under Prof Leo Sachs at the Weizmann Institute, 1980)
Pharmacological inhibition of Tyrosine Kinases (1990-1995)
Cell signaling abnormalities in AIDS (1995-2010).

Postgraduate Awards

SA Medical Research Council and Israeli National Council
for Research and Development Fellowship (1980)
Watkins Pitchford Research prize of the SAIMR (1981)
Distinguished Researchers' Award (University of the
Witwatersrand) (1995)
Daubenton Prize for Teaching (1985)
Phillip Tobias Prize for Teaching (1990)
Wits 90 Special Service Excellence Medal (2012)

Other Administrative activities:

Co-chair: WHO Symposium on Haematology in under-
resourced laboratories. World Health Organization (1996)
Trustee: Friedland Fellowship - BOE/University of the
Witwatersrand (2001 - present)
Poliomyelitis Research Fund (2008-2011)
Chairman: National Panel on HIV, TB and Nutrition.
Academy of Science of SA (2007)
Honorary Secretary - Oxford Nuffield Medical Fellowship in
SA- (2009-2011)



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- Date: Saturday, 3 October 2015
- Location: Diepsloot, Fourways
- Time: 7am – 2pm

To register and for further queries, please contact Dr Joanita Adams: Joanita.adams@gmail.com or 0820981157





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Neville Welsh, Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology writes: 'Your obituary in the *Health Sciences Review* of Professor Bob Charlton would have brought a wry smile to his lips. As a lifelong friend of Bob's, I can vouch that "his association with Wits began in 1946 when he was admitted for the MBChB and he qualified in 1963" meant that he took 17 years to qualify which is incorrect and is obviously a misprint.' Professor Charlton in fact graduated MBChB in 1952. We regret the error.

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