



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Faculty of Commerce (Ceremony 2)

Faculty of Law

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FACULTY OF COMMERCE (CEREMONY 2) AND 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 COMMERCE

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING

*Brendan John Flynn
*Lulama Godi
Phaphama Kebeni
*Anele Mandeka
Luyanda Mavundla
Sibusiso Gift Mchunu
Khethiwe Goodness Mthembu
Mpho Ndou
*Aviwe Qikwa

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

*Aaron Joseph Finder

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Crosby Tashinga Hunda (with distinction)
Thulaganyo Kodisang
*Noluthando Mabena
*Simba Kutlwano Maphapho
*Phuti Mokwatedi
Unathi Linda Silinga

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT

*Phumlani Manikivana
*Adiel Mnyembane

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Marco Zaaïman

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

*Yazeed Bassadien
Farah Begg
Zintle Mendy Botha
Pearlene Laura Botman
Moegamat Shafiek Braaf
Kenias Chigwaya
Justin Byron Cupido
Teslyn Daniels (with distinction)
Fatima Davids (with distinction)
Saadick Davids
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Vuyokazi Gasela
Penelope Geraldine Gordon
Samatha Rene Govender
Cathrine May Herwill (with distinction)
Lweendo Himonga
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Rashaad Latief
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Pheello Samie Letsaba
Sibabalo Siphilele Magidigidi
*Lerato Maja
Nolonwabo Nomandila Majija
*Revelation Bafana Manganyi Manganyi
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Sandile Mguli
Lehasa Patrick Moloi
*Nicolen Moodley
*Charles Moyo
Sandile Mtshali
Roeghshana Mukaddam (with distinction)
Ntiyiso Mukanse
Calvin Muzondo
*Aldrin Maswabi Mwilima
Kuvshen Naidoo
Ndiphiwe Bonke Ndamase
Khulekani Ndlela
Sifiso Ndlovu
Ncumisa Ndungane
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Thulani Tom-Junior Nkuna
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Lydia Persent
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*Avinth Rabbipal

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Dawood Kabelo Seleka (with distinction)
Modiehi Angelina Sempu
Yonwabisa September
Isai Shipoke (with distinction)
Zukiswa Tom
Nomahlubi Tshamlambo
Wella Vanqa
*Lianne Amelia Zion
Pearl Zito

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT IN BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

*Methuselah Samuel Likumbo
Monyakane Monyakane
Puleng Annah Motumi
Makhosezulu Nala
*Nicole Rezende Fernandes

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Allister Jose Batista
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Sieraaj Leeman
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Charles Peter Abrahams
 Thesis Title: *Transformative constitutionalism: an experimentalist approach*

Charles Abrahams holds a BProc from the University of the Western Cape and a Master's in Public International Law from Leiden University, the Netherlands. He began studying for his PhD in 2020.

Charles Abrahams' thesis focuses on the constitutional mandate to transform common law and customary law in South Africa in accordance with the spirit, purport and objects of the Bill of Rights. He argues that South Africa's formalist and policy- and principle-based legal culture are ill-suited to undertake this transformational task; and he proposes an experimentalist approach to law, one rooted in transformative constitutionalism. He illustrates how formalist reasoning is too deductive and policy- and principle-based reasoning too abstract to deal with the task. He argues that transformative constitutionalism brings law and politics closer to each other, thereby to facilitate social change. He demonstrates, through case studies, that legal experimentalism opens transformation of the common law and customary law to achieve greater

plurality of legal and social institutions than can formalist and policy and principal reasoning.

Supervisor: Judge DM Davis
 (Commercial Law)
Administrative Supervisor:
 Professor P De Vos (Public Law)

Prialoshni Adler
 Thesis Title: *Advancing access to government data in a data for good age through PAIA reform: lessons from open government data and RTI developments to advance access to government data in South Africa - through reforms to the access to information law*

Prialoshni Adler completed a B.Proc degree at the University of Durban Westville and Masters in ICT Policy and Regulation at the University of Witwatersrand. She began studying towards a PhD in 2020.

Prialoshni Adler's thesis inquires: if South Africa is seeking to implement effective open government data initiatives to enable access to government data for public good, to what extent can South Africa's access to information law, the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA), provide an enabling legal framework? She analyses concepts and principles in effective open government data implementation to underscore the crucial role of legislative frameworks for their effectiveness – including incentivising and facilitating proactive government data disclosures. She also analyses emerging models and frameworks on effective open government data initiatives, and development in access to information legal frameworks including Australia's, Brazil's, Kenya's, Rwanda's and the United Kingdom's approaches, and she uses her analyses to develop a framework of criteria for an enabling legal (and policy) framework for effective open government data initiatives. She then applies that framework to analyse and score South Africa's PAIA, and to recommend legal reforms to it in pursuit of an enabling framework for open government data initiatives in South Africa.

