

Celebrating Excellence in Teaching-Learning-Assessment

This event recognises and honours the remarkable achievements of our staff in advancing teaching-learning-assessment (TLA) at our university towards transformative TLA experiences and the academic success of students.

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SU TLA Awards

These awards aim to support excellence in TLA in HE and to foster a community of inspiring academic leaders in TLA within and beyond their disciplines. The awards also aim to promote public dialogue about TLA excellence in advancing knowledge for societal benefit, to advance the scholarship of TLA and to professionalise academics in their TLA roles and practices.

SU Teaching -Learning -Assessment Awards



Ms Sophia Brink

School of Accountancy
EMS



Ms Munira Hoosain

Occupational Therapy
FMHS



Dr Ruenda Loots

School for Public Leadership
EMS

SU Teaching -Learning -Assessment Awards



Dr Marietjie Lutz

Chemistry and Polymer
Science
SCIENCE



Dr Rhoda Meyer

Health Professions Education
FMHS



Prof. Lungiswa Nkonki

Global Health Systems and
Public Health
FMHS

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SU Teaching Fellows

These colleagues have successfully completed their SU Teaching Fellowships previously and are SU TLA Fellows.

SU Teaching Fellows



Prof. Elize
Archer
Health
Professions
Education
FMHS



Prof. Elmarie
Costandius
Visual Arts
FASS
deceased



Dr Berna
Gerber
Speech,
Language and
Hearing Therapy
FMHS



Emeritus
Prof. Ian Nell
Practical
Theology and
Missiology
THEOLOGY

SU Teaching Fellows



**Prof. Nicola
Plastow**
Occupational
Therapy
FMHS



**Prof. Geo
Quinot**
Public Law
LAW



**Prof. Ingrid
Rewitzky**
Mathematics
SCIENCE



**Prof.
Marianne
Unger**
Physiotherapy
FMHS

SU Teaching Fellows



**Dr Marianne
McKay**
Viticulture and
Oenology
AGRISCIENCES
former colleague



**Prof. Denn is
Francis**
Sociology and
Social
Anthropology
FASS
former colleague



**Prof. Gretha
Steenkamp**
School of
Accountancy
EMS



**Emeritus Prof.
Susan v an
Schalkwyk**
Health
Professions
Education
FMHS

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New SU Teaching Fellows

Completed fellowships in 2024

New SU Teaching Fellows

Completed fellowship in 2024



Prof. Taryn Bernard
General Linguistics & ECP
FASS



Prof. Deborah Blaine
Mechanical & Mechatronic
ENGINEERING

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Current SU Teaching Fellowship holders

Teaching fellowships provide an opportunity for academics who teach and are scholars of TLA to spend a consistent period on a research project and related outputs that will impact TLA at SU and nationally.

Current SU Teaching Fellowship holder

Dr Marnel Mouton | Botany and Zoology | SCIENCE
Period: 2022 - 2025

The overarching aim of Dr Mouton's fellowship is to evaluate the impact of the Extended Curriculum Programme (ECP) in STEM at SU on academic success. The fellowship intends to enhance SU's ability to respond to the national pass rate of ECP students which, together with that of other first-year students, is a national and international concern. It should provide SU with insights about possible indicators of student success and/or failure, which may also assist the institution in student selection and recruitment in future. These insights and initiatives may lead to improved yearly ECP graduation rates in STEM at SU. The fellowship will also investigate ways to obtain, strengthen and maintain the competencies of academic staff to set and achieve development objectives over time.



Current SU Teaching Fellowship holder

Prof. Nicola Plastow | Occupational Therapy | FMHS
Period: 2023 - 2025 (This is Prof. Plastow's second SU Fellowship)

This three-year fellowship project of Prof Plastow aims to establish and then evaluate the impact of a community interaction project that promotes social participation and occupational justice for older people living in Bishop Lavis. The project is based on the service-learning model. It offers students a transformative learning opportunity that challenges their worldview and perspective on ageing, older people, and life in a low-income area of Cape Town so that they discover new ways of being an occupational therapist. Students will accordingly develop their ability to deliver contextually relevant occupational therapy services that impact communities.



