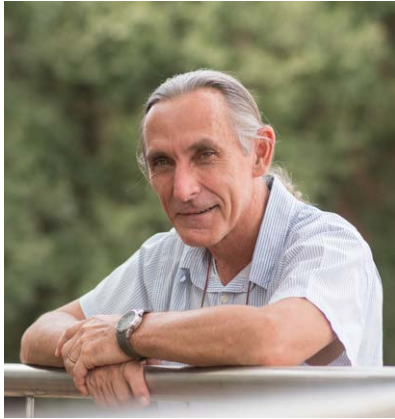


Tshwane Substance Use Research Symposium

FACILITATORS & SPEAKERS



Prof Jannie Hugo

Jannie Hugo is the Director of the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit at the University of Pretoria. He is leading the academic development and implementation of COPC, including mobile data systems and the implementation of the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) in collaboration with the City of Tshwane and the Gauteng Department of Health.

Mr Koena Nkoko

Mr Koena Nkoko is a seasoned and experienced executive leader. He has over 20 years of experience in the Health Sector, mainly in district health services and local government. He has occupied several senior and executive management positions, which include General Manager: Clinics, Provincial Deputy-Director, Sub-District Manager, Area Manager: Health Services, and the latest being Group Head: Health Department in the City of Tshwane.



Dr Siphokazi Dada



Dr Siphokazi Dada is a Senior Scientist in the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC). She holds a PhD in Psychiatry from the University of Stellenbosch. Dr Dada manages the South African Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use (SACENDU), a drug trends monitoring system operation throughout South Africa's nine provinces. She coordinates data collection across sites, analyses data and writes reports for this project. She also participates in other epidemiological research conducted in the unit. Dr Dada is a Marie Curie Fellow and a Dr Bongani Mayosi Scholar.



Mr Senzo Khambule

Senzo Khambule is a holistic Clinical Associate, currently working in the private sector. He is passionate about primary health care and patient data systems. Mr Khambule holds a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical and Medical Practice (BCMP) from the University of Pretoria. He has dedicated his career to the provision of excellent primary health care, mostly to marginalised communities, looking into understanding the importance of patient data systems in fostering optimum healthcare service provision. He has spent four years working with people who use drugs within the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) – an initiative of the City of Tshwane in collaboration with the University of Pretoria, where his interest in working with marginalised communities has been amplified.



Mr MJ Stowe



MJ Stowe is a Researcher at the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit at the University of Pretoria in the Community Oriented Substance Use Program (COSUP), and Programme Coordinator at the South African Network of People Who Use Drugs (SANPUD). MJ's research interests include i) drug-related harms among people who use drugs (PWUD); ii) drug checking in festival and community settings; iii) racial inclusivity in harm reduction and drug policy reform in South Africa; and iv) increasing community-based access to naloxone and opioid overdose education through take-home naloxone programmes. MJ's work revolves around community engagement and ensuring that PWUD are meaningfully involved in service delivery, advocacy and drug policy reform activities and efforts in South Africa.

Mr Kamogelo Letswalo

Kamogelo Letswalo is a peer educator at the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) in Atteridgeville. He is an advocate for harm reduction and for the substance users involved in this programme. He has been involved in COSUP for the past four years. Initially, he was invited to give motivational talks for COSUP support groups and then volunteered for eight months, after which he became an official peer educator.



Mr Shaun Shelly



Shaun Shelly is the Drug Policy lead at TB HIV Care, a researcher at the University of Pretoria, Department of Family Medicine, and Chair of the South African Network of People Who Use Drugs (SANPUD). He is a former Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Vienna NGO Committee (VNGOC) on Narcotic Drugs and sits on several boards and expert groups internationally. Shaun has written more than 25 peer-reviewed journal articles, chapters and reports. He brings academic, programmatic, research, clinical and lived experience together into a 360 degree-view of the complex issues that inform our understanding and responses to the use of certain drugs, and the people that use them.



