



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Faculty of Law

SARAH BAARTMAN HALL

28 March 2026

FACULTY OF LAW

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.

Welcome by the Master of Ceremonies.

Musical Item.

The graduands and diplomates 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 and diplomates, 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.

**NAMES OF
GRADUANDS/DIPLOMATES**

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

FACULTY OF LAW

Dean: Professor M Paleker

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS

Anousha Allie
Aqeelah Allie
Khadeeja Allie-Ebrahim (magna cum laude)
Zahra Ally
Benjamin Archary
*Jesmaine Rushdia Arendse
Ross Campbell Armstrong
Ozzy Lebron Aromin (cum laude)
Amy Aronoff
Kerrin Jesse Baker
Luyanda Banda
Robert Michael Baynham
*Jocelyn Sian Bloomer
Aurora Hannah Blumberg
Isabella Simone Bosman (magna cum laude)
Rameez Brenner
Ryan John Carelse
Muhammad Natheer Cassiem
Matthew William Chadwick (cum laude)
Lauren Claassen (cum laude)
Joseph Howes Clacey (cum laude)
Isabella Marie Lutge Clarke
Joanna Amy Molteno Corder (magna cum laude)
Liam Mcauliffe Cuff
Cayleen De Bruyn
Daisy Dixon (cum laude)
*Ntuthuko Hopewell Dlamini
Jenna Gabrielle Dugmore
Cayley Mary Edwards
Samuel Duncan Elliott
Emma Fallon
Mbalenhle Natasha Gigaba
Rhea Gill (magna cum laude)
Kiara Govender
Vedahl Thoreauu Govender
Phumzile Nikiwe Gubanca
Taona Laurene Gwaunza (cum laude)
Jodi Lauren Harris
Danielle Willow Hendricks (cum laude)

Michael Richard Herbert
Sophie Juliette Hertantyo (cum laude)
Quincy Liam Hitler
Sacha-Leigh Hoedemaker
Kiera Robin Hosking (magna cum laude)
Leigh Hamilton Hudson
Sarah Yasmin Victoria Hugo-Hamman
Zaafirah Ismail
Gabriell Artur Jahja (magna cum laude)
Farisai Joy Jaka
Sean Seth Kamwendo
Heather Leigh Kausch
Montle Papie Lungile Koka
Stanley Kondowe
Jaydon Samuel Krok (magna cum laude)
Ayanda Kunene
Donovan Steven La Grange
*Charlotte Emily Lay
Mia Georgina Lazarus (cum laude)
Roomaan Leach
Sumin Lee
Stanley Tadiwanashe Machine
Ipeleng Machwisa
Lethokuhle Thandolwethu Madlala
Asande Mpumelelo Magadla
Abi Jemima Magula
*Tasmeeyah Mahomed
Sadia Majal
Lizwi Thapelo Majola
Giorgia Alexi Mann
Timothy Daniel Mantel (magna cum laude)
Ella Manthorp
Tadiwanashe Joshua Marowa
Xiluva Mbali Mashamba
Rirhandzu Xiluva Mashele
Keamogetse Mashinini
Ashleigh Theresa McAllister
Casey Kim Mckay
Asandamanyanda Nosipho Mdlalose
Isabelle Joy Meyer
Seth Meyer
Rose Margaret Mitchell
Nosipho Mkhize
Khumo Mmutlana
Malaika Gladys Tsakani Mohlaba
*Amohelang Reatile Molefi
Lateefah Monareng
Sandile Monoane (cum laude)
Daria Mordvinova
Chido Alice Mpofo
*Sikelela Mtirara
Aluwani Mudau
Willem Johannes Muller
Hannah Morgin Murray
*Takunda Bless Mwanza