Supervisor: Associate Professor Tobias Schönwetter (Commercial Law)

*Nkechi Emmanuella Eneh

Thesis Title: *International legal frameworks and the protection of the human rights of women affected by flood disasters in Uzo-Uwani local government area, Enugu State, Nigeria: the benefit of adopting a human rights-based approach to disaster relief*

Nkechi Eneh holds an LLB(Hons) and an LLM degree from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. In 2022, she was admitted to UCT for her PhD studies. She is a civil servant and has served as Executive Secretary, State Emergency Management Agency in Enugu State, Nigeria.

Nkechi Eneh's thesis is based on her empirical research on relief efforts following flood disasters in Enugu State, Nigeria. Whilst undertaking this empirical research she discovered that there were significant protection gaps in the disaster relief provided, particularly for women whom she identified as being especially vulnerable following flooding. She demonstrates that important human rights had been infringed, including rights to food, water, shelter, healthcare, education, and movement. She shows that, while international legal frameworks provide robust guidelines for the protection of women's rights during disasters, implementation at national and local levels remains weak. She also highlights that structural challenges, discriminatory relief distribution, and lack of gender sensitive planning contribute to the violation of women's socio-economic rights. Nkechi Eneh recommends the adoption of a human-rights based approach to disaster relief to provide a human-rights-compliant response to flood disasters and close protection gaps.

Supervisor: Associate Professor A Barratt (Private Law)

Mark Richard Gaffley

Thesis Title: *The law of the algorithm: Artificial Intelligence and the categorical imperative*

Mark Gaffley completed his BA and LLB at UCT. He began part-time studies towards his PhD in 2021. Mark is an admitted attorney who has worked with leading technology companies and research institutions primarily focused on the responsible development and use of artificial intelligence.

Mark Gaffley's thesis stages a critical confrontation between algorithmic norms and the Kantian ethical orientation which is the fundamental imaginary of modern constitutional systems. In his thesis he contends that artificial intelligence (AI) constitutes a movement orienting humanity toward an unprecedented formation of heteronomy. He compares algorithmic 'first principles' with the rights-bearing legal subject, interrogating, in turn, the ethical perspectives that AI advances. Throughout, he upholds Kantian ethics as the framework for understanding the concept of 'moral' law in relation to rationality, autonomy, and freedom; and he considers, finally, the proliferation of the instrumentalisation of humanity through AI. Mark Gaffley proposes that AI advances our global reality towards a digital totalitarianism facilitated by increased machine autonomy that corresponds with diminishing human autonomy. He concludes that this trend fatally undermines the human capacity for critical thought, with AI as the fundamental instrumentality of digital domination by a newly constituted, undemocratic and illegitimate algorithmic elite.

Supervisor: Professor AJ Barnard-Naude (Private Law)

Ebrahiem Hendricks

Thesis Title: *The centrality of justice in transitioning the South African Upstream Petroleum Sector to a low-carbon energy future: A pledge to people, planet and prosperity*

Ebrahiem Hendricks holds BA, LLB, LLM and MBA degrees. He began part-time study towards his PhD in 2022.

Ebrahiem Hendricks' thesis seizes an opportunity to address the energy transition's inherent injustices, especially in people's daily lives in the Global South, including South Africa. He adopts a justice-centred approach to the South African upstream petroleum sector's sustainable development and its role in transitioning to a low carbon-energy future. Using the energy justice framework, he critically analyses the sector's regulatory framework to assess how procedural, distributive, recognition, restorative and cosmopolitan justice are reflected and operationalised. Through his research he finds that, although energy justice features within the sector's regulatory framework, it is predominantly procedural and insufficiently outcome-oriented, thereby limiting the sector's transformative potential.

Supervisor: Professor H Mostert (Private Law)

* Hanani Thamsanqa Hlomani

Thesis Title: *Unlocking data for development in South Africa: Legal approaches to equity, access, and innovation*

Hanani Hlomani holds an LLB from the University of Fort Hare (cum laude) and an LLM in Intellectual Property Law from UCT. He began full-time study towards his PhD in 2020.

Hanani Hlomani's thesis explores the role of law in regulating data within the digital ecosystem of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, focusing on how legal frameworks shape data access, ownership, and reuse. Centring on South Africa and drawing comparative insights from the European Union, he investigates whether existing laws enable or hinder innovation, equitable access, and development. Through doctrinal and policy analysis, he examines issues such

as data monopolies, data sovereignty, and the governance of information flows critical to Africa's digital transformation. He finds that South Africa's data regulation remains fragmented and outdated, limiting the country's ability to harness data for economic and social progress. To address these gaps, Hanani Hlomani proposes a hybrid legal framework that balances individual rights with broader developmental goals, advancing a vision for inclusive, future-ready data governance tailored to the realities of African economies.