Current SU Teaching Fellowship holder

Dr Mariette Volschenk | Health Professions Education | FMHS
Period: 2024 - 2026

The overarching aim of Dr Volschenk's fellowship project is to investigate and advance the cultivation of 'mastersness' within a hybrid learning interprofessional coursework master's programme at SU FMHS. The primary focus is to facilitate wider access, enhance readiness for the transition to master's-level studies, foster academic success among master's candidates, and catalyse their subsequent career trajectories as educational scholars and leaders in Health Professions Education. The project intends to enhance SU's responsiveness to national throughput and retention rates for postgraduate taught students.



Current SU Teaching Fellowship holder

Dr Rhoda Meyer | Health Professions Education | FMHS
Period: 2025 - 2027

Dr Meyer's three-year fellowship project aims to a) provide insights on what is needed to create psychologically safe environments, especially in Health Sciences, b) develop programmes to enhance academics' support for students, and c) develop a toolkit for enabling students in the FMHS and across the institution to navigate different learning environments and enhance their learning experiences. Furthermore, Dr Meyer's research is foreseen to catalyse lasting change in how Health Professions Education addresses implicit learning environments, such as the hidden curriculum.



Current SU Teaching Fellowship holder

Prof. Debra Shepherd | Economics | EMS
Period: 2025 - 2027

The focus of Prof. Shepherd's three-year fellowship project is the design of an innovative digital learning platform that would assist students in understanding complex economics concepts through interactive learning pathways. This platform will offer a customized and scalable solution that could be used across various educational settings, enhancing both individual and group learning experiences. The platform will be grounded in multiple learning theories with the aim of reaching diverse learner types. This competency-based learning tool will be integrated into introductory economics modules as a complementary resource.



Current SU Teaching Fellowship holder

Ms Sybil Smit | School of Accountancy | EMS
Period: 2025 - 2027

Ms Smit's three-year fellowship project focuses on the renewal of the Financial Accounting 178 module and, in the process, integrating the 'CA of the Future' competencies and graduate attributes in how the module is taught, how the students learn and how their learning is assessed. This will involve reviewing the module content, developing diagnostic assessments and language assistance tools, re-designing learning resources, improving the constructive alignment of the module, enhancing lecturers' feedback to students, and, overall, improving student success.



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Teaching Advancement at Universities (TAU) Fellowship Programme

The TAU Fellowship Programme is a national UCDP initiative. The programme aims to advance teaching quality and the professionalisation of TLA. During this fellowship, participants, who are disciplinary specialists, are familiarised with TLA in higher education, introduced to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning research, and positioned as change agents in TLA at their institutions.

SU TAU Fellows



**Prof. Elmarie
Costandius**
Visual Arts
FASS
deceased



**Prof. Ian
Couper**
Rural Health
FMHS



**Prof. Faadiel
Essop**
Medical
Physiology
FMHS



**Dr Berna
Gerber**
Speech,
Language and
Hearing Therapy
FMHS



**Prof. Ashraf
Kagee**
Psychology
FASS

SU TAU Fellows



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**Prof. Geo
Quinot**
Public Law
LAW



**Prof.
Nkosinathi
Gule**
Electrical and
Electronic
Engineering
ENGINEERING



**Dr Albert
Strever**
Viticulture and
Oenology
AGRISCIENCES

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Teaching Advancement at Universities (TAU) Fellowship Programme
Current Fellowship holders

Current TAU Fellowship holder

Prof. Elize Archer | Health Professions Education | FMHS
Period: 2024 - 2025

Prof Archer's project was to evaluate the current FMHS Clinician-as-Teacher (CAT) short course and redesign it in order to have a relevant and fit-for-purpose teaching course for clinicians who teach the medical students in the clinical setting. The course was subsequently redesigned and adapted to include the development of graduate attributes, social responsiveness, teaching as part of a ward rounds and how to create psychological safety for students.



