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Program and Presenters'

Biographical Sketches

Tuesday, 15 April, 2025 | 10:00am 12:00 pm



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PROGRAM

Program Facilitators

Prof JV Rautenbach & Dr S Dhludhlu

10:00AM – 10:10AM

Prof RP Mbedzi, SACSSP President

Opening and welcoming

10:10AM – 10:30AM

Keynote address – Dr A. Petty, UNISA

Enlivening social work through Intergenerational Solidarity

10:30AM – 10:40AM

Dr S Dhludhlu, UNISA

Benefits of foster care: Insights from foster care leavers and social workers in Tshwane District Municipality, Gauteng Province

10:40AM – 10:50AM

Dr SS Myeni, UNIZULU

From Paper to Practice: Are GBV Policies Helping Social Workers Support Survivors?

10:50AM – 11:00AM

Mr KM Masemola, UNISA

Integrating indigenised practices into the mainstream western approaches to enhance mental health care: An Africanised Approach to social service delivery.

11:00AM – 11:10AM – BODY BREAK



PROGRAM



11:10AM – 11:20AM

Ms S Mbangeni, UNIZULU

Sex Work, Health, and Human Rights: An outcry for Decriminalisation by Sex Workers in Newcastle KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

11:20AM – 11:30AM

Ms B Mandlazi, UNISA

Gender-related occupational stress and well-being: perceptions and cultural influences for social auxiliary workers

11:30AM – 11:40AM

Ms TD Msimango, SACAP

Utilising Indigenised Practice Approaches to Enhance Solidarity Among a Group of Multicultural Parents: A Transformative Parenting Skills Development Programme

11:40AM – 11:50AM

Dr P Masinga, President of ASASWEI, SACAP (HOF)

Vote of thanks and Closure

PLEASE NOTE:

- Q&A (3 questions max)
- Additional questions can be posted in the chat
- Certificate of attendance and evaluation link to be posted in the chat



DR A. PETTY, UNISA

Dr Petty has enjoyed a very long career as a social worker, having worked in the field of social work in different non-governmental welfare organisations, namely, The Association for the Aged, South African National Council for Alcoholism and The Family and Marriage Society of South Africa.

She joined UNISA in 1991 as the regional coordinator of social work placements and ended her 31-year academic career there in 2022. During her tenure at UNISA she developed and implemented the Marriage Guidance Relationship Counselling and the Child Youth and Family Care courses for second and third level students, respectively. She has supervised post graduate students at Masters and Doctoral levels and served as an external examiner of Post Graduate research for the Department of Social Work at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. One of her keen interests as an academic was community engagement which fuelled her motivation to establish the Bright Site Service-Learning Sites for UNISA social work students in the Point, Isnembe and Welbedacht East areas. The research topic of her PhD was, "The development of a culturally and contextually relevant parenting programme for vulnerable parents and caregivers living in Welbedacht East".

She is currently a volunteer for the Domino Foundation, a non-profit organisation, where her role is to promote staff wellness. Additionally, she serves on the Senate Committee at MANCOSA and is an active member of the eThekweni Cluster Veteran Social Work Forum.

Her professional interests remain seeking ways to strengthen families, developing culturally relevant interventions for the South African context, and
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 uplifting the morale and professionalism of social workers.

**DR S. DHLUDHLU, UNISA**

A Senior Lecturer and Researcher with nine years of experience in academia, having worked at the Department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences, and College of Human Sciences. He is devoted, thorough, and competent. published papers in several journals, guided master's students through their studies, and currently supervising both masters and doctoral candidates. He has experience in statutory social work, youth leaving care, and social development and policy. A self-assured speaker at national and international conferences, capable of imparting complicated knowledge to audiences of all stripes, including graduate and undergraduate students, and a lecturer both in person and virtually. Worked for the Department of Social Development from 2009 to 2015 in the intake and field of social work. Among the responsibilities were welcoming clients, starting, and concluding the children's court investigation, preparing reports, organising awareness and preventive campaigns, and directing drug users to rehabilitation facilities.

**DR S.S. MYENI, UNIZULU**

She is a Senior Lecturer in the Social Work Department. She holds professional registration with the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP). She has over fourteen years of experience as a registered social worker. She has worked in the fields of victim empowerment, services to families, child protection and advocacy, women empowerment, gender issues, monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance and compliance of Non-Profit Organizations. She is passionate about enhancing the footprint of social workers through seminars and capacity development initiatives. She plays a critical role facilitating workshops for social workers and ensuring they keep abreast with current practice and professional development insights. She has been involved in a project funded by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, that focused on "Addressing child mortality through awareness of the importance of the first 1000 days of the life of the child". This project was conducted in Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal.

Her research interests are in Gender-Based Violence, Victim Empowerment, Social Work Practice and Education, Social Policy and Child Protection.



MR K. M. MASEMOLA, SACAP

Kgomangoato Masebola is a Community Development Practitioner employed by the Department of Social Development in the Capricorn District, Limpopo Province as a Batho Pele Coordinator and a Project Manager. He completed a Development Studies degree in Community Development through Huguenote College in the Western Cape as well as a Bachelor Of Arts Honours degree in Psychology through Unisa. Currently enrolled for a Master of Social Sciences degree in Community Mental Health Promotion with SACAP. He has 16 years of experience in Community Development working with a variety of rural communities in Lepelle Nkumpi Subdistrict, Limpopo Province.

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MS S. MBANGENI, UNIZULU

She is a dedicated social worker with 17 years of experience in generic social work, committed to advocating for marginalised communities. However, she is particularly passionate about the well-being of women, striving to ensure they are empowered, self-sufficient, and protected from gender-based violence and other social ills that may affect them negatively. Her work spans community engagement and service provision for vulnerable populations. Currently, her research explores the criminalisation of sex work, examining its social and legal implications, particularly on female sex workers in Newcastle, KZN. Through her work, she aims to contribute to evidence-based policy reforms that promote human rights, gender equality, and social justice. She is at an advanced stage of her Master of Social Work undertaken at the University of Zululand.



MS T.D. MSIMANGO, SACAP

Thando Msimango is the Work Integrated Learning Coordinator for the Social Work and Community Development faculty at SACAP. She completed her masters in the field of Social Development (University of the Witwatersrand). She has been involved as a Medical Social Worker providing psychosocial support services during the COVID-19 period at Waterfall and Krugersdorp Netcare Hospital. She also worked as an administrator at the Department of Education under the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative Programme. In addition, she provided statutory social work services to the Joburg Child Welfare Organisation including supervision services to Social Auxiliary Students placed under the organization.

**MS N.B. MANDLAZI, UNISA**

Ms. N.B. Mandlazi serves as the Fieldwork Coordinator at the University of Fort Hare, East London Campus, within the Department of Criminology, Psychology, and Social Work. She has submitted her PhD thesis for examination and possesses a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education and Training from the University of Fort Hare, in addition to a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Furthermore, she holds a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Witwatersrand. In 2024, Ms. Mandlazi, was honoured with the Teaching and Learning Vice Chancellor's Award for e-learning, which underscores her commitment to innovative educational methodologies. She possesses an extensive record of exemplary performance as a professional social worker within the Department of Social Development and has received numerous accolades for her significant contributions to the field. Her research interests encompass occupational stress, gender dynamics, and fieldwork experience.