



News Update

UCT News Update is a twice yearly publication of the UCT Fund that provides information about developments at the University of Cape Town to alumni and other friends of the University in the USA.

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The Gift of Forgiveness: Lessons from the TRC

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A clinical psychologist with a PhD from UCT, Gobodo-Madikizela served on the Human Rights Violations Committee of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). She initiated a TRC outreach program in the Western Cape, where she was co-ordinator of victims public hearings. She reflected on her experience in her critically-acclaimed book, *A Human Being Died That Night: A South African Story of Forgiveness*, which won the Christopher Award (2003) and the South African Alan Paton Award in 2004.

This year she published *Narrating Our Healing: Perspectives on Working through Trauma* with UCT Professor, Chris van der Merwe. The book considers the process of recreating lives that have been shattered by trauma. "In dealing with trauma there is a tension to tell what happened and not

to tell because it's so painful," says Gobodo-Madikizela. For that reason, narrative heals.

While in the U.S. Gobodo-Madikizela spoke with a gathering of Congressional leaders in Washington, D.C. At the invitation of Connecticut Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Gobodo-Madikizela led a dinner discussion on trauma and healing. She drew some parallels between the trauma experienced by young white army conscripts during apartheid—and the impact on their families—and the challenges facing the U.S. in relation to the "wounds of war" experienced by men and women returning from the Iraq war. She shared insights drawn from her work on the TRC, particularly how collectively experienced trauma can be a force that restores unity in a divided society.

From Washington, D.C. Gobodo-Madikizela traveled to Dallas, Texas, where she gave a keynote address on forgiveness and reconciliation at the 3rd International Women's Peace Conference.



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Law Faculty Builds Ties with Top U.S. Law Schools

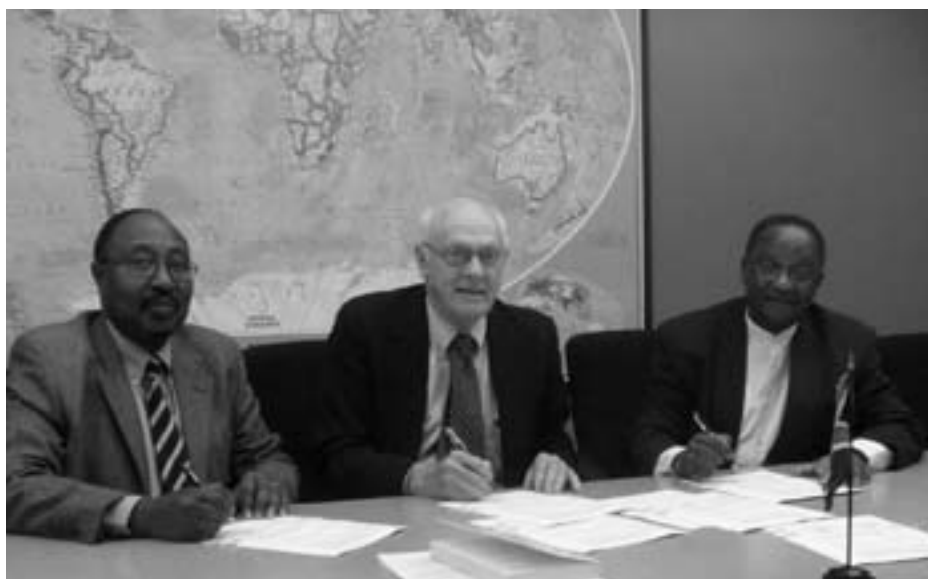


"Law, Dignity and Transformative Constitutionalism" was the theme of a conference held at the Faculty of Law on July 26-27, 2007, with no fewer than five South African Justices of the Constitutional Court, UCT Law faculty and five U.S. academics taking part in the deliberations.

Pictured on the left are (l-r) Justice Laurie Ackerman, whose Critical Jurisprudence formed the theme of the conference, Professor Jeremy Waldron (New York University), Professor Peggy Davis (New York University), Professor Drucilla Cornell (recently of Rutgers University, but now Professor of Legal Philosophy at UCT) and Professor Frank Michelman (Harvard University).

The Law Faculty recently renewed its exchange program with NYU, which allows a New York J.D. student to study at UCT for a semester, and a UCT graduate to study full-time at NYU for an LLM each year.

University of California Partnership Renewed



Deputy Vice-Chancellor Thandabantu Nhlapo and Vice-Chancellor Njabulo Ndebele sign the new exchange agreement with John Marcum (center), Director of the Education Abroad Program and Associate Provost, University of California

UCT recently renewed its exchange agreement with the University of California. During their trip to the U.S. in May, Professors Ndebele and Nhlapo were delighted to meet with UC Education Abroad staff and faculty from UC Santa Barbara at a formal signing ceremony held to mark the continued exchange, which will run through 2012.

