

SPOTLIGHT SERIES 2023: AFRICA DAY



Supporting a Healthy Africa: An Interdisciplinary Approach

PROGRAMME

23 MAY 2023, 09:30 – 13:00 (SAST)

Hosted by Tygerberg International (TI), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University (SU)

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Biomedical Research Institute (BMRI) Rm 3073,
Tygerberg Campus, FMHS



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Tea and Coffee			
09:30-10:00	30 min	Please join us for tea and coffee ahead of the programme.	BMRI Rm 3073
Programme Commencement			
10:00-10:10	10 min	Welcome and Opening	Dr Therese Fish – Acting Dean, FMHS; Vice Dean: Clinical Services and Social Impact, FMHS, SU
Africa Day Video Message from Students			
10:10-10:15	5 min	Video – Initiatives at Tygerberg International and FMHS	
Panel			
10:15-11:25	1h 10min	<p>Panel Introduction & Moderation – Prof Quinette Louw, Executive Head: Department of Health and Rehabilitation, Stellenbosch University; South African Research Chair in Innovative Rehabilitation</p> <p>Discussion points and session goals - Presenters will speak on topics related to the programme theme, which addresses an interdisciplinary approach to supporting health in Africa. The panel will allow audience members to pose questions and contribute to the discussion.</p> <p>Ms Anna-Marie Müller, Innovation Manager, DG Murray Trust <i>Towards Zero Stunting in South Africa: Reflections from Grant Making</i></p> <p>Mr Zano Kunene, Health Reporter, Bhekisisa Centre for Health Journalism <i>Overlap Between Different Health Systems and Mental Health: A Journalist's Perspective</i></p> <p>Prof Desiree Lewis, Researcher, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Western Cape; STIAS Fellow 2023 <i>Corporate Fastfood Advertising and Children in African Contexts</i></p>	
Keynote Address			
11:25-11:50	25 min	Keynote Address <i>The Relationship Between Social Dynamics and Health Concerns/Conditions</i>	Dr Ilse Eigelaar-Meets, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Stellenbosch University
Closing and Vote of Thanks			
11:50-12:00	10 min	Summary and Vote of Thanks	Tygerberg International
Lunch and Networking			
12:00-13:00	1h 00m	Please join us for a light lunch and networking.	BMRI Foyer

*Programme subject to change

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Speaker Biographies



Dr Ilse Eigelaar-Meets is a sociologist at Stellenbosch University. Currently a full-time lecturer in sociology, she has had an extended career in Applied Sociology predating her permanent employment in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Stellenbosch University. She has worked as a researcher and project manager in several institutions, including National and Provincial Government (National Advisory Council for Innovation, Department of Social Development Western Cape Provincial Government, and as Deputy Director for Research at the Department of Local Government and Housing Western Cape Provincial Government). She has taught in various tertiary institutions including University of Johannesburg (RAU), Cornerstone Christian College and Hugenote Kollege, and worked as a full-time researcher in a research company, SOREASO, for 15 years. Her research ideas include Community and Rural Development, Migration (Demographic and Social Impacts), Population, and Local Governance. In her work as a researcher, she has acquired wide-ranging research experience serving a broad range of clients, such as government, the corporate sector, and universities.



Ms Anna-Marie Müller works at the DG Murray Trust as an Innovation Manager in the 'Nurture an Innovative and Inclusive Society' portfolio. Her focus is on supporting organisations at the intersection of community development, the environment and food systems. She was the co-lead of the Western Cape Stunting Baseline Survey, the first provincial baseline survey of children's nutrition status. During the pandemic, Anna-Marie was seconded to Grow Great, to support the zero-stunting campaign with policy research and social protection advocacy. She has worked on nutrition literacy projects, advocacy campaigns and in multicultural education. Anna-Marie holds an MPhil in Sustainable Development from Stellenbosch and an MSc Nutrition for Global Health from the LSHTM.



Mr Zano Kunene is a health reporter at the Bhekisisa Centre for Health Journalism. Having graduated with an honours degree in journalism from the University of the Witwatersrand in 2021, he joined Bhekisisa in 2022. His work is centred on reporting on various topics related to the health sector in South Africa and the systems they exist in, from stories on vaccines to the country's response mechanisms to both outbreaks and climate change disaster management.



Professor Desiree Lewis is currently a Research Fellow at STIAS (Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study) and a professor at the University of the Western Cape. She is the lead PI of a trans-institutional research programme titled “Critical Food Studies: Transdisciplinary Humanities Approaches”. This Programme provides funding and mentorship for postgraduates and emerging researchers, produces publications, and drives innovative academic collaboration. Prof Lewis has taught in the Women’s and Gender Studies Department for several years and has, apart from her work on food, published widely on literary and popular culture, visual texts, gender and sexuality, and feminism.

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS)



Dr Therese Fish currently holds the position as Vice Dean: Clinical Services and Social Impact at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. Key aspects of her current position are the 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. Her ability to function in complex settings saw her nominated as co-ordinator by the 4 Universities, as 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 as well as leading the strategic planning and implementation of the Faculty's educational platform, which now comprises more than one hundred training sites, social services, and education sectors, including in previously underserved areas. She serves and has served on various committees at the 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. Since January 2022, she is a member of the Stellenbosch University Council. 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. She holds a Doctorate in Business Administration: Higher Education Management through the University of Bath (2021). She obtained a Master of Business Administration (cum laude) from USB in 2001 and received the award “Best research project by an MBA student in the field of economics”. She has also completed a course in Health Policy and Planning at the Nuffield Institute of Health in Leeds, UK, a Healthcare Financing Course at the UCT Actuarial Department and a Diploma in Community Health at FMHS. She holds an undergraduate degree as a medical doctor (MBChB at the University of Cape Town).



Professor Quinette Louw is the Executive head of the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Studies at Stellenbosch University, South African Research Chair in Innovative Rehabilitation and adjunct professor at the University of South Australia. Her qualifications include a BSc from the University of the Western Cape, a MASP as well as PhD from the University of South Australia. She published 160 research papers and supervised 85 postgraduates (masters and doctoral). Her research aims to optimise human functioning and advance rehabilitation as applicable to the African context. The specific research activities centres around the contextualisation of evidence-based rehabilitation, development of innovative methods and clinical guidance tools to facilitate the translation of evidence for enhanced capacity, access and quality of rehabilitation services within the health system. Prof Louw is acknowledged by the National Research Foundation as a B2 rated scientist. She regularly serves on national and international expert and guideline panels (e.g., WHO). Prof Louw has fostered long-term, productive linkages with national and international research institutions, professional bodies and relevant government departments.

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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 a 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 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, 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 a PhD in Business Administration.



Dr Dilshad Tung, MA (Counseling Psychology), PhD (International Psychology), manages international initiatives at Tygerberg International (TI) at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) at Stellenbosch University (SU). She endeavours 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 work at FMHS has included a portfolio of seminars and a global health conference. 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 and interventions related to suicide prevention.



For the past 22 years Amaal Orrie has provided attention to detail and has effectively represented various institutions such as Bond Street Financial Services in Cape Town SA , the department of Justice, and subsequently moving into Higher education in the latter part of her career when she joined the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. She has attended various training programs in her tenure as an administrative assistant and continues to develop her skills. Lastly, she just recently joined the Tygerberg International Team and deals with the General Administration and logistics support function.

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