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Message to staff of the Faculty of Humanities

December 2015

Dear Colleagues

Since my last message you will all have completed the mammoth task of marking and the consolidation of marks before rounding off the year with a period of rest and recuperation. As always, it is a pleasure to share with you important activities, achievements and recognition of a number of our colleagues.

Promotions in the Faculty

Congratulations to the following colleagues who were successful in their applications for academic promotion. The in-bracket text indicates the level to which promotion was approved.

- Mr Nigel Bougard, Social Work and Criminology (Lecturer)
- Dr Nicoleen Coetzee, Psychology (Senior Lecturer)
- Dr Naomi Boakye, UAL (Senior Lecturer)
- Dr Dorette Vermeulen, Music (Senior Lecturer)
- Dr Clorinda Panebianco-Warrens, Music (Senior Lecturer)
- Dr Barbara Heinze, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Senior Lecturer)
- Dr Shakila Dada, CAAC (Associate Professor)



Minor Cosmopolitanisms Grant

The German Research Foundation recently approved a €3 million funding application for an exciting new research proposal involving the University of Pretoria, the University of Potsdam, the Free University Berlin and the Humboldt University Berlin, among other partners.

Professor Lize Kriel of the Department of Visual Arts and Professor Corinne Sandwith of the Department of English were invited to form part of the international research group which includes scholars from several other universities, including the University of Cape Town, the University of New South Wales, Macquarie University in Sydney, Duke University, York University, EFL University in Hyderabad and the University of Delhi.

The project, entitled 'Minor Cosmopolitanisms', seeks to foster collaborative research and supervision around questions relating to cosmopolitan identity from the perspective of the global South. The project involves full funding for 24 PhD candidates and doctoral fellows over a period of thirteen years. At least four to six of the students could potentially be from UP, which translates into an allocation of approximately €375 000. The funding also covers various other kinds of intellectual exchanges including summer schools, conferences and colloquia.



Lize Kriel



Corinne Sandwith

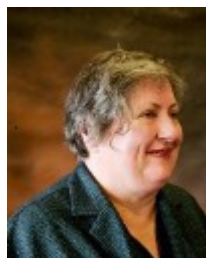
PAL Graduandi in the Faculty of Humanities



Debby Bonnin



Benda Hofmeyr



Molly Brown

The Programme for Academic Leadership (PAL) is presented by the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS). The aim of the programme is to equip senior academics with academic leadership knowledge and skills in order to assist them to be effective in their career progression and to provide a foundation for developing a strong academic leadership career.



In 2015 three of our senior staff graduated. Congratulations to Professor Molly Brown (English), Professor Benda Hofmeyr (Philosophy), and Professor Debby Bonnin (Sociology).

The major output in the Programme is an Action Learning Project (ALP), which is a team project. The 12 participants are divided into three teams of four persons each and given their topic. The output is not only a written report (basically a research project with clear recommendations and a business plan) but also an oral presentation. The ALPs are assessed by a panel and a top project is chosen based on both the written report and the oral presentation. The winning team for 2015 comprised Debby Bonnin, Ruth Mampane (Education), Danie Veldsman (Theology) and Dietmar Holms (Veterinary Science).

PAL Fellows 2016

The Faculty submitted a few nominees for 2016, of which two were selected. Congratulations to Professor Zitha Mokomane (Sociology) and Professor Corinne Sandwith (English).

Tuks Young Research Leader Programme (TYRLP) Fellows

The following staff members were selected as Fellows of the leadership programme:

Dr Ndukuyakhe Ndlovu (Anthropology and Archaeology) is an emerging scholar whose work focuses mainly on local and regional issues in archaeology and heritage and has substantially advanced knowledge and understanding in these fields. He serves on the boards of AMAFA (KwaZulu-Natal Heritage) and SAHRA (South African Heritage Resources Agency). At an international level, he is an Executive Member of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC) and is the Research Associate of the Intellectual Property Issues in Cultural Heritage (IPinCH) based at Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada.

Ms Jeannie van der Linde, appointed as a Lecturer in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in 2010, has grown as a researcher and has shown the potential and drive to become an established and innovative researcher. She has demonstrated to make a difference in her direct academic community, as well as in South Africa and internationally. In February 2015 she was appointed Head of the Speech-Language Pathology programme.

Dr Cori Wielenga is a research fellow in the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn), housed in the Department of Political Sciences. Dr Wielenga's research interest lies in reconciliation and transitional justice processes in Africa. She plays a leading role in the UP Ubuntu research programme, focusing specifically on issues of social cohesion.