Ahlume Thaba Milisa Mzwakali
*Muhoza Sosthene Nahimana
Chloe Naidoo
Rofhiwa Christina Ndou
Rehema Wanjiru Nganga
Yami Ngonyama
Singatha Ngoqo
Owami Nhlangulela
Gift Samuel Nkulu (cum laude)
Isabella Suzanna Nunes
Lindokuhle Haley Nxumalo
Caitlin Maria Overmeyer
Muaaz Ahmed Paleker
Jade Peffer
Amy Pekeur
*Abigail Penty
Kate Alex Procter (magna cum laude)
Siyema Buhle Qukwana
Tshegofatso Ramasala
Mila Jade Rezac
Nicholas Robert Rightford
Bianca Rosen
Jamie-Lou Ross (cum laude)
Julia Margaret Schurr
Tshiamo Sebokedi (magna cum laude)
*Andile Shwana
Shifaa Singlee
Sibulele Tyra Sishuba
Talja Smit
Ryan Craig Sneddon
*Othemabela Soji
Zhonne Steyn
Chulumanco Stokwe
Matt David Strous (magna cum laude)
Katya Sumner-Prilaid
Obakeng Babantle Taje
Monica Munashe Takawira
Nyashadzashe Sunungukai Tinago
Saabirah Tofie
Kirsten Truter
Chun Heng William Tsang
Sanele Tshabalala
Buhle Twana
Tanika Upasani
Justin Riemer Uys
*Jaden Van Der Merwe
Andrew Mark Watt (cum laude)
Jonah David Wolpert
Sinalo Yoyo

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
IN LAW**

Namadhila Lotta Ambunda
*Felix Goodluck Chakila
*Charles Chanda
Dhanasagrie Chetty (with distinction)

Philanda Christiaan
Rethabile Phillip Khali
Zodwa Dorah Maluleke
Abigail Goodness Ngobene
*Maëlle Paquet (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

Rogers Andagalu
Markus Penda Mulandula Angula
Joanna Rahmatoulay Bakilana
*Stacey Conny Baloyi
*Niko Manfred Bögershausen (with distinction in the dissertation)
Viviean Conze
Charlise Finch
Gabriël Stefanus Philpus Janse Van Vuuren
Anisha Neehad Jeelabdeen
Kalaba Anne-Sandra Kambafwile
Hope Henry Katabwa
Conrad Jeremy Kimbugwe
Elizabeth Anne Lourens
Alfred Maropefela
Ilan Vuyile Mcontsi
Matlala Mpho Mofokeng
Chloe Morris
Sharon Tanatswa Mukubvu
Maria Namuma Mulindi
Annika Rottmann

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN COMMERCIAL LAW

*Niklas Simon Adler
*Fenja Alexa Bothe
*Lorenz Christian Waldemar Carstensen
Enicia Megan Coerecius
*Kagiso David
Winile Innocentia Nomthandazo
Dubazane
*Lino Elders (with distinction)
*Adrian Fieweger (with distinction)
*Lars Oliver Flamme
*Charlotte Fröhlich (with distinction)
Avuyile Onwabile Gasela
Sphosethu Natasha Gqamlana
*Max Valentin Gronbach
*Stella Tabea Esther Elsa Hensel
*Karolina Lea Holzem
Ongeziwe Jali
Lea Tamsin Johnson
*Tumelo Audrey Kwape (with distinction)
*Theresa Ludwig
Allan Mark Lutaaya

Kashmira Maharajh
*Nebiyu Mahmud
Nikiwe Mama
Michelle Grace Mawanda
Kegan Michael Mcintyre
Lance Kyle Mckenzie
Tshegofatso Alexandra Mmushi
Lemuel Matthew Mokwena
Razeena Moorad (with distinction)
*Anathi Boipelo Motsoeneng
Sindisiwe Nosipho Msomi
Tuhafeni Mekondjo Muhongo
*Mercy Thandi Mulele (with distinction)
Hannat Nabaggala
Kimberly Mukiibi Nalweyiso
Blessing Tendai Nhika
Darius Nieuwoudt
Boitshwarelo Nkawana-Kgathi
Ebrahiem Hassan Osman
*Jasmin Christina Pfändner (with distinction)
Daniel Edward Phillips (with distinction)
Earl Ockert Pietersen (with distinction)
*Maximilian Andreas Rauth
Basetsana Salani
Andre Lawrence Sale
Siphelele Sandile
*Tobias Schwalm (with distinction)
Sophie Mary-Anne Scott
*Clara Marie Seibert (with distinction)
Soraya Moleboge Sekgwama
Megameno Shifiona
Abigail Rene Solomon
*Jorrit Sommer
*Kondwani William Susuwele Banda
*Prince Mpho Solomon Thobane
Daniel Ampumuza Tukei
Ngumeritiza Antonio Uanguta
Luke Matthew Van Schalkwyk (with distinction)
*Jaromir Fin Walzberg (with distinction)
*Liza Wessling
*Philipp Gabriel Ifen Zimmer (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Tabamuzigu Wilson Abaho
*Sarah Affolter
*Luisa-Sophia Antes
Callum Ryan Beukes
*Vivien Lara Eller (with distinction)
*Clara Louise Foshag
*Ferdinand Kilimann
Unathi Maxhela

