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The degree Doctor of Philosophy, (DPhil), *honoris causa*, to Glynis Marie Breakwell for:

having crafted identity process theory, a high-impact contribution to global social psychology, which has trickled down to the southernmost tip of Africa, where it continues to help us navigate the changes and threats of our post-apartheid reality and gives a voice to the previously marginalised.

Professor Dame Glynis Marie Breakwell's outstanding contribution to social psychology is globally significant. Locally, it has aided our understanding of how South Africans relate to post-apartheid social changes.

This University of Bath vice-chancellor since 2001 and chartered health psychologist is renowned for her scholarship in the psychology of risk, social action and change, as well as identity. Her seminal identity process theory explains individuals' coping strategies when their identities are threatened. By using globally relevant examples of threat such as unemployment and ethnical marginality – issues South Africans are all too familiar with – Breakwell has helped us comprehend the impact of technological advances, political upheaval and economic development on identity formation. In our post-apartheid context, her work has also promoted local efforts to enable victims of threat to speak out about their experiences and feelings, breaking their forced silence in previous dominant discourses.

A profound and valued expert, Breakwell is a member of both the United Kingdom (UK) Economic and Social Research Council, and the Science and Technology Honours Committee, one of a select group of British Psychological Society honorary fellows, and a senior independent director of the National Health Service Improvement Board. Also a champion for universities' role in innovation and economic regeneration, she is director of both the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) and Universities UK (UUK), as well as a board member of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education.

Recent accolades recognising the esteemed scholar's work include her appointment in 2012 as Dame Commander of the British Empire. Moreover, in 2014, Breakwell appeared in the Science Council's prestigious list of "100 leading UK practising scientists".

Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell embodies social impact through scholarship, which makes her worthy of Stellenbosch University's highest honour.

The degree Doctor of Philosophy, (DPhil), *honoris causa*, to Max du Preez

for having ushered in a new era for Afrikaans reporting through his principled, uncompromising and courageous investigative journalism, serving as a critical voice for justice in South African society, and remaining a moral compass in our quest to safeguard our democracy.

Journalist and commentator Max du Preez has served as the nation's conscience across political orders, having held the mirror up to both the perpetrators of apartheid pre-1994 and those putting the young South African democracy at risk since the dawn of freedom.

Du Preez joined *Die Burger* and later *Beeld* in the 1970s, but soon became disillusioned with the alliance between the Afrikaans media and the then ruling National Party. Subsequent stints at English media titles did not still his quest for moral justice. His experience as a Dakar summit delegate in 1987 eventually prompted him to establish the independent newspaper *Vrye Weekblad* as an alternative Afrikaans voice in the South African media landscape.

Vrye Weekblad was the beginning of a new era – both for Afrikaner resistance against apartheid, and for fearless reporting in the face of injustices. Du Preez found himself the target of many government attempts to shut the paper down, including official warnings, impossible financial demands, the bombing of the newspaper offices, and lawsuits for defamation. Yet, along with his team, Du Preez continued to set a new news agenda – in a fresh new *loslit* Afrikaans.

After the closing of *Vrye Weekblad* in 1994, this maverick journalist carried on speaking truth to power, this time at the SABC. He produced the investigative journalism programme *Special Assignment* and the weekly *Special Report on the Truth Commission* during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings. Today, his

no-nonsense analysis as independent commentator continues to guide South Africans in protecting our hard-won democracy.

Du Preez's courageous journalism has garnered many accolades, including from the South African Society of Journalists, Harvard University Nieman Fellows, the Foreign Correspondent Corps of Southern Africa, and the South African National Editors' Forum.

Often controversial, always credible, Max du Preez's outstanding activism for the truth is worthy of Stellenbosch University's highest honour.

The degree Doctor of Theology, (DTh), *honoris causa*, to Musa W. Dube

for having pioneered a new way of reading the Bible in pursuit of justice for all, including African women and peoples still suffering the consequences of colonisation, and for drawing on her discipline to fight HIV and Aids on the continent, being a prime example of socially engaged scholarship.

By harnessing advanced critical study along with indigenous resources from her African culture to challenge readers of theology to read the Bible in refreshing and responsible ways, African postcolonial feminist theologian Professor Musa W. Dube epitomises socially engaged biblical scholarship.