Current TAU Fellowship holder

Dr Shantal Windvogel | Medical Physiology | FMHS
Period: 2024 - 2025

Dr Windvogel's project aims to establish a transformative, humanized learning journey in physiology for active citizenry. By fostering collaboration, critical reflection, and social justice early in the undergraduate programme, she aims to empower students as active citizens and future health professionals—equipped not just with knowledge, but with empathy, purpose, and the ability to lead meaningful change.



Current TAU Fellowship holder

Prof. Bronwyne Coetzee | Psychology | FASS
Period: 2025 - 2026

Prof Coetzee's project aims to explore and strengthen student-supervisor relationships in postgraduate higher education, across faculties at Stellenbosch University, by exploring the expectations, challenges, and dynamics shaping these relationships. Using participatory and relational approaches, the project will engage students and supervisors in co-designing tools/strategies/guidelines that foster inclusive and collaborative supervision practices. The project will culminate in practical resources and institutional dissemination on research into postgraduate supervision.



Current TAU Fellowship holder

Prof. Simone Titus -Dawson | Health Professions Education | FMHS
Period: 2025 - 2026

Prof Titus-Dawson's TAU fellowship project focuses on advancing social justice and inclusivity in health professions education by critically integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into teaching and learning practices. Building on an existing series of faculty development workshops, the project supports educators in developing critical AI literacies, co-designing equitable AI-enhanced learning activities, and adopting assessment strategies that are critical of AI outputs. Through a combination of professional development opportunities, curriculum innovation, and reflective practice, the project aims to democratise access to quality education, particularly for students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. Rooted in the values of ethical, human-centred AI use, the fellowship contributes to institutional transformation by aligning with digital transformation goals while foregrounding equity and care in technological adoption.



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National TLA accolades received by SU Academics in 2024

Winner: 2024 Teaching Advancement at Universities (TAU) Fellows Award

Prof. Faadiel Essop
Medical Physiology
FMHS

The TAU Fellows Award, presented by the national Teaching Advancement at Universities programme, celebrates educators who drive transformative education and challenge traditional paradigms.

Prof Faadiel Essop received this prestigious award in 2024 for his commitment to challenging scientific elitism and fostering multilingualism in medical education.



Commendation: 2024 National University Teaching Awards (NUTA)

Prof. Nicola Plastow
Occupational Therapy
FMHS

The NUTAs, which fall under the auspices of the DHET, UCDP and South African University Teachers (SAUT) recognise innovation, scholarship and excellence in teaching across the country's public higher education institutions. In 2024, 67 submissions were received, with 22 shortlisted and 12 finalists interviewed.

Prof Plastow received a commendation at the 2024 NUTAs for her innovative and transformative teaching practices.



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Scholarship of Educational Leadership (SoEL) Short Course 2024

The SU SoEL short course aims to develop a critical mass of educational leaders at SU, in support of the professionalization of the TLA role. Focusing on both Leadership *in* and the Scholarship *of* Teaching and Learning, the course is structured around four interconnected and concurrent themes: Leadership in Pedagogy, Leadership in Curriculum, Leadership in TLA Change Initiatives, and Educational Research as Leadership—each reinforcing the overarching emphasis on educational leadership.

Scholarship of Educational Leadership (SoEL)

Short Course 2024



Hanelie Adendorff
DLTE



Stiaan Lamprecht
EMS



Rhoda Meyer
FMHS



Dawid Mouton
THEOLOGY



Mareli Pretorius
FASS

Scholarship of Educational Leadership (SoEL)

Short Course 2024



Robert Pott
ENGINEERING



**Sanjeev
Rambharose**
SCIENCE



Clint Rhode
AGRISCIENCES



**Melissa van der
Merwe**
AGRISCIENCES

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Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Short Course 2024

The short course aims to assist teaching academics to conceptualise and design a SoTL research study. Participants learn how to distinguish between SoTL and their disciplinary research, refine their TLA research questions, consult educational literature, use educational theory, use appropriate methodology and gather and interpret data. Participants have to translate this into a clear and comprehensive draft proposal that adheres to SU's ethical and institutional permission principles.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