Ndukuyakhe Ndlovu



Jeannie van der Linde



Cori Wielenga



NRF Ratings

Congratulations to the following colleagues who recently received their rating:

- Prof Elsabe Taljard, African Languages (C1 rating)
- Dr Kerstin Tonsing, CAAC (Y2 rating)

Work of UP Researcher Featured in QS News2WOWU

A news story on the work of Prof De Wet Swanepoel (Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology) submitted by University of Pretoria was selected to appear on the cover page of *QS News2WOWU*.



De Wet Swanepoel

The QS printed version will be distributed to more than 4 500 universities around the globe. It is also estimated to reach more than half-a-million academics in the QS database through their e-version. Additionally, the new edition will be distributed at two of QS's most important international events, namely QS-APPLE<<http://www.qsapple.org/>> in Melbourne, and QS Summer School Summit<<http://www.qssummerschool.com/>> in Kuala Lumpur. Read the article, titled 'University of Pretoria scholar revolutionizes hearing loss detection' http://www.qsnews2wow-u.com/latest_edition/#64/z

Mandela Rhodes Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the following students in the Faculty:

- Ms Sebenzile Nkambule: Master's – Sociology
- Ms Tshepang Mabusela: Master's – Development Studies
- Mr Mosibudi Rasethaba: Honours – Psychology

Fellowship at the Centre of Advanced Study at Konstanz University



Stephan Mühr

Professor Stephan Mühr from the Department of Modern European Languages was awarded a guest research fellowship at the Centre of Advanced Study (Kulturwissenschaftliches Kolleg) at Konstanz University in Germany for the period September 2015 to January 2016. During this time he will pursue research on narratives of infinity. He will also present a postgraduate seminar on 'The history of science as cultural history' as part of 'Studies in European culture', an MA programme based at Konstanz University. The scholarship Professor Mühr received amounts to about €15 000.



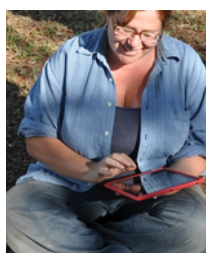
Bilateral relations between UP and Konstanz University have been in place since 2009, when UP embarked on adapting an MA programme offered at Konstanz University on the cultural foundations of social integration and disintegration. Since 2009, on average three students per institution per annum studied at the respective partner university – an initiative mainly funded by bursaries obtained through Konstanz University. In addition to student exchange, research-centred faculty exchange also became possible.

For more information, please visit http://www.up.ac.za/en/modern-european-languages/news/post_2190773-prof.-stephan-mhr-was-awarded-guest-research-fellow-at-the-centre-of-advanced-study-at-konstanz-university-germany

NRF Grant for Project on Mapungubwe



Alexander Antonites



Ceri Ashley

The NRF African Origins Platform grant supports research and associated human capacity development in the palaeo sciences. The project ‘New approaches to Mapungubwe commoners: Field and collections-based research’, under the direction Dr Alexander Antonites (Principal Investigator) and Dr Ceri Ashley (Co-Investigator), both from the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, will be funded for three years (2016–2018) to the order of R1,46 million. Funding includes scholarships for three MA students and six honours students in addition to expenses related to research, conference and travel, with the further possibility of funding for a postdoctoral fellowship. The proposed project aims to situate the portions of 13th century society that are typically labelled as ‘commoner society’ within the larger social, political and economic landscape. This will be achieved through a re-analysis of existing collections and the excavation of new relevant sites. Central to the proposed research programme is the training of a cohort of young scholars. The importance of promoting the archaeological heritage of South Africa, and particularly the centrality of Mapungubwe to national identity and heritage education, will be reflected in a series of public outreach events and platforms designed to demystify the discipline and make new results accessible.

NRF Grant for Project on Digital Humanities



Amanda du Preez

The newly initiated Digital Humanities project dealing with selfies and self-representation viewed from the Global South has just received funding for three years (2016–2018) to the order of R1,46 million. The award forms part of the NRF’s competitive funding for rated researchers and has been awarded to the project leader, Professor Amanda du Preez, and co-investigators from the Visual Culture Studies Division in the Department of Visual Arts. The funding will enable the project leaders to host symposia and workshops, and stimulate postgraduate studies in the field of digital humanities and selfies. The Faculty will be hosting an international colloquium in the first semester of 2016 with top-notch scholars to launch the Digital Humanities initiative.



Finally, thank you to all of you for your dedicated work this year at so many different levels in ensuring the academic project remains intact. I wish to also single out our support staff for their tireless efforts in providing a range of services at the operations level. Thank you especially to all our cleaning staff who have likewise made our offices, buildings and spaces comfortable. Best wishes to each of you for a happy festive season and a prosperous and successful 2016.

Kind regards,

Vasu Reddy