This professor of New Testament at the University of Botswana and remarkable daughter of the continent has established herself as one of the leading voices in postcolonial biblical interpretation. Attuned to the needs of her local context, Dube has throughout her writings recognised the importance of grassroots readings of the Bible that engage with the culture of readers in Africa, particularly women. A milestone achievement in this regard was the publication under her leadership of *Other Ways of Reading: African Women and the Bible* (2001), showcasing the unique contribution of African women's theologies. Her concern for the continent has also seen her advocate a biblical interpretation that seeks to read for decolonisation as an integral part of the liberation struggle.

Moreover, Dube fearlessly critiques African churches' response to HIV and Aids. Through her writings, she firstly continues to hold churches accountable for failing to respond adequately to the pandemic. Boldly proclaiming "The church has Aids" in 2002, she sought to challenge African churches to transcend denominational divides to fight HIV and Aids in their communities. Secondly, Dube has urged African churches to proclaim life amidst the debilitating effects of the disease by showing care and compassion, reintegrating individuals with HIV and Aids into their communities, and stressing the need for antiretroviral drugs for those affected. Thirdly, this formidable scholar has championed the use of song, drama and poetry in the battle against HIV and AIDS, retrieving true African cultural practices and oral theology.

Stellenbosch University proudly honours Professor Musa W. Dube – theologian, activist, scientist-for-society, and distinctly African.

The degree Doctor of Engineering, (DEng), *honoris causa*, to Trueman Thandabantu Goba

for his exceptional contribution to establish critical national infrastructure, his key role in growing and transforming South African civil engineering, his service as a thought leader taking national industry forward, and for ploughing back by showing aspiring young engineers the way to success.

Trueman Thandabantu Goba has set himself apart as a leader in South African civil engineering, not only excelling as a first-rate engineer, but also unlocking the field for those less fortunate by serving as their mentor and role model.

Holding the degree MEng (Civil Engineering) from Cornell University, United States, this born Durbanite is adept at various disciplines such as transportation, fluid mechanics, geotechnical and structural engineering. This has seen him contribute to award-winning projects, including the Nelson Mandela bridge (Johannesburg), the N4 Platinum toll freeway (North West), the Berg River dam (Franschhoek), the Durban harbour tunnel, the Tsitsa River bridge (Eastern Cape) and several 2010 FIFA World Cup stadiums.

Moreover, Goba is widely respected as a champion for aspiring civil engineers from disadvantaged groups.

Largely thanks to his mentorship, a significantly transformed South African civil engineering industry today has a promising pool of young black professionals, who in turn uplift their communities through vital infrastructure. In recognition of his industry leadership at a critical time for our democracy, Goba was elected the first black president of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) in 2002, and of the South African Academy of Engineering (SAAE) in 2016.

Always ready to serve society, Goba provided seasoned leadership during ministerial appointments to the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) and the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). As a presidential appointment to the country's first National Planning Commission, he showed his mettle as a thought leader of note.

Recent accolades recognising his commitment to engineering excellence and inclusivity include the SAICE gold medal – their highest honour – and a lifetime achievement award at the South African Professional Services Awards.

Stellenbosch University salutes Trueman Goba as an engineer of not only key infrastructure, but of an entire new generation of high-impact professionals.

The degree Doctor of Science, (DSc), *honoris causa*, to Peter Anthony Jones

for his trailblazing work advancing medical science and technology globally by pioneering epigenetics and expertly translating his discoveries into clinical treatments, offering new hope for millions of cancer patients worldwide, and for exemplifying the innovative spirit to which every SU student should aspire.

Having discovered the effects of 5-azacytidine on cytosine methylation and established the link between DNA methylation, gene expression and differentiation, Professor Peter Jones, one of Stellenbosch University's leading former academics, has advanced medical science and brought new hope for cancer treatment worldwide.

Today Chief Scientific Officer and director at the Center for Epigenetics at Van Andel Research Institute in Michigan, Cape Town-born Jones obtained his PhD and postdoctoral training abroad. He returned to serve as chief research officer at the Unit for Molecular and Cellular Cardiology of Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Medicine. Here, he discovered cancer's new frontier – epigenetics – which would later change the future of cancer treatment.

Jones discovered that a drug then called "aza-c" switched on genes in a basic human cell, turning it into a muscle cell. If that's possible, he thought, surely it could also switch on genes in cancerous cells, restoring them to health. In 2009, over 30 years later, top medical journal *The Lancet* reported that the survival rate of cancer patients in a large international trial had increased from 26% using ordinary chemotherapy, to over 50% using epigenetic therapy with azacytidine. Having established the value of epigenetic therapy, Jones has steadfastly continued the search for clinical treatments, applying his discovery to human cancers.