Supervisor: Professor C Ncube
(Commercial Law)

Lindsay Taylah Moses

Thesis Title: Regulating Africa's critical minerals: Strategic minerals and metals governance, beneficiation and trade amid global energy transition mineral demands

Lindsay Moses completed LLB and LLM (cum laude) degrees at UCT. She began doctoral studies in 2022 with the DST/NRF South African Research Chair: Mineral and Energy Resources in Africa at UCT's Private Law Department. African states predominantly act as passive ore exporters, domestically adding minimal value through ore smelting and refining and the manufacture of mineral products.

Lindsay Moses' thesis explores historical and geopolitical factors that entrench the status of mineral-rich African source states as raw-ore exporters. She finds that state intervention in initial mining licensing and export stages helps domesticate the mineral lifecycle, especially when supported by fiscal and non-fiscal regulations for domestic refining and smelting industries. She considers and draws lessons from various state models for applicability in an African context and considers South Africa's Critical Minerals and Metals Strategy. She proposes, at a minimum, invoking ministerial powers under Section 26 of South Africa's Mineral and Petroleum Resource Development Act to ensure progressive local beneficiation obligations linked to initial extraction permits and export permits for identified

critical minerals. In addition, she exposes South Africa's current comparative weakness in fiscal and non-fiscal support for mineral refiners and smelters relative to mineral extractors and mineral manufacturing industries.

Supervisor: Professor Hanri Mostert
(Private Law)

Nokuthula Oloruntope Olorunju

Thesis Title: Artificial Intelligence, bias and the rule of law: a constitutional approach to the regulation of AI in South Africa

Nokuthula Olorunju completed her LLB and LLM qualification at the University of the Witwatersrand and began full-time study towards her PhD in 2021.

Nokuthula Olorunju's thesis argues for a constitutional approach to the regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in South Africa. She investigates the importance of formalised laws which incorporate globally accepted ethical principles to properly address, and mitigate, the effects of AI misuse resulting in bias, inequality, and threats to the rule of law. She also conducts an extensive contextual analysis on developments and harms linked to AI and then investigates the current legal landscape looking at national and international statutes, case law, and AI strategies. She draws on her findings to highlight that AI misuse, where there are regulatory gaps or 'legal grey areas', continues to perpetuate serious harms. Her research establishes that the human rights risks of AI cannot be appropriately addressed by non-binding ethical principles or self-regulation. She argues, instead, for a constitutional approach centred on human rights protection to offer both ethical and legally binding measures to address AI harms.

Supervisor: Associate Professor T Schönwetter (Commercial Law)
Co-supervisor: Dr R Adams (Global Center on AI Governance)

Adetutu Tolulope Oluwaseyi

Thesis Title: A critical analysis of the AfCFTA as an effective framework for the governance of Informal Cross-Border Trade (ICBT) in Africa

Adetutu Oluwaseyi earned her BA and LLB degrees from Ekiti State University, Nigeria and holds dual LLM degrees from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria and the University of Pretoria. She commenced her PhD studies at UCT in 2019. Prior to joining UCT, she served as a State Counsel and later transitioned into academia at Nigeria's Caleb University College of Law.

Adetutu Oluwaseyi's thesis investigates how trade rules can enhance the capacity of Informal Cross-Border Trade (ICBT) within the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to stimulate intra-African trade. She examines the nature and dynamics of ICBT, the commonly traded products, the factors driving ICBT and institutional interventions within the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the East African Community (EAC). Drawing on YS Lee's General Theory of Law and Development, heterodox economic theories, and the principles of developmental regionalism, she posits that an inclusive policy framework, founded on strong institutions and stakeholder engagement, could be created around identified products and sectors to promote sustainable regional value chains and foster intra-African trade.

Supervisor: Professor F Ismail
(The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance)
Co-supervisor: Professor A Olororun (Commercial Law)

Chebo Tamajong Nfor

Thesis Title: *Complementary role of regional courts to the African Continental Free Trade Area Dispute Settlement System for non-state actors*

Chebo Tamajong Nfor holds an LLB degree from Nelson Mandela University and an LLM in Commercial Law from UCT and has been studying towards a PhD at UCT's Centre for Comparative Law in Africa since 2022.

Chebo Tamajong Nfor's thesis explores how the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) can better support businesses by improving access to trade dispute resolution. He reveals that the current dispute system limits participation to governments, and excludes key private sector actors. By analysing legal frameworks and interviewing judges, lawyers, and trade experts, he identifies gaps in access to justice for non-state actors. To address these gaps, he proposes the inclusion of Africa's regional courts in the AfCFTA Dispute Settlement Mechanism. Towards this end, he recommends practical reforms for interfacing regional court systems with the AfCFTA's mechanisms, to increase the inclusivity and efficiency of the trade dispute system. Chebo Tamajong Nfor's thesis contributes to law and development thought. It also offers tools for strengthening Africa's legal infrastructure to empower diverse stakeholders and to enhance regional trade cooperation.