*Alison Elizabeth McDonald
Yellavarne Suloreshina Moodley (with distinction)
Zane Chrisano Moosa
Fiona Mosothwane
*HlUMANI Ndlovu
Daphne Jean Osborne
*Anouk Marie Pabst
*Fiete Schacht
*Fabian Leon Staudinger

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Doreen Aoko Abiero
Adiya Latika Pillay

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

*Martina Ghiselli
Kiera Rose Jackson
Sandra Moreen Machinjili
Mashale Gafela Magaseng
Eunice Shamim Milanzi
Previous Patience Mufunganzira
Hazel Nyaradzai Mukunyaidze
*Theresa Isabelle Naue (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

Tendai Thelma Hatoongo
Jamada Musa Kalinda (with distinction)
*Anopa Tamuka Tamuka Murambiwa
Theuns Christiaan Prinsloo
*Oluwatosin Ajoke Quadri
Samantha Tendai Sibanda
*Angus Elliot Wheeler

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN LABOUR LAW

*Roy Grätsch (with distinction)
*Nomveliso Lali
Nqubeko Mongezi Ngema
*Jana Schneider
*Sophia Anna Schwendemann (with distinction)

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Mingha Hendricks

*Kimberly-Sophie Holtsträter (with distinction)
Lavender Ijai Ijai
Aphiwe Kondlo (with distinction)
*Shehnaaz Rawat
Ndilipunye Michael Wancipo

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS
IN SHIPPING LAW

*Kaylee Susan Dry
Luigi Farina
Danielle Clarodine Galant
Bridgette Sibongile Khanyile
Kavitha Lutchman
*Hendrik Gideon Visser

DEGREE OF MASTER
OF LAWS IN TAX LAW

*Anjé Albertyn (with distinction)
Jenna-Louise Barclay
Thandeka Millicent Bhembe
Isabella Louise Black
Valentina Di Savino
Pooja Juguth
*Johannes Hendrik Loots
Aidan Mc Donald
Dewald Pieterse (with distinction)
Tafadzwa Saungweme
Edmondson Emmanuel Sawyerr
Lauren Schilder
Raeesah Shaik
Braydon Frans Smits

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS
IN THE LAW OF MINERAL AND
PETROLEUM EXTRACT AND USE

Osei Bonsu Appiah-Gyasi
Nicole Namwezi Batumike (with distinction)
*Portia Jane Daniell (with distinction)
Ayabonga Gantuntu
Drew Danielle Lourie
Mukovhe Marole
Tara Nikazi Mc Dowall (with distinction)
Tomukudza Kudzaimwari
Mudzimbasekwa (with distinction)
Sinelizwi Ndamase
Elton Kamuhitua Nguaike
Thandolwethu Percy Nkopane
Kavenandjo Pakarac
*Karabelo Seapi

Joel Elkanah Theoway
Veripuami Tjipueja
*Melisizwe Xulu

DEGREE OF MASTER
OF PHILOSOPHY

*Jonathan Meredith

DEGREE OF DOCTOR
OF PHILOSOPHY

Yazeed Adams
Thesis Title: *A genealogy of the turn to 'fairness' in the regulation of South Africa's financial sector*

Yazeed Adams is an admitted attorney. He worked in Human Rights before joining the corporate world. His PhD thesis follows an upgrade of work, begun in 2019, towards a Master's degree in Commercial Law. He is presently a leader at a multinational insurance and financial services group and maintains a keen interest in constitutionalism and the protection of human rights, dignity and equality.

Yazeed Adam's thesis discusses the impetus for the new fairness-seeking trajectory in global and domestic policy and regulation and their impacts, with a focus on South Africa's reform of laws in the long-term insurance and financial services sector. He presents a genealogy to improve understanding of these emerging trajectories in relation to South Africa, with a comparative global and historical review. Drawing on critical legal theory, he examines the influences, language and literature of this new trajectory to reckon and reason with the rhetoric and impact of regulatory reform. Yazeed Adam's thesis reveals the importance of the substantive ambitions of the Constitution in post-apartheid South Africa with respect to corporate and economic action and policy; and he exposes the inhibitions of laws and judgements concerned with form over substance to the detriment of economic and social progress.