A renowned global player, he was recently elected to the USA National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in recognition of 40 years' accomplishments in the field of epigenetics. His ground-breaking work has garnered accolades such as the Cancer Association of South Africa's AG Oetlé award, the Outstanding Investigator grant from the USA National Cancer Institute, and the medal of honour from the American Cancer Society.

SU proudly associates with Professor Peter Jones. Through his trailblazing work advancing medical science globally, he has not only demonstrated immense skill, but continues to change people's lives.

The degree Doctor of Commerce, (DCom), *honoris causa*, to Mervyn King

for his exceptional pursuit of more responsible, inclusive corporate governance, his contributions to improving corporate transparency and disclosure, his emphasis on businesses' social impact and long-term sustainability, and for serving as a role model of engaged citizenship and responsible leadership worth

emulating.

Since Professor Mervyn King entered commerce in the 1980s, this senior counsel and former Supreme Court judge has not only helped establish responsible citizenship and sound corporate governance in South Africa, but has been at the forefront of improving corporate transparency and disclosure worldwide.

Under his chairmanship, the King Committee on Corporate Governance in South Africa has produced four seminal reports. These have become the gold standard for sound corporate governance practices and have been incorporated into the Johannesburg Stock Exchange's listing criteria. Having introduced innovations such as a focus on ethical leadership, corporate citizenship, sustainability reporting and integrated reporting, the King reports were dubbed "the future of corporate governance" by Sir Adrian Cadbury in 2009.

In addition to his influential role in the King Committee, he is held in equally high esteem in other forums. In service of the country and continent, he inter alia heads up the Partnership for Transparency Africa and serves as a member of the advisory committee of the University of Stellenbosch Business School's Centre for Corporate Governance in Africa. On the bigger world stage, his roles include serving as chairman of the International Integrated Reporting Council, chairman emeritus of the Global Reporting Initiative and a member of the World Bank's private-sector advisory group on corporate governance.

His corporate governance advocacy has earned this accomplished businessman, author and media commentator many international accolades – most recently, in 2016, a lifetime achievement award from the International Corporate Governance Network and the Business Ethics Network of Africa's Order of the Baobab.

Stellenbosch University is pleased to honour Professor Mervyn King for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of inclusive, responsible and accountable corporate governance. He embodies the type of engaged citizen and responsible leader the University seeks to produce.

The degree Doctor of Theology, (DTh), *honoris causa*, to Thabo Cecil Makgoba

for serving as a moral compass to society by espousing the values of human dignity, mutual respect, justice and enduring peace, for his deep commitment to quality education for all, and for being the voice of reason that helps society navigate turbulent times.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1990, Thabo Cecil Makgoba was elected Archbishop of Cape Town in 2007 – at 47, the youngest ever to occupy this office. This catapulted him onto the world stage. Using platforms such as the annual World Economic Forum, he has since taken a clear moral and ethical stance on various modern-day complexities facing the world. These include restoring faith in the economy, fostering political stability, the sustainability of communities, and re-thinking values in a post-crisis world. His resolve to use his vocation to improve society is evident from his study on spirituality in the South African mining sector, which earned him a PhD from the University of Cape Town (UCT) in 2009.

An outstanding feature of Makgoba's archiepiscopacy is his commitment to equal access to education for all, which has seen him play a key role as the proverbial cool head in the recent upheaval at our tertiary institutions. He ensured an Anglican Church synod debate on the higher education crisis and issued a statement of support for a more wholesome education dispensation for the current generation. Makgoba also convened the chaplains and student leaders of Western Cape universities to offer students the opportunity to approach the church about their demands and concerns. Moreover, he unreservedly supports the Anglican Diocese of False Bay's formal relationship with Stellenbosch University through our Faculty of Theology.

Wholly dedicated to service to society, Makgoba is a patron of a number of non-profit organisations, a teacher on ethical leadership and stewardship for MBA students at UCT, and a former commissioner of the Press Freedom Commission. His many awards notably include the prestigious Cross of St Augustine, which he received in 2008 from the Archbishop of Canterbury for distinctive service to the Anglican community.

Stellenbosch University acknowledges Archbishop Thabo Cecil Makgoba for being an exemplary servant-

leader and a calm presence steering society towards a better life for all.

The degree Doctor of Commerce, (DCom), *honoris causa*, to Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe for

his exceptional entrepreneurial skill and innovative business practices, for being a model of responsible corporate citizenship, ethics and accountability, and for selflessly supporting life-changing causes in South Africa, Africa and the world, combating poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and disease.