The UC partnership is just one of UCT's many agreements with partner institutions worldwide. Over 145 UCT students have gone on exchange programs since 2002. Two students who have benefited from the UC partnership share their views on the transforming power of exchanges.

Film and media studies student, Anita Ballantyne, spent Fall 2002 at UC Santa Barbara.

The few months I spent at UCSB influenced my future plans, experiences and perspectives. My cultural capital expanded enormously—I was captivated by the friendships I made and the new academic material I encountered. I also became involved in broader student life as vice-president of programming at San Rafael Residence. The spirit of UCSB and all I experienced there will glow in me forever!

Gill Einhorn traveled to UC Davis in 2005

I attended numerous leadership seminars and discovered that a student at Davis can do a minor in leadership studies. It was the first time that I had seen commitment of this kind to grow high potential students.

On my return I have become involved in and am now running the student organization, AIESEC UCT, which has a similar commitment to nurturing exceptional individuals through local projects and international internships.

Student Leaders in D.C.

This summer four UCT students participated in the South Africa Washington-Ireland Program/SAWIP, a new outreach of the Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership (WIP).

Since 1995, WIP has brought 30 students annually from communities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to Washington, D.C. for summer internships and leadership training.

UCT students and inaugural SAWIP alumni from 2006, Reitumetse Phirri and Michael Currin, helped extend the youth development program to South Africa.

The 2007 SAWIP team comprised three UCT Law students—Mzimkhulu 'Zim' Ceko, Jean Scrimgeour and Caroline Taylor—as well as Commerce student, Olebile Gaobepe. The organizations for which they worked included the International Finance Corporation's Grassroots Business Initiative, the Council for a Community of Democracies, the Centre for International Private Enterprise, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

UCT students also met with the Whitman Walker HIV-AIDS Clinic, and shared their ideas about the future of Africa in a session sponsored by Congressman Donald M. Payne, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health. The SAWIP team responded strongly to the program's goal of encouraging initiatives to enrich the lives of others. As Jean Scrimgeour said: "I love the idea that I am, by virtue of where we are as a country, able to make a difference, one that can last."

SAWIP hopes to bring eight students to Washington, D.C. next year. www.wiprogram.org



(l-r) Michael Currin, Olebile Gaobepe, Jean Scrimgeour, Zim Ceko and Caroline Taylor celebrate the Fourth of July on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial

News of...

Rising international opera star, **Angela Gilbert** (1995) will return to San Diego Opera in the title role of Maria Stuarda in *Mary, Queen of Scots*, which opens in February 2008.

Wilma Jakobsen (1979) is Senior Associate at All Saints Church in Pasadena. She was ordained by Archbishop Desmond Tutu as the first woman deacon in the Diocese of Cape Town. She also served as Anglican chaplain at UCT from 1997-2003, based out of St Paul's Church in Rondebosch.

Basil Joffe (BSc ChemEng 1967) moved to Houston in 1978 where he started his own software development company. In 2006 he was awarded the Computing Practice Award by the Computing & Systems Technology Division of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). This prestigious award recognized Joffe's creation of the Processing Industry Modeling System (PIMS), the first personal computer-based application for optimized production planning.

Karl Kosciuch (1980), who has lived in the U.S. since 1994, teaches English at Miramonte High School in Orinda, California.

Stephen Segal (BPharm 1989) works as an Oncology Pharmacist for the Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego.

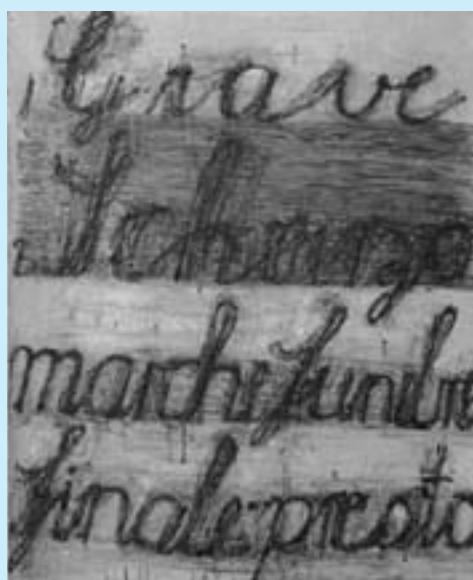


Photo: "Vivienne Koorland: Reisemalheurs" catalog

Dreaming of Travel

"Reisemalheurs" (Travel Woes), an exhibition of paintings by New York-based Michaelis graduate, Vivienne Koorland, was shown recently at the Freud Museum in London to critical acclaim.

Koorland's "heady paintings", noted a review in *Time Out*, offered an "uncommonly persuasive pretext" to visit the Museum, taking the viewer "out of the jostling, relic-rich space they're situated in, convincingly into the divisions caused by past catastrophes and, furthermore, into the landscape of the common mind."