Supervisor: Professor AJ Barnard-Naude (Private Law)

Joelle Sarah Barnes
Thesis Title: *Does the watchdog bite? A comparative study of the judiciary as an accountability mechanism on high executive power in Malawi, Namibia and Seychelles*

Joelle Barnes holds BA and LLB degrees from UCT and an LLM from the University of Michigan. She is an admitted attorney in New York and teaches with UCT's Judicial Institute for Africa. She began her PhD studies in 2019.

Joelle Barnes' thesis is a comparative study of courts in Malawi, Namibia and Seychelles and the extent to which they have developed a coherent set of norms to hold their respective Presidents and Cabinets accountable for their use of high executive power. She finds that, despite having similar empowering constitutional provisions in terms of constitutions adopted in the 1990s, coherence of the case law varies across the three jurisdictions. Using a comparative analysis, including a case study on judicial responses during the COVID-19 pandemic, she reveals that Malawian jurisprudence is robust but unpredictable, that jurisprudence in Namibia demonstrates emerging standards with largely predictable outcomes, and that jurisprudence in Seychelles faces systemic challenges that hinder effective constitutional review. Her findings underscore the need to consider contextual factors in embedding judicial powers effectively. Joelle Barnes' thesis contributes to analyses of how legal frameworks promote accountability, and it supports research into the evolving relationship between modern African democracies' judiciaries and their high executives.

Supervisor: Emeritus Professor H Corder (Special Advisor to Vice-Chancellor)
Co-supervisor: Professor C O'Regan (Oxford University)

Shaun Robert Barns

Thesis Title: *Constitutionally damaged: moving courageously beyond common law fictions*

Shaun Barns completed his BCom (Economics and Law) and LLB at UCT and began part-time study towards his PhD in 2017 whilst working in management consulting, pharmaceuticals and healthcare.

Shaun Barns' thesis focuses on challenging the uncritical use of private common law fictions, especially when applied within vicarious liability doctrines in public law. He uses specific examples of instances when delict is applied vicariously in cases involving police misconduct. Further, he explores the comparative jurisdictions of England, France and Canada in order to aid in building alternatives to present common law fictions. Shaun Barns concludes by providing a new framework for damages claims in public liability cases, utilising subsidiarity and transformative constitutionalism to guide the development of the common law.

Supervisor: Professor AJ Barnard-Naude (Private Law)

Judith Francis Kadege

Thesis Title: *Assessment of the legal framework for management of intellectual property and technology transfer resulting from publicly funded research and development in Tanzania*

Judith Kadege completed her LLB(Hons) and LLM degrees at Bedfordshire University and Hertfordshire University, United Kingdom respectively. She also holds a Master in Intellectual Property degree from Africa University, Zimbabwe and a PG Diploma in Education from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. She started her PhD studies in 2020.

Judith Kadege's thesis examines the management of intellectual property (IP) and technology transfer (TT) that arises from publicly funded research and development (R&D) in Tanzania. She assesses the current legal framework to determine its adequacy

and practicality. She underscores the importance of the interplay between IP, TT, and R&D in promoting socio-economic development, as well as the role of public funding. She also reviews international and African standards for IP and TT, in the context of government-supported R&D. In addition, she explores the strategies employed by universities and public research institutions in managing IP and TT. To gauge the Tanzanian legal framework's adequacy, she looks at the management and exploitation of IP from publicly funded R&D in the United Kingdom and South Africa. Judith Kadege draws useful lessons and effective strategies for Tanzania and provides recommendations for policymakers to improve the management of IP and TT arising from government-funded R&D.

Supervisor: Professor C Ncube (Commercial Law)

Pooja Mahendra Karia

Thesis Title: *The role of law in promoting public participation, transparency and accountability, and access to justice in the oil and gas extractive sector of Tanzania Mainland*

Pooja Karia obtained her LLB(Hons) in 2015 and LLM in 2017 from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law School of Tanzania in 2017. She began her PhD at UCT in 2019.