Patrice Tlhopane Motsepe, founder of African Rainbow Minerals (ARM), is not only a businessman of note, but also a trailblazer for responsible corporate citizenship, using social investments to improve the lives of the poor.

His business accomplishments are vast, including founding Future Mining and later African Rainbow Minerals Gold, a successful merger with Harmony, which led to a merger with Anglovaal Mining. Along with being ARM executive chairperson since 2004, Motsepe is a member of various boards, councils and associations, including Sanlam, the World Economic Forum (WEF) International Business Council and the Harvard Global Advisory Council.

But Motsepe's contribution to society goes far beyond business. The first family in Africa to join the Giving Pledge – Bill Gates and Warren Buffet's challenge to the world's haves to give to the have-nots – the Motsepes vowed to donate half the funds generated by their family assets to the poor. Through the Motsepe Foundation, Patrice has lived up to that promise. Since 2013, \$50 million have been allocated to deserving projects. Key global focuses include research for an HIV/Aids and a cancer cure, nature conservation and environmental protection. In Africa, they recently helped fight Ebola through generous donations to affected countries and the African Union. Locally, a prominent focus is education and leadership, having allocated 1 100 bursaries totalling R100 million towards tertiary studies. Motsepe is equally active supporting sport, music and art, religious and non-governmental organisations, and women's affairs.

Motsepe's achievements have been widely acknowledged, notably by his peers: In 2002, the CEOs of South Africa's top 100 companies voted him business leader of the year. Other accolades attesting to his extensive impact include the WEF Global Leader of Tomorrow award, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut MS Louw award, the *SA Jewish Report* special board members' award, and the BRICS Business Council outstanding leadership award.

Patrice Motsepe personifies ethical and accountable business and community leadership worthy of Stellenbosch University's highest honour.

The degree Doctor of Commerce, (DCom), *honoris causa*, to Jannie Mouton

for his unparalleled vision and business sense, his resilience and perseverance, his contribution to the South African economy and society, and for unselfishly investing in quality education for current and future generations, assisting his alma mater to maintain its momentum of excellence.

In addition to being among the most successful businesspeople this country has ever produced, Stellenbosch University (SU) alumnus Jannie Mouton generously invests in current and future generations' education.

Holding the degrees BCom and BCom Honours (Economics), the qualified chartered accountant in 1982 became co-founder and managing director of Senekal Mouton & Kitshoff, which would later be involved in the listing of RMBH, M-Net, Naspers and Richemont. Yet his life took an unforeseen turn when the firm dismissed him in 1995. Highly driven since childhood, this son of a shopkeeper used the dismissal as an opportunity to reflect. This provided the impetus for his founding of investment giant PSG Group later that year by acquiring, at the age of 48, the controlling interest in what was then PAG. From humble beginnings, the PSG Group – a financial services, banking, private equity, agriculture and education investment company – today generates a compound return of almost 50% per year for its shareholders and boasts assets and

market capitalisation of over R50 billion.

But despite his phenomenal success, Mouton remains acutely aware of his responsibility to give back to society. In 2007, he personally donated 100 000 PSG shares to SU, and another 100 000 via the PSG Group. The returns on the R50 million's worth of shares are used for loan or bursary support for deserving students. In 2016, Mouton again donated R50 million towards SU's new Learning and Teaching Centre. With the sod-turning ceremony hosted earlier this year, the centre will offer SU students a cutting-edge learning environment.

This much-admired business tycoon and philanthropist's work has garnered awards such as the Western Cape Business Leader of the Year award, the All Africa Business Leaders award and the Ernest & Young lifetime achievement award.

A leader in his field and in service of society, Jannie Mouton embodies all Stellenbosch University's graduate attributes. We are proud to bestow on him our highest honour.

The degree Doctor of Science, (DSc), *honoris causa*, to André E. Nel

for his multiple high-level and consistently excellent contributions to the science of nanomedicine, allergy and immunology, which have not only advanced medical science and technology globally, but continue to have a tangible impact in ensuring a safe, healthy and environmentally-friendly world.

Through his life-long commitment to medical sciences research, Stellenbosch University (SU) alumnus Professor André E. Nel has advanced the science of nanomedicine, allergy and immunology.

