

WOMEN'S DAY 2021



Advancing Opportunities in Women's Health & Education

PROGRAMME

5 AUGUST 2021, 10h00 – 12h00 (CAT)

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Stellenbosch University (SU)

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10:00- 10:10	10 min	Welcome and Opening	Prof Nico Gey van Pittius - Vice Dean: Research and Internationalisation and Professor in Molecular Biology, FMHS, SU
Women's Day Video Message from Students			
10:10-10:15	5 min	Student Voices at FMHS	Ms Kristin Groenewald, 5 th Year MBChB, SU Mr Rooi Silawule, 6 th Year MBChB, SU Ms Maserame Sebalo, 6 th Year MBChB, SU Mr Tom Groom, 5 th Year MBChB, SU; Freelance Videographer
Panel & Roundtable			
10:15- 11:20	1h 5min	<p>Panel Introduction & Overview - Chair: Prof René English - Head, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, FMHS, SU</p> <p>Discussion points and session goals - Presenters will speak on topics related to the programme theme, which addresses the ongoing advances in women's health and education and imagines a path for the future. The roundtable will offer an opportunity for audience members to pose questions and contribute to the discussion.</p> <p>Ms Silindile Ngcobo - PhD Candidate in Biomaterials-Regenerative Medicine at University of Cape Town <i>Building Forward: Why Early Girl Leadership Development and Institutional Support Matter in Addressing the Leaky STEM Pipeline at Postgraduate Level — A Reflection.</i></p> <p>Ms Hannah Simba - PhD Candidate in Public Health at Stellenbosch University; Ambassador, Working to Advance STEM Education for African Women (WAAW) <i>The Impact of Covid-19 on Women's Health and Women Researchers</i></p> <p>Dr Zethu Mtimkulu - Obstetrician & Gynaecologist <i>Women Surfing Through the Waves of the Healthcare Industry</i></p>	
Keynote Address			
11:20- 11:45	25 min	Keynote Address	Prof Agnes Binagwaho - Vice Chancellor of the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE)
Women's Day Video Message from Faculty			
11:45- 11:50	5 min	Faculty Voices at FMHS	Prof Portia Jordan, Executive Head: Department of Nursing and Midwifery, SU Prof Kathryn Chu, Director and Professor at the Centre for Global Surgery, FMHS, SU Mr Tom Groom, 5 th year MBChB, SU; Freelance Videographer
Closing and Vote of Thanks			
11:50- 12:00	10 min	Summary and Vote of Thanks	Dr Therese Fish - Vice Dean: Clinical Services and Social Impact, FMHS, SU

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The Annual Women's Day Programme is co-hosted by the Tygerberg International Office (TIO), and the Department of Global Health, FMHS, SU.



Women's Day 2021 Speaker and Presenter Synoptic Biographies



Professor Nicolaas Claudius (Nico) Gey van Pittius VI, BSc (PU), BSc Hons (PU), MSc (PU), PhD (Stell), LLB (UNISA), LLM (Stell), MBA (Stell), MPhil (Stell); M.ASSAf, M.Akad.SA is currently Vice Dean of Research and Internationalisation in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Professor Gey Van Pittius leads an extensive portfolio which includes all aspects of research, postgraduate research studies (MSc and PhD degrees), internationalisation, and innovation (including intellectual property and technology transfer). He is also a full Professor of Molecular Biology in the Division of Molecular Biology and Human Genetics of the Department of Biomedical Sciences at Stellenbosch University, and a core member of both the Department of Science and

Technology (DST)/National Research Foundation (NRF) Centre of Excellence in Biomedical Tuberculosis Research (CBTBR) and the Medical Research Council Centre for Tuberculosis Research (CTR), both hosted by Stellenbosch University. He is a South African National Research Foundation (NRF) B-rated (*internationally acclaimed*) researcher and was elected to membership of both the 'Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns' (South African Academy for Science and Arts, in 2006 at the young age of 33 years) and the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) (in 2010, at the age of 37 years). He is the Chair of the Provincial Health Research Committee (PHRC) of the Western Cape, a member of the National Health Research Committee (NHRC), and is also a member of several other national and international scientific societies and committees, such as the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD).



To view a list of his publications, please scan:



Professor Agnes Binagwaho, MD, M(Ped), PhD currently resides in Rwanda. She is the Vice Chancellor and co-founder of the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) (in 2015), an initiative of Partners In Health based in Rwanda which focuses on changing how healthcare is delivered around the world by training global health professionals who strive to deliver more equitable, quality health services for all. She is a Rwandan pediatrician who returned to Rwanda in 1996, two years after the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi. Previously, she has provided clinical care in the public sector and has served the Rwandan health sector (1996-2016) in high-level government positions, first as the Executive Secretary of Rwanda's National AIDS Control Commission, then as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of

Health, and lastly as Minister of Health for five years. She is a Professor of Pediatrics at UGHE, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine. She is member of multiple editorial, advisory and directors' boards, including the Think20 (T20), the Rockefeller Foundation, the African Europe Foundation and the Commission on African COVID-19 Response. Professor Binagwaho is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine and the World Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. She has published over 220 peer-reviewed articles and was named among the 100 Most Influential African Women for 2020.