Mrs Hanlie Kapp

Mrs Hanlie Kapp has managed several PEPFAR funded programs within the Foundation for Professional Development (FPD) since joining the company in July 2009. During her tenure she managed and implemented the award-winning First Things First public-private partnership campaign in the higher education sector and co-authored an article on the campaign implementation. She presented papers at international (IAS 2010), European (Inaugural European HIV Nursing Conference, 2014) and several South African conferences.

Dr Joanelle Stonehouse

Dr Joanelle Stonehouse is a registrar in Family Medicine at the University of Pretoria. She is currently involved in the clinical training programme for Family Physicians, and her research project considered the prevalence of mental health condition symptoms in the homeless shelters during the COVID-19 lockdown. She enjoys Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) and spent 10 months working in the temporary homeless shelters in Tshwane during 2020. She is passionate about teaching and enjoys teaching undergraduate students and junior doctors. She presented a poster presentation at the 2021 South African Academy of Family Physicians (SAAFP) Conference.



Dr Elaine Saayman



Dr Elaine Saayman is a HIV clinician, leading clinical services at Sediba Hope Medical Centre, a non-profit organisation in the inner city of Tshwane, South Africa. She is currently also a Master of Public Health candidate at John's Hopkins University. Her interests include promotion of healthcare access for underserved and marginalised populations; optimisation of HIV and opportunistic disease prevention and management strategies; health system strengthening and policy reform through innovative models of care and implementation research; and health management, with a focus on bridging the gap between the public- and private healthcare sector.



Mr Koketso Mokubane

Koketso Mokubane is the Gauteng Regional Representative at the South African Network of People Who Use Drugs (SANPUD). Koketso actively engages with communities of people who use drugs to ensure that their voices are heard and inform advocacy and drug policy reform activities. Koketso's work comprises of advocacy and human rights components, with the development and support of networks of people who use drugs central to both. Koketso has lived experience with opioid substitution therapy as well as viral hepatitis and associated treatments.

Ms Lutske Newton

Lutske Newton is Director: Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Programmes in the City Sustainability Unit in the Office of the Executive Mayor, City of Tshwane. She is responsible for ensuring that there is a sound evidence-base for climate adaptation planning and for engaging internal and external stakeholders on understanding this evidence-base and being able to respond to it. An important component of climate risk is social vulnerability, as the higher levels of social vulnerability, the greater the impact of particular climate hazards. Lutske has a Master's Degree in Development Studies.



Miss Rebecca Welgemoed

Rebecca Welgemoed is currently a fourth year Occupational Therapy student at the University of Pretoria. She recently completed a seven-week academic service-learning fieldwork placement in Mamelodi, City of Tshwane. During this time she worked with group members at two Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) sites –Ikageng and Lusaka, mostly addressing skills required for income generation.

Mrs Marike Smit

Marike Smit is an Occupational Therapist who works as a research assistant for the Storytelling project funded by the University of Pretoria Future Africa UNICEF One Health For Change grant in 2021. She also supervises the fourth year occupational therapy students from the University of Pretoria during their academic service learning fieldwork in Mamelodi.



Mr Given Khanyi



Given Khanyi is a Social worker at Life HealthCare @Life Recovery Centre, formerly known as Life Esidimeni. Given trained at the University of Pretoria and started practicing as a social auxiliary worker at Childline Mpumalanga Thuthuzela care centre in 2018. Given then moved to the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) in December 2018 as a social work intern, and subsequently Life HealthCare in August 2021, where he is currently practicing as a social worker. In 2021 he completed his Masters in Social Work at the University of South Africa (UNISA) on the topic "Social workers' challenges and experiences of working with nyaope substance users within COSUP".

Mr Simon Mosikwa

Simon Mosikwe is a peer educator at Ga-Rankuwa COSUP site in Tshwane. He has a great passion for helping others, especially drug users as he was once in their shoes, and he shares his stories so that he may inspire and help other people.





Mr Siphon Nxasane

Mr Siphon Nxasane is a Senior Innovation Specialist at the City of Tshwane. He is a social scientist with an interest in community development and entrepreneurship. He has been a member of several youth and community development structures that promote social cohesion through the performing arts and sports.