Pooja Karia's thesis examines how well Tanzania's legal framework for the extractive oil and gas sector supports the procedural aspects of good governance – public participation, transparency and accountability, and access to justice – specifically during the permitting stage. She develops a theoretical framework based on academic literature, and uses it to assess relevant Tanzanian laws, including the Constitution, framework legislation, and sector-specific laws. She finds major gaps in promoting each of those three good governance components and that the laws do not clearly define who can participate, when, or how. She shows that, while constitutional

guarantees for access to information are relatively strong, supporting legislation lacks clarity on who may access information, when, and how. She also shows that judicial remedies for access to justice exist, but that there is no clear framework for administrative redress. Pooja Karia's contribution is to identify legal gaps and recommend reforms that could strengthen procedural governance in Tanzania's extractive oil and gas sector.

Supervisor: Professor A Paterson (Public Law)

Robert Kirunda

Thesis Title: *Balancing of stakeholder interests through fiscal regime design: an analysis of the process and evolution of the law governing the taxation of Uganda's natural resource sector*

Robert Kirunda holds law degrees from Makerere University, Uganda, the University of the Western Cape, and Stanford Law School, USA. He lectures at Makerere University and is the founder of Kirunda & Co. Advocates, Kampala.

Robert Kirunda's thesis demonstrates that Uganda requires a fiscal regime-design process to maximise natural resource revenue whilst balancing competing stakeholder interests. He emphasises that tax laws and fiscal regimes are inherently context specific: informed by economic theory, they are shaped by politics, history and institutional structures. Scholars recognise tensions between state, investor, and public interests in natural resource taxation, but, Robert Kirunda contends, they have not adequately addressed how practically to balance such interests through the critical fiscal-regime design process. Using Uganda as case study, and considering natural resource taxation as both technical and political, he argues for moving Uganda's fiscal design beyond classical and contemporary economic theories to account for the country's distinctive political history and governance trajectory. Analysing developments between 1900 and 2022, he highlights institutional weaknesses that frustrated earlier reform efforts. He concludes that

Uganda's current fiscal regime lacks strategic coherence and fails to balance stakeholder interests effectively. He proposes a structured programme of constitutional, statutory, and institutional reform to address these shortcomings.

Supervisor: Professor J Hattingh
(Commercial Law)

Co-supervisor: Professor H Mostert
(Private Law)

Bernard Harvey Maister

Thesis Title: The power of trademarks to communicate considered within the limits of South African trademark law and the constitutional right to free expression using the example of health-related information on food products

Bernard Maister completed his MBChB degree at UCT in 1978. He obtained a law degree (JD) from William Mitchell College of Law, USA in 2000 and an LLM (Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, USA) in 2004. In 2009 he joined UCT's IP Unit as a Senior Research Associate.

Bernard Maister's thesis considers the power of trademarks to communicate a wide range of messages, ranging from product and brand identification to powerful social, cultural, and ethical information. He considers how the messages of trademarks are created and communicated as well as their impact – as demonstrated, for example, by neuro-imaging and neuro-psychological studies. Using the principles of semiotics, he analyses trademark communication in the context of trademark law and the 'Right to Free Speech', and he explains how this affects the respective rights of their owners (as speakers) and the public (as listeners) to which they are directed. Bernard Maister's thesis suggests an approach to trademarks based on the nature of their message and, using food labelling as an example, he proposes how they could be used for other than simply commercial purposes, especially to provide health-related education and guidance to consumers.

Supervisor: Associate Professor T Schönwetter (Commercial Law)

Mikal Eversole Nolan

Thesis Title: The role of law in supporting and strengthening other effective area-based conservation measures to improve in-situ conservation in Papua New Guinea

Mikal Nolan holds a BSc in Agribusiness and Applied Economics from the Ohio State University, USA and a MSc in Applied Development Studies from the University of Reading, UK. In 2020 she received her LLM from UCT, thereafter commencing PhD studies.

Mikal Nolan's thesis investigates the role of law in supporting and strengthening Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) to improve in-situ conservation in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Her research draws primarily on the evolution of modern conservation discourse to propose a theoretical legal framework for recognising, regulating, and reporting on OECMs. She applies this theoretical framework to a critical review of the relevant legal frameworks in PNG. She argues that, within the PNG context, OECMs are not a new mechanism, and that legislation could be used to support and strengthen the recognition of existing measures found within PNG's system of legal pluralism. She suggests that clear and consistent legal reforms could position OECMs as a complementary tool to protected areas whilst mitigating the threat of overstating OECMs' conservation value. However, as she shows, challenges within the enabling environment, such as weak governance, capacity and resource constraints, and issues of land tenure, could hinder the recognition and regulation of OECMs.