Short Course 2024



Sophia Brink
EMS



Regan Everts
EMS



Erica George
DLTE



Petro Gerber
EMS



Agatha Lebethe
EDUCATION

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

Short Course 2024



Jabu Lukhele
SCIENCE



Esther Muema
AGRISCIENCES



Trudie Sandrock
EMS



Anria van Zyl
EMS

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Assessment Short Course 2024

The assessment short course creates opportunities to engage with colleagues on assessment practices and scholarly articles on assessment topics such as the different purposes of assessment, constructive alignment, feedback, peer-and self-assessment, and more. Through active participation, participants will be expected to critically reflect on their own assessment practices and design assessments promoting student learning.

Assessment short course



Melissa Botha
EMS



Rika Cilliers
EMS



Jamie Cripwell
ENGINEERING



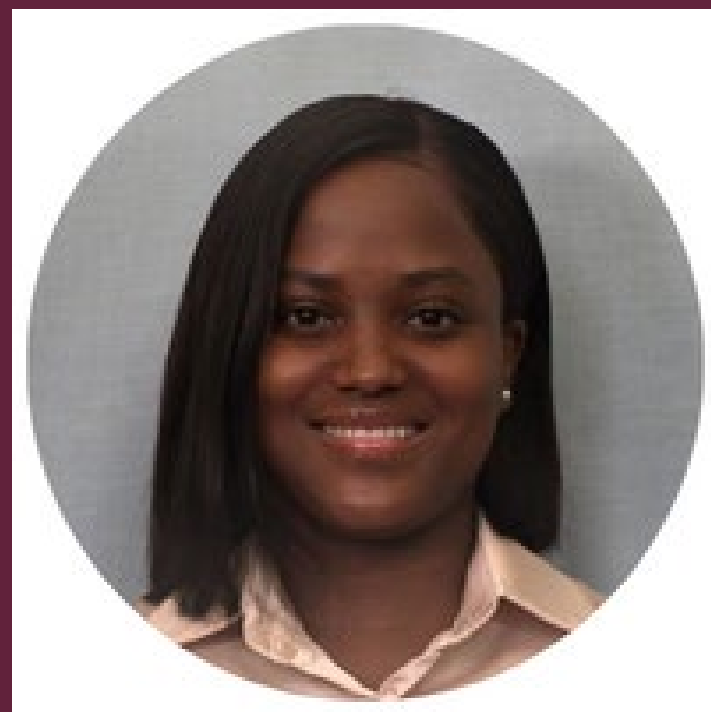
Katherine de Villiers
SCIENCE



Fatima Halday
DLTE



Jerome Joorst
EDUCATION



Kerotse Kekana
EMS



Tracy Kellerman
FMHS



Anisa Mahmoudi
LAW



Esther Muema
AGRISCIENCES

Assessment short course



Lawrence Munjonji
AGRISCIENCES



Ernest Musekwa
FMHS



Tanduxolo Nguza
ENGINEERING



Estelle Olivier
FASS



Brendon Pearce
AGRISCIENCES



Elzaan Rinquest
EDUCATION



Annel Pieterse Roux
FASS



Ashlene v d Berg-Ross
EMS



Michael Wolf
AGRISCIENCES

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PREDAC (Professional Educational Development for Academics) Short Course 2024

This short course provides newly appointed academics with the opportunity to engage with TLA practices in a collaborative manner in and across faculties and to reflect on their views, knowledge, and assumptions about TLA within the context of current thoughts on university teaching. Practical and innovative approaches towards TLA tasks are addressed throughout the course. National and institutional frameworks which direct HE in South Africa and at SU are covered as well.

