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**FACULTY OF LAW**

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MANKAYI, Andile Isaac  
MASHALABA, Thembelani Lawrence  
MASHOAI, Loyiso Nelson  
MAUPYE, Kgabo Barry  
MAZANTSANA, Vuyo Leonard  
MAZIBUKO, S'Bongiseni Phillip  
MBANGA, Luvuyo  
MBANGA, Thobeka  
METHUSI, Yankela Sihle  
MKENTANE, Zimkhita Zoe Zodidi  
MKENTANI, Phillipine Lebogang  
MPAKO, Sikhumbuzo  
NONGOGO, Nqabisa Thandazile  
PAPU, Mzimkulu Gladman  
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QILINGELE, Nkosinathi Lennox  
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## FACULTY OF LAW

### MASTER OF LAWS (COURSEWORK)

ADAMS, Jacques Francisco

*(Labour Law)*

Title of treatise:

*FAIR DISCIPLINE OF EDUCATORS IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTOR*

Supervisor: Prof JA Van Der Walt

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BOWDEN, Susan Edna - **Cum Laude**

Title of treatise:

*CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF SOUTH AFRICAN ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LEGISLATION REGARDING CRYPTOCURRENCY*

Supervisor: Prof D Erasmus

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DUMEZWENI, Rolly

*(Labour Law)*

Title of treatise:

*ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH REFERENCE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR*

Supervisor: Mr D Abrahams

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SIDLOYI, Sicelo

*(Labour Law)*

Title of treatise:

*THE LEGAL POSITION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES EMPLOYEES*

Supervisor: Prof JA Van Der Walt

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### MASTER OF LAWS (RESEARCH)

DE VILLIERS, Nico Francois - **Cum Laude**

*(Public Law)*

Title of dissertation:

*THE ENFORCEABILITY OF BY-LAWS OF DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ON LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL*

Supervisor: Prof HJ Van As  
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## **FACULTY OF ARTS**

### **MASTER OF ARTS (RESEARCH)**

DLAMINI, Philani Vincent  
(*Media Studies*)

Title of dissertation:

*NOSTALGIA IN REIMAGINING THE PAST: THE SUBJECTIVITY OF MEMORY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF HISTORY.  
A TEXTUAL ANALYSIS OF REHAD DESAI'S DOCUMENTARY FILMS*

Supervisor: Dr S Moodley

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NENGA, Thetelwa Maureen  
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Title of dissertation:

*UNGENELELWANO LEELWIMI ZASEAFRIKA ISIXHOSA NESISHONA KUJOLISWE KWIFONOLOJI YAMAQABANE  
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Supervisor: Prof LL Kwatsha

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NKETIAH, Francis  
(*Public Administration*)

Title of dissertation:

*AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONTRIBUTION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT  
IN THE EASTERN CAPE*

Supervisor: Dr S Maclean

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### **MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (COURSEWORK)**

NDUNG'U, Shelmith Wairimu  
(*Conflict, Transformation and Management*)

Title of treatise:

*STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE ON ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT WOMEN BETWEEN 30 AND 50 YEARS IN NAIROBI*

Supervisor: Ms DL Barnes

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### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (COURSEWORK)**

FOLOLO, Ncumisa Kanyisa

Title of treatise:

*ROLE OF COUNCILLORS IN THE ROLL OUT OF THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: THE CASE OF CHRIS HANI  
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY*

Supervisor: Dr S Maclean

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KONINGA, Siyabonga

Title of treatise:

*IMPROVING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THROUGH WARD BASED PLANNING IN PORT ST JOHNS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY*

Supervisor: Dr PN Mfene

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KUNE, Anele

Title of treatise:

*AN ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM WITH REFERENCE TO  
NKQUBELA TB HOSPITAL*

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MFEKETO, Lunga

Title of treatise:

*ANALYSIS OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION AS AN INTERNAL CONTROL MEASURE FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT: A CASE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT*

Supervisor: Prof K Asmah-Andoh

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SIGANAGANA, Zimkitha

Title of treatise:

*INVESTIGATING THE EMPLOYEE TURNOVER OF EDUCATORS IN SELECTED SCHOOLS IN THE BUTTERWORTH EDUCATION DISTRICT*

Supervisor: Dr PN Mfene

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SIKHOTHA, Mvumelwano

Title of treatise:

*AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT EQUITY ACT 55 OF 1998 BY THE EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: THE CASE OF PROVINCIAL OFFICE IN ZWELITSHA*

Supervisor: Dr S Maclean

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## **FACULTY OF ARTS**

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

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*AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY ON PERCEPTIONS OF GENDER INEQUALITY IN SOCCER: THE CASE OF SELECTED TSAKANE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS*