Holding an MB,ChB, MMed (Internal Medicine) and MD, his achievements studying at SU earned him high acclaim, including the gold medal for best MB,ChB student, the Hoescht prize for most promising final-year medical student and the Dean's medal for top final-year resident. Today a distinguished professor at the University of California (UCLA), this renowned scholar is a high-impact contributor to science and society. Having founded UCLA's Division of NanoMedicine, Nel is director of the Center for the Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology, a \$50 million facility funded by the United States National Science Foundation (NSF) and Environmental Protection Agency. Here, he studies the responsible use of nanotechnology to ensure that communities worldwide can continue leveraging its benefits without harming the environment. He is also a leader in developing nanomedicines for pancreas cancer, with research breakthroughs leading to a startup company.

His specialised skills have resulted in his appointment as a member of the US President's Council of Advisors for Science and Technology panel for the review of the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI), as well as a distinguished NSF panel that produced a government vision for American nanotechnology research over the next decade. He has represented the National Institutes of Health and NNI in signing cooperative research agreements with Japan, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Russia. This associate editor of top-rated international journal *ACS Nano* and popular conference speaker has produced over 300 widely cited publications. Profoundly relevant to everyday life, his research has led to a large number of filed patents.

Accolades for Nel's scientific eminence abound. A member of the peer-selected Best Doctors of America, he has inter alia received California's highest environmental honour, the governor's economic and environmental leadership award.

We proudly honour Professor André Nel – a Stellenbosch University graduate working for the world.

The degree Doctor of Education, (DEd), *honoris causa*, to Brian Percival O'Connell

for his tireless efforts establishing his institution as one of Africa's best, his commitment to the full spectrum of education in South Africa, and his visionary leadership in the sector as a whole, ensuring that education will never again be the privilege of only a few.

Professor Brian Percival O’Connell is a formidable leader at all levels of South African education.

Starting out as a teacher in Ravensmead, he progressed to become the first post-apartheid superintendent general of Western Cape education. Here, his quest for quality South African schooling included amalgamating the different apartheid education departments and overseeing the province’s implementation of the first post-apartheid White Paper on Education and Training.

Switching to the higher learning sphere, O’Connell rose through the ranks to finally become rector of the University of the Western Cape (UWC) – a position he held from 2001 until his retirement in 2014. Under his leadership, UWC evolved into a leader in Africa. Its consistent ranking among the continent’s top ten universities underlines the significance of O’Connell’s determination to prevent a merger with Peninsula Technikon in the early 2000s.

Grappling with the changes of a post-apartheid South Africa, a dramatic drop in student numbers had plunged UWC into financial trouble. Believing that the institution was beyond rescue, the new government scheduled UWC to be merged with Peninsula Technikon. Guarding against violent opposition to the state, O’Connell through engagement convinced government of the value of the UWC brand, revered for its contribution to the struggle. Working tirelessly, he developed UWC into the eminent higher learning institution it is today – work that in 2013 earned him Belgium’s title of Commander of the Order of Leopold for not just strengthening ties between UWC and Belgium, but also raising UWC’s profile locally and abroad.

O’Connell has also served society in the South African Qualifications Authority, as a former chair of the National Access Consortium Western Cape and the Community Chest, and present chair of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation.

Stellenbosch University is honoured to acknowledge Brian O’Connell as a visionary educationist and thought leader of note.

The degree Doctor of Philosophy, (DPhil), *honoris causa*, to Sandra Prinsloo

for having made a lasting impact on local arts and culture as theatre, film and television icon, for her contribution to establishing South Africa’s cultural legacy, and for using her skills to add value to the lives of vulnerable groups in society.

With an illustrious 50-year career, actress Sandra Prinsloo is a true legend. From gripping performances in popular dramas to delivering Antjie Krog’s “Die kind” at President Nelson Mandela’s inauguration, she is among the best artists the country has produced.

Prinsloo’s career took off with stage appearances in seminal dramas such as *The Crucible* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Portraying challenging classical parts, including Hedda Gabler, Cleopatra, and Tiemie in *Siener in die Suburbs*, soon established her as a formidable actress. She caused her share of controversy when, during apartheid, she kissed black actor John Kani on stage in *Miss Julie*, eliciting public outrage and even death threats. With the advent of South African television, Prinsloo effortlessly embraced the new medium, appearing in numerous series and films. Equally accomplished as director, she has been responsible for more than 20 outstanding productions, including the recent stage production of *Koöperasiestories*. Her talent is also appreciated abroad, including in the classic films *The Gods Must Be Crazy* and *Tigers don’t Cry*. Her solo performance in *The Sewing Machine* received five-star reviews at the 2013 Edinburgh Arts Festival, in addition to garnering nine awards locally.