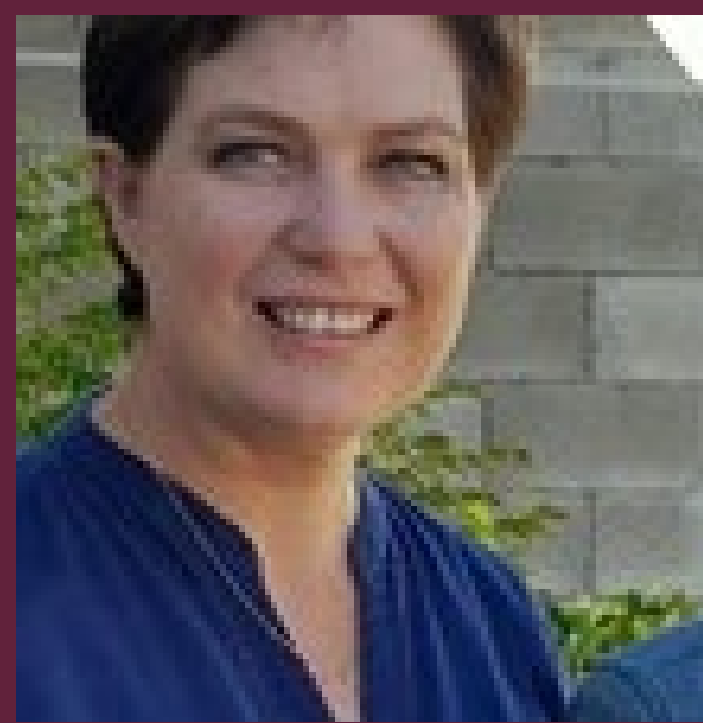
PREDAC short course



Zoe-Mae Adams
EMS



Clayton Arendse
FMHS



Michell e Basson
MILITARY SCIENCE



Cecile Bester
AGRISCIENCES



Nina B reytenbach
LAW



Talia Bu rke
ENGINEERING



Manuela Campa
AGRISCIENCES



Jb-Ann Chan
FASS



Casper Crous
AGRISCIENCES



Taskeen Eb rahim
ENGINEERING

PREDAC short course



Daniela Erasmus
EMS



Natalia Flores -Quiroz
ENGINEERING



Lize Goosen
EMS



Mandla Gwetu
ENGINEERING



Josie Hemphill
LAW



Stembele Johns
DLTE



Marcus Joubert
FASS



Callista Kahonde
FMHS



Johara Khan
DLTE



Karusha Knipe
FMHS

PREDAC short course



Justin Lashbrooke
AGRISCIENCES



Ryno Laubscher
ENGINEERING



Audrey Lawrence
MILITARY SCIENCE



Jodie Layman-Lemphane
FMHS



Andrew Loubser
ENGINEERING



Nerita Malan
EMS



Mudangawe Mamathuba
FASS



Mia Mangaroo-Pillay
ENGINEERING



Keanu Martin
AGRISCIENCES



Megan Matthews
SCIENCE

PREDAC short course



Kathleen Mawson
FMHS



Michael Meyer
EMS



Itumeleng Moeroenyane
SCIENCE



Esther Muema
AGRISCIENCES



Lawrence Munjonji
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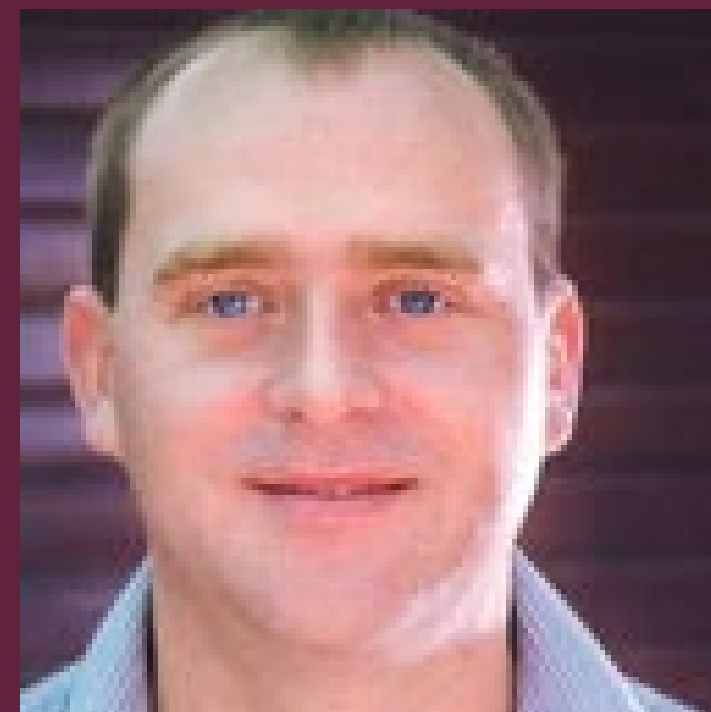
Priyanka Nagar
EMS