Professor René English is a Medical Doctor and Public Health Medicine Specialist and holds a Doctorate Degree. She has experience in clinical and health systems research and in the development of responsive and innovative health systems solutions. She developed the first syndromic respiratory guideline in South Africa, then called the Practical Approach to Lung Health in South Africa (PALSA). Prof English was head of the Health Systems Research Unit at the Health Systems Trust, and has served as a co-editor for the South African Health Review and District Health Barometer publications. She was a past fellow of the Africa Science Leadership Programme and is currently the Head of the Health Systems and Public Health Division in the Department of Global Health in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). She served on the South African Health Ministerial Task Team for Human Resources for Health and was the Chair of the Information, Monitoring and Evaluation Workstream. She has also served on the South African Lancet National Commission on High Quality Health Systems.



Ms Silindile Ngcobo is a PhD candidate in Biomaterials at the Cape Heart Institute, University of Cape Town (UCT). Her PhD work is within regenerative medicine and it explores the modification of the cost-effective fibrin hydrogels as a delivery vehicle for cell signalling molecules that promote therapeutic angiogenesis in tissue repair. She has co-supervised BSc (Hons) Cell Biology students and continues to contribute to the field. Ms Silindile Ngcobo is also a Global Health advocate, and her work focuses on amplifying women's voices and spotlighting women's health issues. She recently co-authored a perspective piece for Frontiers in Global Women's Health titled "Are pandemics gender neutral? Women's Health and COVID-19". Ms Silindile Ngcobo is also actively engaged in uplifting young girls through STEM programs and mentorship. She is a member of the South African Women in Science and Engineering, and she was also elected as a mentor for Frontiers in Young minds.



Ms Hannah Simba is a PhD candidate in Public Health in the Department of Global Health at Stellenbosch University. Her current research is focused on assessing the genetic and environmental factors associated with the development of oesophageal cancer. Ms Simba's passion for science awareness and communication is evidenced by her advocacy for women's health and her involvement in programs that support women in science. She is a former chapter leader and current ambassador for the Working to Advance STEM Education for African Women (WAAW) foundation in South Africa. The organization offers STEM outreach programs and mentorship for young girls, as well as coding bootcamps for young women. Hannah Simba has a BSc in Biomedical Sciences, and a Master's in Environmental Health.



Dr Zethu Mtimkulu is an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in private practice based in Cape Town. Post FCOG qualification, she joined the Obstetrics and Gynaecology department at UCT as a part-time lecturer while practicing medicine. Dr Mtimkulu's dedication to women's issues is demonstrated by her active engagement in nonprofit initiatives. She serves as Deputy Chairperson for the Western Cape branch of the Circle of Global Business Women, an NPO which aims to empower women through networking, collaboration and innovation. In addition, she is the founder of Siphisizwe Foundation, an NPO focused on uplifting, motivating and inspiring women from all walks of life, with an emphasis on authenticity and opportunities for early career professionals. The foundation offers strategic support for members' development through mentorship programmes that promote inclusion and diversity in their chosen fields of interest. Dr Mtimkulu holds a BSc (Mathematics, Chemistry and Zoology), and MBChB, FCOG (SA) with a special interest in Aesthetic and Functional Gynaecology from University of Cape Town. She has also earned certificates from the Women in Leadership course (University of Stellenbosch) and Entrepreneurship course (GIBS).



Professor Portia Jordan currently serve as Executive Head: Department of Nursing and Midwifery at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). She holds a PhD in Nursing, Masters of Business Administration, and specialist qualifications in Critical Care Nursing and Nephrology Nursing. Her research focuses on critical care nursing, evidence-based practice and patient safety in nursing. She has supervised over 50 masters and doctoral candidates and published in national and international peer-review journals. Nationally, Prof Jordan is an executive board member of the Forum for University Deans in South Africa (FUNDISA), member of the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa, PLUME research Fellow, and a Fellow of the Academy of Nursing South Africa (FANSA). Internationally, she is a board member for Tau Lamda Chapter for Sigma Teta Tua International Honor Nursing Society (STTI) and executive board member of the STTI Research and Advisory Council. Furthermore she is part of the International Network of Universities, a global initiative that focuses on patient safety and quality of care.