Dr Michelle Janse van Rensburg

Michelle Janse van Rensburg is an occupational therapist with a Master's Degree in Public Health from Wits University and a PhD in Family Medicine from the University of Pretoria. She has worked in under-resourced community settings since the mid-1990s and has been in the academic environment since 2003, focusing particularly on supervision of academic service-learning in peri-urban, semi-rural and inner-city community settings. Michelle is currently a senior researcher at the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit of the University of Pretoria and works with Community Health Worker (CHW) training, understanding the functioning of people who use/d drugs in the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP), and pathways out of homelessness in the inner City of Tshwane.



Mr Likwa Ncube



Mr Likwa Ncube has a masters' degree in social work and is the Peer Coordinator of the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP). In this role he leads a team of Peer Educators and Peer Educator Mentees who provide harm reduction services, which include Needle and Syringe Services, basic counselling and facilitation of Community Advocacy Groups (CAGs) among substance users in the City of Tshwane. Likwa specialises in Employee Health and Wellness and has successfully served a range of clients, including COSUP staff, COSUP clients, and the COSUP project as a whole.



Mr Sizwe Nkosi

Sizwe Clyde Nkosi is a peer educator at the M17 COSUP (Community Orientated Substance Use Programme) site. As someone who is a former substance user, Sizwe's passion now is helping other substance users using harm reduction methods.

Ms Dimakatso Nonyane

Dimakatso, a Clinical Associate in the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) since its inception in 2016, is currently leading the Capability/Training component for COSUP. She oversees all Drugs and Substance Use (including Harm Reduction) training and education for staff, communities and relevant stakeholders across programmes managed by the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit at the University of Pretoria. She also developed and ran national workshops that trained healthcare professionals, community health workers, and relevant community members in harm reduction. During this time, she co-authored and published an article on developments in this field. Dimakatso has a passion for people-centred care and strives to advocate for quality, person-centred approaches to community health.



Dr Natasha Gloeck



Dr Tasha Gloeck is a medical doctor and clinical epidemiologist at the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) at the University of Pretoria. She has a MBChB, Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Health, and an MSc in Clinical Epidemiology, cum laude. She has presented at both international and local conferences around her work in substance use. She is passionate about using evidence-based research to positively impact the lives and health of those most vulnerable.

Ms Daniela Goeieman

Ms Daniela S Goeieman is a Clinical Associate, and Associate Lecturer in the Division of Clinical Associates at the University of the Witwatersrand. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Witwatersrand, in Clinical Medical Practice (2013) and a postgraduate diploma from Stellenbosch University in Addiction Care (2020). She started her research journey in 2019 as the study lead looking at factors affecting the retention of COSUP service users on opioid substitution therapy. Ms Goeieman hopes that all her endeavours in both her personal and academic life will contribute to health equity. It is her dream to be part of a society that works together to ensure sustainable communities with clean, healthy and safe environments.



Dr Urvisha Bhoora



Dr Urvisha Bhoora is a specialist Family Physician with the University of Pretoria. She is currently responsible for the clinical oversight/management of the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP). Urvisha is responsible for the training of clinical staff and has helped develop and implement several Standard Operating Procedures in COSUP. Dr Bhoora supervises 12 clinical associates, two doctors and family medicine registrars working in the programme. She has presented at conferences and on multiple academic platforms. Urvisha is enthusiastic about new research opportunities and passionate about her work and hopes to educate and empower individuals in taking control of their health.

Ms Violet Maodi



Violet Maodi is the Gauteng Regional Representative at the South African Network of People Who Use Drugs (SANPUD), with a focus on women who use drugs. Violet actively engages with women who use drugs from communities around Tshwane, as well as families of people who use drugs. Violet aims to ensure that women who use drugs – who are severely stigmatised and marginalised – have their voices heard and that issues specific to this group are incorporated in advocacy activities. Violet has experience as a counsellor and uses these skills to work with women who use drugs and support them with various issues, including the reporting of human rights violations and appropriate actions in response to the violations. Violet has lived-experience with opioid substitution therapy and the various challenges associated with accessing it in South Africa.