Supervisor: Professor A Paterson
(Public Law)

Ghada Awad Mohamed Shawgi

Thesis Title: The rights of minority cultures and languages: a multicultural constitutional model for Sudan

Ghada Shawgi graduated from the University of Khartoum, Sudan, with honours in law. As a Chevening Awardee, she obtained a Master's degree in Human Rights Law from Queen's University of

Belfast, UK. She commenced her PhD at UCT in 2014 on a part-time basis while working for the United Nations.

Ghada Shawgi's thesis examines Sudan's obligations to protect minority cultures and languages. She analyses the historical and political developments that led to the emergence of Sudan as a nation-state, and the constitution that was based on the majority culture and language. Sudan's Permanent Constitution, 1973, and National Interim Constitution, 2005, were founded on peace agreements. These constitutions facilitated a transition to a dual-identity paradigm recognising only North Arabic-Muslim and South African-Christian identities. Under this dualistic model, minority cultures and languages were marginalised. Ghada Shawgi proposes a constitutional paradigm that is grounded on principles of multiculturalism. Her proposed model is founded on equal citizenship rights, consensus regarding the constitution through democratic governance, the prohibition of discrimination, and the promotion of equality in law and fact. Under this proposed model, the unique identities of minorities are recognised in the public sphere and reflected in the cohesive identity of the state.

Supervisor: Professor W Amien (Public Law)

Themba Trevor Yingwane

Thesis Title: Unravelling corporate crimes within listed companies: a multi-case study of selected South African and German Companies

Themba Yingwane holds an MBA from the University of Cumbria, UK, and an LLM in International Commercial Law from the University of Salford, UK. Before joining UCT for full-time PhD studies, his career was in the tourism industry.

Themba Yingwane's thesis presents an in-depth analysis of the relationship between shareholders, managers and non-executive directors, and how these dynamics influence managers' criminogenic (unethical and non-compliant) practices. His research further explores the role of

shareholder activism in mitigating corporate criminogenic practices. To evaluate the relationship dynamics between shareholders and directors, he examines the Steinhoff, Volkswagen, and Wirecard cases. His findings reveal that managers engaged independently in criminogenic practices and without direct influence from shareholders. Key factors influencing this behaviour include deficient ethical character and moral judgment, a desire to appease shareholders through deceptive means, and insufficient oversight of managers by non-executive directors. He further employs meta-analysis and case-law analysis to assess the effectiveness of shareholder activism in curbing corporate criminogenic practices. His research indicates that while shareholder activists possess the capability to address managers' criminogenic practices, they should apply a long-term strategic approach to achieve sustainable impact.

Supervisor: Dr. T Thabane
(Commercial Law)

Administrative Supervisor: Professor M Louw (Commercial Law)

Co-supervisor: Associate Professor B Mupangavanhu (Commercial Law)

Nonkululeko Nosipho Zondo

Thesis Title: *Towards the maximisation of take in oil and gas projects: A comparative analysis of the key fiscal terms in South Africa, Tanzania, and Ghana*

Nonkululeko Zondo holds an LLB from UCT and is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa. She previously worked at Bowmans in Johannesburg and Freshfields in London. She is now an energy transactions and projects lawyer at Vinson and Elkins in London.

Nonkululeko Zondo's thesis critically examines the fiscal frameworks governing the upstream oil and gas industries in South Africa, Ghana, and Tanzania. She employs comparative legal analysis to evaluate key oil and gas fiscal terms such as royalties, fiscal stability provisions, and state participation, assessing their impact on maximising government revenue whilst

maintaining investment attractiveness. She highlights the challenges and opportunities in optimising South Africa's fiscal framework through an interdisciplinary approach integrating legal, economic, and policy perspectives. She contextualises the country's fiscal regime within the broader African and global extractive industry landscape, offering actionable insights for reform. Nonkululeko Zondo's research fills a gap in comparative studies of petroleum fiscal systems in Africa and addresses the implications of South Africa's new Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act. Her work also contributes to advancing sustainable and equitable resource management in a just energy transition context.

Supervisor: Professor H Mostert
(Private Law)

Co-supervisor: Dr A Futter (Finance and Tax)

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

UCT is committed to engaging with the key issues of our natural and social worlds through outstanding teaching, research and scholarship. We seek to advance the status and distinctiveness of scholarship in Africa through building strategic partnerships across the continent, the global south and the rest of the world.

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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