Away from the glitz and glamour, Prinsloo actively reinvests in society. This she has done through membership of the board of the Stigting vir Bemagtiging deur Afrikaans, patronage of the Help Seniors organisation, motivational talks for women and children, and her own industrial theatre company that focused on workplace safety and productivity.

Apart from multiple industry awards, she in 2014 received the Order of Ikhamanga for promoting South African performing arts, a Soweto Blue Fountain Club award for advancing black film, and five lifetime awards, including from the Akademie vir Wetenskap & Kuns and the Western Cape government.

For her lifetime contribution to the performing arts and cultural legacy of our country, Stellenbosch

University is pleased to honour Sandra Prinsloo.

The degree Doctor of Science, (DSc), *honoris causa*, to Imtiaz Ismail Sooliman

for having established Gift of the Givers as a renowned vehicle of hope and relief, for skilfully harnessing his medical training to improve disaster-stricken and vulnerable people's fate, and for his leadership in inspiring others to follow suit and serve society.

Dr Imtiaz Sooliman and his organisation Gift of the Givers have become synonymous with hope and relief locally and abroad.

In 1992, MB,ChB graduate Sooliman established Gift of the Givers, today Africa's largest non-governmental organisation, to serve people of all races, colours and creeds and in any geographic location, and to do so unconditionally, with compassion and respect for dignity.

Funded entirely by ordinary South Africans' donations, the organisation first tackled the Bosnian conflict. Here, Sooliman delivered 780 tons of material aid and developed an innovative, self-sufficient, 130-bed containerised mobile hospital. With little international support, he sold his home and cashed in his life policies to have the hospital commissioned. He later created similar containerised health clinics, which he placed in rural areas in South Africa and Malawi to provide easy access to care. In the years that followed, Gift of the Givers continued to respond to one international disaster after the other, providing aid during floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, bombings, civil war and famine across the globe. By 2014, Sooliman had become so skilled in negotiating and dealing with bureaucracy that he played a key part trying to secure Pierre Korkie's release from Al-Qaeda militants, thwarted at the last moment by American interference.

Always seeking to provide improved aid, Sooliman has also established the Education Support Programme, the Jumpstart Entrepreneurial Programme, and partnered with wife Zohra to found Careline. Moreover, he has devised Sibusiso, a supplement providing disaster-stricken populations with essential micronutrients.

Awards recognising his remarkable achievements include the President's Order of the Star (1993), the Order of the Baobab (2010) and an award from Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf (2006).

Dr Imtiaz Sooliman's quest to assist the vulnerable despite multiple challenges and often risking his own safety, and his ability to inspire others also to serve their fellow man, mark a leader deserving of Stellenbosch University's recognition.

The degree Doctor of Laws, (LLD), *honoris causa*, to Christine van den Wyngaert

for her outstanding contributions to human rights and international criminal justice as a judge in international tribunals, her academic rigour producing seminal criminal and comparative law reference works, and for enriching Stellenbosch University's law offering through her long-standing relationship with the institution.

Highly esteemed in international academic and judicial circles, Belgium-born Baroness Christine van den Wyngaert has harnessed her eminence to add significant value to Stellenbosch University (SU).

This former University of Antwerp law professor's various criminal and comparative law publications have a global audience, and many serve as standard references at universities worldwide. In addition, she is revered for her extensive judicial experience. As an ad hoc judge in the International Court of Justice, her dissenting opinion in *Democratic Republic of Congo v. Belgium* enabled an improved understanding of the role of international criminal justice in ending impunity for human rights atrocities. Her subsequent service in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia was followed by her election in 2010 as an International Criminal Court (ICC) judge. Upon retiring from the ICC this year, she will join the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague. For her stature as academic and international judge, she received the title of baroness from the king of Belgium, was elected vice-president of the International Association of Penal Law, received a golden medal from the Flemish government as well as the Human Rights League (Belgium) prize.

Since 1997, she has been a key value-adding partner of SU's Faculty of Law: She was instrumental in helping the Faculty establish international criminal law as a distinct postgraduate module – a first for South Africa – and has ensured a substantial collection of core materials for the law library. This, along with her mentorship, has helped position SU as a preferred destination for advanced studies in international criminal law in South Africa and Africa. As an SU honorary professor, her local annual seminars greatly benefit law postgraduates.

Generously sharing her international criminal law expertise, Baroness Christine van den Wyngaert has enriched SU's law offering to students from South Africa and beyond. Stellenbosch University salutes her.