Dr Lardo Stander

Dr Stander is an experienced senior manager with a demonstrated history of success, working in the government administration industry and academic sector. With a love and passion for people, leading, and learning, he has strong analytical skills, economic research experience, economic policy implementation preferences and is an avid hunter and braai expert. Dr Stander is an economic and policy analysis professional and strategically orientated, having completed a doctorate (PhD) in economics from the University of Pretoria as well as holding a Six Sigma Black Belt designation. He has an unquenchable passion for entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial activities.



Mr Wayne Renkin



For the past 11 years Wayne Renkin has worked as a practitioner in the NGO sector, seeking to contribute to the transformation of the city and to find pathways out of homelessness. As an activist-scholar, Wayne uses a transdisciplinary approach, a World Café approach, and a praxis cycle as his research methods. Wayne, based in Pretoria, South Africa, is currently a researcher at the Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Research Unit, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Pretoria, focusing on primary health care for vulnerable communities with research interests in homelessness, spatial justice, post-apartheid South Africa, liberation theology, urbanisation, urban vulnerabilities, and poverty. He currently works on a project that does community and health impact assessments of mine companies on their host communities in South Africa. He is also a facilitator at the Institute of Healing of Memories.

Ms Swayam Ramdass

Swayam Ramdass is an Interior Architecture Master's degree student at the University of Pretoria, where she also received her Undergraduate and Honours degrees. Swayam is very interested in the field of Subjective Wellbeing, and the human-centred nature of the field has largely influenced her normative position towards design. Swayam believes that Interior Architecture has the power to create spaces that have a positive, holistic impact on people's lives. Swayam aims to one day make a significant contribution towards the field of Subjective Wellbeing in order to design Architecture that makes a difference in people's lives.



Mr Martin Broodryk



Martin Broodryk endorses the principle of living mindfully and respectfully, which ties in with his passion for people change management and organisational transformation. He has experience in the management of medium- to large-scale change projects across various disciplines and industries in both public and private sectors across South Africa.

Over the last two years Martin's attention shifted from corporate organisational change to the discipline of integrated community-based work. He was introduced to the world of Internal Municipal Service District (IMSDs) – previously known as City Improvement Districts (CIDs) – and is currently invested in the conceptualisation, development and implementation of an IMSD model for Abman, one of the companies within the Abcon Group.

Mr Warren Spanneberg

Mr Warren Spanneberg is a peer educator at the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP) site in Eersterust, and has worked in the programme since 2018. His motto in life is: "To serve is my duty and to serve well is my joy".



Adv Anne-Marie Bendeman



Adv Anne-Marie Bendeman is a Senior Public Prosecutor at the National Prosecuting Authority and is currently stationed at the Mamelodi Magistrate Court. She specialises in all criminal prosecutions, as well as certain fields of Family Law. She is heavily involved in the combatting of gender-based violence (GBV) and started a GBV campaign in Mamelodi in 2019. She is also involved in numerous campaigns relating to drug use. She is very passionate about her career and strives to ensure justice for all victims of crime.

Ms Pretty Ndini

Pretty Ndini, MSc, graduated with a degree in Social Work from the University of Johannesburg, South Africa in 2013. She completed her Master's degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the University of the Witwatersrand in 2020. She currently works as a Study Coordinator in the Implementation Research Division for The Aurum Institute.



Ms Angela McBride



Angela McBride is the Executive Director of the South African Network of People who Use Drugs (SANPUD) and a woman who uses drugs. Angela has worked in the field of harm reduction for over five years. Starting as a peer educator for the first needle syringe programme in South Africa, she has been involved in a number of service delivery programmes for the community, human rights and advocacy initiatives, as well as research projects and trainings on topics such as safer injecting and overdose prevention.

Mr Tichaenzana Nyashanu

Mr Nyashanu is a PhD candidate in Psychology with the University of Pretoria. He is currently doing research on the barriers to treatment among young adults living with substance use disorders within the Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP). He has an interest in research, and monitoring and evaluation of projects, particularly in the social services and development sphere.

