

Mpho received her degree in Psychology at the University of Johannesburg. This is where she also graduated for her Honours degree in Philosophy and recently completed her Master's degree as well. Her Master's thesis research was in Personal Identity. In her thesis she defended the importance of a personal identity that is constituted by authenticity and uniqueness. Her approach acknowledged debates within the metaphysical field but deviated from such an approach and resembled that of Charles Taylor.

In her doctoral research, Mpho aims to champion and defend the value of uniqueness amongst persons. She considers whether uniqueness is an element of personal development that is worth pursuing to the cost of other things that limit one's individuality. Her overarching research concern aims to delineate what uniqueness amongst persons is and how we relate to it. In short, she aims to construct a plausible account of *Personal Uniqueness*, i.e. the unique distinction that sets persons apart from each other. Her approach is normative and, her research includes themes of *Love, Death, Religion, African Ethics, Autonomy and Authenticity* amongst other themes relating to personal uniqueness.

Mpho lectures undergraduate courses in applied ethics. She has served as a postgraduate representative on Senate at the University of Johannesburg. Mpho is a member of the Philosophical Society of South Africa, as well as Golden Key Society in South Africa.

Short Curriculum Vitae

Academic Qualifications

BA (Hons) - University of Johannesburg (UJ)

MA – UJ

DPhil in progress at UJ

Fields of Specialization and Research Interests

Personal Identity, Personhood, Self, Subjectivity, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Meaning of life

Areas of Teaching Competence

Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Hermeneutics, Philosophy of Mind: Personal Identity, Environmental Ethics, African Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Feminism, Meaning of life