Supervisor: Professor A Ordor (Commercial Law)

Co-supervisor: Dr V Amadi (Commercial Law)

Camille Alicia Tucker

Thesis Title: *Accounting for the irreplaceable: Pathways to justice for non-economic loss and damage in climate-vulnerable communities*

Camille Tucker holds a Juris Doctor (JD) from Cleveland State University, USA and an LLM from UCT, awarded in 2019. Thereafter, she began her PhD studies. Before joining UCT, she owned and managed a law practice with a focus on private law.

Camille Tucker's thesis focuses

on non-economic loss and damage (NELD) from climate change, loss which represents intangible, irreversible harms that are not easily monetised but hold great value. She explores pathways to justice for NELD, blending legal analysis with a case study of Doringbaai, a South African fishing village. Her findings show significant loss in cultural heritage and biodiversity, causing further losses in social cohesion and sense of place. While the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) Loss and Damage Fund acknowledges NELD, implementation and funding gaps persist, leaving vulnerable groups without clear recourse. Camille Tucker evaluates UNFCCC mechanisms and alternative strategies, including climate litigation, to integrate NELD into justice frameworks. She argues for culturally informed policies that bridge the gap between international commitments and actionable solutions. She concludes that accounting for NELD is urgent and demands an inclusive, multidimensional approach to address the full scope of climate impacts.

Supervisor: Associate Professor H Woolaver (Public Law)

Herman Tuhairwe

Thesis Title: *Trapped in tarpaulin: Realisation of the right to adequate housing for refugees in Uganda's refugee settlements through public interest litigation*

Herman Tuhairwe holds an LLB and an LLM from Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda. He began his doctoral studies at UCT in 2023 and was attached to the Refugee Rights Unit.

Herman Tuhairwe's thesis examines the right to adequate housing for refugees in Uganda's refugee settlements, with particular focus on those in protracted situations. He explores the normative framework of this right under international, regional and domestic law, and investigates whether it is judicially enforceable in Uganda. Through a doctrinal and comparative legal analysis, he critiques Uganda's current refugee housing model and demonstrates that vulnerable refugees remain trapped in inadequate conditions.

He argues that public interest litigation offers a viable legal strategy to transform refugees' rights into practical housing improvements. Drawing on case law from South Africa and India, he proposes that litigation could trigger structural reforms, enhance judicial supervision, and foster long-term protection of housing rights for refugees in Uganda.

Supervisor: Professor F Khan (Public Law)

Jessica Kate Waldman

Thesis Title: *The Cinderella of the South African courts? Delay, de-prioritisation and re-purposing process: the operation of discretion in inquests*

Jessica Waldman read toward a BA in English at the University of Cambridge, before completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Law at the University of Law, Bloomsbury, London. She completed an LLM in Human Rights Law at UCT, graduating in 2021. She registered for her PhD in August 2021.

Jessica Waldman's thesis examines inquests in South Africa – court cases that make a determination about how a person died, and whether anyone can be held responsible, but where there is no prosecution. In her mixed-methods study, she interviewed 34 officials (detectives, court clerks, prosecutors and magistrates) to explore their perceptions of the inquest process, she reviewed 766 inquest case files, and she observed public inquest hearings. She finds that the Inquest Act 1959 affords inquest officials wide discretion in how they discharge their duties. Due to structural pressures, and perceptions that the inquest process lacks importance, officials tend to minimise the scope of the inquest inquiry, particularly in areas which experience a high volume of violent deaths. Officials also select on which cases they focus their resources, offering more attention to high profile deaths and less attention to types of deaths they perceive as unworthy of close investigation.

Supervisor: Associate Professor K Moul (Public Law)

Co-supervisor: Emeritus Professor H Corder (Public Law)

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Founded as the South African College in 1829, the University was established as the University of Cape Town in 1918.

The institution was a boys' school that aimed to provide higher education as well. 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. University status was conferred in 1918. 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. This partnership allowed for the construction of the first Groote Schuur Hospital on a University site. This partnership continues to this day and now involves not only Groote Schuur as a teaching hospital but Red Cross, Valkenberg and a growing number of primary health care sites. UCT's Upper Campus moved to its present site on part of Cecil Rhodes' estate in 1928.

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 decades saw a great expansion of research and scholarly work such that the UCT of today 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. A significant proportion of our students come from the SADC states and we have students drawn from over 100 countries. Particular emphasis is placed on postgraduate studies with students enrolled in masters and doctoral programmes. A growing number of postdoctoral fellows (UCT has more than a third of the total number of post docs in South Africa) contribute substantially to the research endeavours and reputation of the University.

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

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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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