Professor Kathryn Chu, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS is Director and Professor at the Centre for Global Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). Prof Chu is a general and colorectal surgeon. She received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University. She completed her medical degree and general surgery residency at the University of California- San Francisco. She was a Fulbright scholar at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where she received a Master's degree in Public Health and Developing Countries. She is Vice President of the Board of Médecins Sans Frontières- Southern Africa and the inaugural director of the Centre of Global Surgery. Prof Chu was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) from 2021 to 2024.



Dr Therese Fish currently holds the position as Vice Dean: Clinical Services and Social Impact at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). Key aspects of her current position include engagement with the public health sector, in particular the Western Cape Health Department and the National Health Laboratory Services to optimise the relationship with the University for academic purposes. Nominated as co-ordinator by the 4 Universities, she led the team that delivered a new governance agreement between the Department of Health and the universities in 2012 and in 2020, and finalised the Bilateral Agreement between Stellenbosch University FMHS and the Western Cape Government: Health. She was instrumental in the delivery of the first Rural Clinical

School in South Africa. She serves and has served on various committees at provincial and national level as well as within the University structure dealing with governance in health and higher education, education and training in health and policy development, human capital strategy and planning as well as civil society capacity development. She has previously held the position of Senior Lecturer at the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB). Prior to this, she worked as a medical doctor in the public health sector from 1987 until 1999. Dr Fish has recently completed her doctoral thesis for a Doctorate in Business Administration: Higher Education Management through the University of Bath. She obtained the degree Master of Business Administration (cum laude) from the USB in 2001 and received the award "Best research project by a MBA student in the field of economics". She also completed a course in Health Policy and planning at the Nuffield Institute of Health in Leeds, UK, a Healthcare Financing Course at the Actuarial Department at UCT and a Diploma in Community Health at Stellenbosch Medical School. Her undergraduate degree is as a medical doctor (MBChB at the University of Cape Town).

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Dr. Nyambura Mwagiru is currently Head of the Tygerberg International Office (TIO), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU), South Africa. Nyambura is a trained mediator, and also Research Associate at the SU Institute for Futures Research (IFR), and the UCT Centre for Comparative Law in Africa (CCLA). She is currently Acting Residence Head of Hippokrates Male and Female Residence at Tygerberg Medical Campus, Division of Student Affairs (DSA), SU. Nyambura's professional and research activities include a focus on international higher education (IHE) learning and innovation, strategic leadership engagement, institutional governance, partnership development and management. Previously, Dr Mwagiru served as International Affairs Coordinator, University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB); Coordinator, Governance, Leadership and Strategic Engagement, Department of Student Affairs (DSA), Student Housing and Residence Life (SH&RL), University of Cape Town (UCT); Programme Officer with the International Education for Peace Institute (EFP- International), Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH); and co-founder, Public Officer and Communications, of Scezons cc, a research and multisector consultancy. Nyambura holds a BA (Hons) in Political Science and Conflict Resolution, an MA in International Relations, Professional Masters (LL.M) in Tax Law, and PhD in Business Administration.



Dr Dilshad Tung, MA (Counseling Psychology), Ph.D. (International Psychology), is currently Programme Developer and Facilitator at Tygerberg International Office (TIO) at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). She endeavors to expand the international reach of FMHS and SU through growing existing partnerships and fostering new collaborative programmes and initiatives with academic and professional institutions worldwide. Her professional background includes clinical counseling and research in International Psychology, specifically studying patterns of successful mentoring relationships among adolescent girls in South Africa. She has also contributed to research on social skills training for children and young adults on the autism spectrum, as well as interventions related to suicide prevention.



Dr Chanelle Windvogel, MBCHB, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Chanelle is current coordinator, Programmes and Partnerships, Tygerberg International Office (TIO); Coordinator, Department of Global Health and the Doctoral Office, at FMHS. Chanelle provides a coordination and support function for TIO institutional partnership engagement and management activities, and supports the TIO International Programme Secretariat. She also provides coordination and administrative governance support to the FMHS Internationalisation committee (FMHS-IC), the Internationalisation Strategy Working Group and FMHS – Partnership Management Working Group (PMWG). She is a coordinator for Department of Global Health Short Programmes and she facilitates Doctoral candidate applications to FMHS, including facilitation of international post-graduate credential evaluation.



Ms Lelethu Mpapama, is 2021 Work Study Programme Intern at the Tygerberg International Office (TIO), and 3rd year Bsc Physiotherapy student, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU). Ms Mpapama creates and maintains the content of the TIO facebook page and produces multimedia contributions capturing SU student and stakeholder voices for the TIO. Lelethu also provides ongoing support to the TIO through desktop research, review and analysis of FMHS Institutional partnership and collaboration data, including regular update of the TIO online knowledge management repository. Lelethu also serves as an Undergraduate Mentor and BSc Physiotherapy (II) Tutor, and is the current servicing officer for the 2021 Hippokrates House

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