Supervisor: Prof L Ntombana

Co-supervisor: Prof LL Kwatsha

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MAGANGA, Stewart Martin

*(Anthropology)*

Title of thesis:

*IN SEARCH OF IDENTITY: AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY ON THE EXPERIENCES OF RASTAFARIANS IN CONTEMPORARY MALAWI*

Supervisor: Prof L Ntombana

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THORNTON, Jessica Leigh

*(Anthropology)*

Title of thesis:

*APPLYING ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURES INVOLVING MURDER IN PORT ELIZABETH, 2000 – 2016*

Supervisor: Prof MJR Boswell

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## **FACULTY OF LAW**

### **DOCTOR OF LAWS**

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Title of thesis:

*INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CARE: A MODEL FOR DETERMINING PLACEMENT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD*

Supervisor: Prof M Carnelley

Co-supervisor: Prof EJH Schrage

Co-supervisor: Prof A Govindjee

## **DOCTORAL CITATIONS**



# **THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ANTHROPOLOGY)**

**DAVID LEGODI BOGOPA**

**Previous qualifications:**

1994	BA	University of Durban, Westville
1995	BHA	University of Durban, Westville
1998	MA Anthropology	University of Durban, Westville
2008	MA Development Studies	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

**Thesis:**

*AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY ON PERCEPTIONS OF GENDER INEQUALITY IN SOCCER:  
THE CASE OF SELECTED TSAKANE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS*

This anthropological study sought to investigate the meaning, impact and the perception of gender inequality in soccer at school level in the post-apartheid South Africa. The empirical research was based in two Gauteng Province schools, specifically located in Tsakane township. Research findings suggested that, gender equality at school level in soccer remains a serious challenge. Females were found to be less involved and were also excluded from soccer at the two schools. This study brings forth various recommendations regarding the promotion of gender equality and inclusion of women in sports-related decisions.

Supervisor: Prof L Ntombana  
Co-Supervisor: Prof LL Kwatsha

# **THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ANTHROPOLOGY)**

**STEWART MARTIN MAGANGA**

**Previous Qualifications:**

2006	BA	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
2009	MA Anthropology	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

**Thesis:**

*IN SEARCH OF IDENTITY: AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY ON THE EXPERIENCES OF  
RASTAFARIANS IN CONTEMPORARY MALAWI*

The study set out to investigate the experiences of religious minorities in democratic societies. Using the case of Malawian Rastafarians, the study found that despite the democracy brought about by the elections of 1994, there are still misconceptions around the Rastafarian religion and that Rastafarians are still being discriminated against. The study makes a significant contribution in terms of challenging the view that, democracy equates to religious tolerance. This study makes several recommendations including the amendment of the Religious and Moral Education (RME) school curriculum, to become inclusive of other religious faiths.

Supervisor: Prof L Ntombana

# **THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ANTHROPOLOGY)**

**JESSICA LEIGH THORNTON**

**Previous qualifications:**

2014	BA General	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
2015	BA Honours (Anthropology)	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
2016	MA (Anthropology)	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

**Thesis:**

*APPLYING ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURES INVOLVING MURDER IN PORT ELIZABETH, 2000-2016*

In 2016 there were over 19 000 reported murders in South Africa with the Eastern Cape having the highest murder rate. Studies indicate that Port Elizabeth is hard hit by crime, adding up to 60% of all reported crimes in the province. This thesis offers an anthropological lens on police culture, court cases and legal proceedings in the city. Using the concept of 'murder-scapes', it is proposed that a 'habitus' can be discerned in the crime of murder in the city. The thesis offers a unique anthropological perspective and findings on St. Alban's Prison should be shared with Correctional Services.

Supervisor: Prof MJR Boswell

# **THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS (PRIVATE LAW)**

**GLYNIS TROW VAN DER WALT**

**Previous qualifications:**

1981	BJuris	University of Port Elizabeth
1983	LLB	University of Port Elizabeth
2003	LLM	University of South Africa

**Thesis:**

*INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION AND ALTERNATIVE CARE: A MODEL FOR DETERMINING PLACEMENT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD*

Intercountry adoption as a permanent form of alternative care for orphaned and abandoned children remains a controversial issue. It is arguable that many placements of South Africa's orphaned and abandoned children within the country are not meeting the legal test of being in the "best interest of the child". This study has investigated the problematic interplay between the best-interest-of-the-child and subsidiarity principles, and the resulting application of a hierarchical approach that has been skewed against the possibility of intercountry adoption, viewing this as a measure of last resort. The study makes the case for ameliorating the negative connotations associated with intercountry adoption through strict adherence to the principles contained in the Hague Convention. It proposes a model designed to assist decision-makers to properly evaluate the best interests of the orphaned or abandoned child in determining the most appropriate form of assistance to be provided.

Supervisor: Prof M Carnelley  
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