Prince Nchupang
SCIENCE



Lungelo Ngobese
EMS



Jacques Pienaar
EMS



Graeme Plint
MILITARY SCIENCE

PREDAC short course



Meelan Ro opa
ENGINEERING



Jaydey Sass
DLTE



Mako ena Sebatjane
ENGINEERING



Vinay Shekhar
ENGINEERING



Precious Simba
EDUCATION



Clint Steed
ENGINEERING



Terri Stellenboom
EMS



Thab ang Toolo
EMS



Hugo Uys
LAW



Debora van der Merwe
AGRISCIENCES

PREDAC short course



Renate v Dijk -Coombes
FASS



Pauli van Heerden
FMHS



Susan v an Zyl -Bekker
DLTE



Philip V enter
ENGINEERING



Claudia Visagi e
ENGINEERING

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AI in TLA Short course 2024

The Artificial intelligence (AI) in teaching-learning-assessment (TLA) short course offered participants the opportunity to reimagine their TLA in the age of easily accessible generative AI tools. It addressed questions such as: How can we redefine our TLA role? How can we preserve the productive struggle in our TLA opportunities? Are our assessment opportunities AI-resilient?

AI in TLA short course



Simon Beuren
LIBRARY



Robyn Berghoff
FASS



Dirk Beukes
MILITARY SCIENCE



Clive Coetzee
MILITARY SCIENCE



Faik a Haroun
DLTE



Tracy Kellerman
FMHS



Jodie Lemphane
FMHS



Biank e Loedolff
AGRISCIENCES



Sharon Malan
EMS



Kurt Marais
EMS

AI in TLA short course



Lennox Olivier
FASS



Pieter Opperman
EMS



Dries Putter
MILITARY SCIENCE



Hamm an Schoonwinkel
EMS



Marno Swart
MILITARY SCIENCE



Lulam a Traub
AGRISCIENCES



Orlando van Schalkwyk
EMS



Anria van Zyl
EMS

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AI and Socially Responsive Pedagogies Short Course 2024

This short course offers academics who teach at SU an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the role of AI in various pedagogical approaches, with a focus on promoting social justice. The course will draw on theoretical perspectives and evidence-based practices, providing participants with the chance to think creatively and innovatively about how AI can both hinder and enable effective pedagogical practices that support student learning.

AI and Socially Responsive Pedagogies SC



Hanelie Adendorff
DLTE



Stephen Burgess
EMS



Lynn Chambers
EDUCATION



Jamie Cripwell
ENGINEERING



Selene Delport
DLTE



Jodie Lemphane
FMHS

AI and Socially Responsive Pedagogies SC



Nosipiwo Matiwane
FVZS (DSAf)



Ian Nell
THEOLOGY



Luigia Nicholas
CSCD (DSAf)



Zinhle Novazi
LAW



Christine Strauss
LAW



Gretha Steenkamp
EMS

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ROCTAS (*Recognition of Contributions Towards Academic Success*) AWARDS 2025

The ROCTAS paid tribute to lecturers nominated by SU's 2024 first-year cohort for their role in facilitating student success. The rebranded awards, formerly known as the First-year Achievement Awards, reflect a deepening of SU's commitment to transformative TLA.

ROCTAS awardees



Manfred Spocter
FASS



Sandra Swart
FASS



Ryan van der
Poll
FASS



Ebrahiem Botha
SCIENCE



Karin
Bothma
SCIENCE



Gareth Boxall
SCIENCE



Arné du Toit Herzenberg
SCIENCE



Delia
Haynes
SCIENCE

ROCTAS awardees



Marietjie
Lutz
SCIENCE



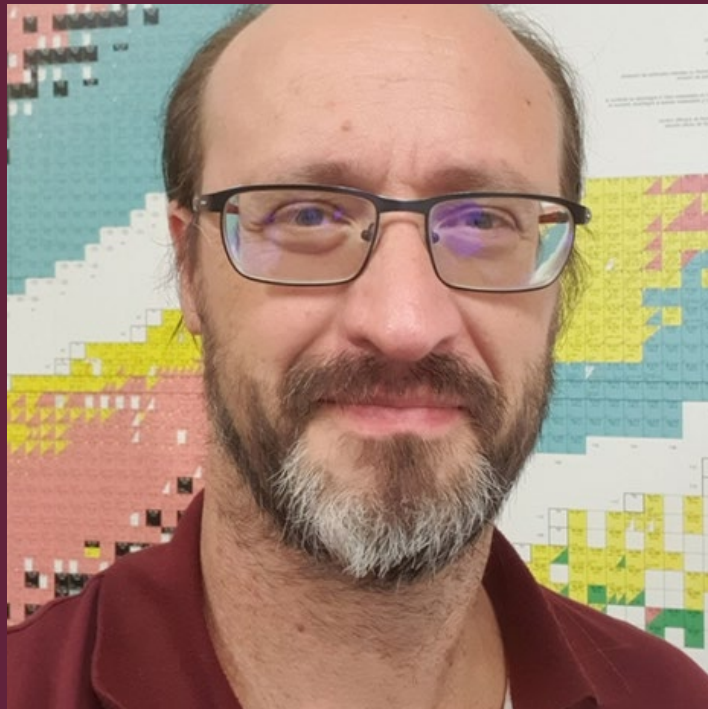
Philip Southey
SCIENCE



Christine
Steenkamp
SCIENCE



Dario Trincherio
SCIENCE



JJ van
Zyl
SCIENCE



Lesley Wessels
SCIENCE



Lynn
Chambers
EDUCATION



Dawid
Mouton
THEOLOGY

ROCTAS awardees



Ray de
Villiers
LAW



Lerato Melato
LAW



Marno Swart
MILITARY SCIENCE



Nadine
Rampf
FMHS



Hans
Strijdom
FMHS



Pierre de
Villiers
EMS



Shaun
Dunn
EMS



Tess Lubbe
EMS

ROCTAS awardees



Sharon Malan
EMS



Lungelo
Ngobese
EMS



Monica Matthews
EMS



Hassan
Sadiq
EMS



Debra Shepherd
EMS



Hamman Schoonwinkel
EMS



Armand du
Plessis
ENGINEERING



Taskeen Ebrahim
ENGINEERING

ROCTAS awardees



Francois Smit
SCIENCE



Robert Pott
ENGINEERING



Francois van Niekerk
SCIENCE



Dimbinaina
Ralaivaosaona
SCIENCE

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SU SoTL Conference 2024 Prizewinners

Stellenbosch University (SU) annually hosts its Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Conference as a space for staff to showcase and share their research and reflection on TLA practices and to network and learn from each other.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) conference 2024 prizewinners: Innovation track

Title of presentation:

Virtual Minds: enhancing
mathematics through avatar-
driven interaction



Agatha Lebethe
EDUCATION



Telani e van der Walt
EDUCATION

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) conference 2024 prizewinner: Delegates' Choice

Title of presentation:

Integrating AI into
undergraduate assessments



Lennox Olivier
FASS

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) conference

2024 prizewinners: Best PREDAC poster

Title of presentation:
Is artificial intelligence
ready for marking?



Manuela Campa
AGRISCIENCES



Cecile Bester
AGRISCIENCES



Justin Lashbrooke
AGRISCIENCES