"Reisemalheurs" was coined by Freud in his private correspondence to capture the discomforts and difficulties of travel. Taking inspiration from this emotive term, Koorland addresses both the anxiety associated with travel as well as broader themes of displacement and dislocation. In hand-stitched canvases densely covered with various symbols and texts—children's drawings, maps, handwritten lists and place names—Koorland's paintings evoke both personal journeys and social displacements.

Koorland's work will be on show again in London in February 2008, as part of an exhibition on Contemporary South African Art at the Haunch of Venison Gallery. The exhibition will include work by Santu Mofokeng, one of South Africa's foremost photographers, and Amsterdam-based Moshekwa Langa. www.haunchofvenison.com



UCT HEADS WEST...

Several Alumni and Friends gatherings were held in California in May, during the visit by the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Thandabantu Nhlapo, and Jim McNamara.

... Networking in LA

Alumni and Friends in Los Angeles joined members of the Thousand Oaks chapter of the South African American Business Club (SAABC) for an evening of informal discussion and networking. Thanks to SAABC President and chair of the Thousand Oaks chapter, Mandy Jacob, for co-ordinating the event, and to SAABC member, Ian Young, for graciously making available the venue.



(l-r) Vice-Chancellor Ndebele with Mandy Jacob, Professor Nhlapo and Diane Jacob



UCT alumni Simon Littleford & Anna Luty talk with SAABC member and host, Ian Young

.... San Diego Soirée

An enthusiastic group of Alumni and Friends enjoyed getting to know each other and learning of recent developments on campus. About 45 people attended in total, including UC San Diego faculty with research interests in South Africa and former Fulbright Scholars at UCT.



(l-r) Naomi Nussbaum with UC San Diego faculty, Ivan Evans and Robert Cancel and his wife



Law Alumni, Tessa Heunis and Ronnie Flax



Thandabantu Nhlapo, Nicole Martins, Jeremy Prestholdt, Ivan Evans & Robert Horwitz

... “A New Day for Higher Education” at UCLA

The UCLA African Studies Center and Department of Comparative Literature invited the Vice-Chancellor to share his perspectives on higher education in South Africa at a public talk on campus.



(l-r) South African Vice-Consul Mr. Simphiwe Mdingi, UCT alumnus Peter Pritchard and Jim McNamara

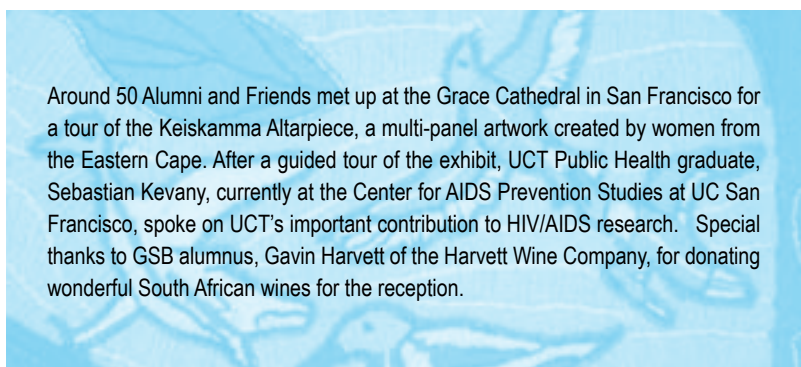


(l-r) UCLA Professor of Law, Frances Olsen, Professor Nhlapo, Wilma Jakobsen, South African Consul-General, Jeanette T. Ndhlovu, and Dr. Frederick Byaruhanga from the UCLA Education School

... Keiskamma Altarpiece Inspires Hope in San Francisco



Michelle Duval (left) with Lucy and Robert Berman



Around 50 Alumni and Friends met up at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco for a tour of the Keiskamma Altarpiece, a multi-panel artwork created by women from the Eastern Cape. After a guided tour of the exhibit, UCT Public Health graduate, Sebastian Kevany, currently at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at UC San Francisco, spoke on UCT's important contribution to HIV/AIDS research. Special thanks to GSB alumnus, Gavin Harvett of the Harvett Wine Company, for donating wonderful South African wines for the reception.

Detail of the Keiskamma Altarpiece, courtesy The Keiskamma Trust, www.keiskamma.org



(l-r) Christina Hattingh, Rob Verkroost, Karol Sinicki and Julian Sinai



(l-r) Kathryn Mathers, Sebastian Kevany, Selwyn Goldberg, Thandabantu Nhlapo and Marc van Niekerk



Banner Year for Research

The African component of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) opens this month at UCT. Hosted by UCT's Institute for Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine, the research laboratory is expected to result in new drugs and vaccines in the fight against TB, malaria and HIV/AIDS.

The selection of UCT to host the ICGEB is the latest in a series of national and international awards that recognize the university's research excellence.

In 2006 UCT was awarded one-third of the first 21 national research chair appointments, created under the Department of Science and Technology's (DST) South African Research Chairs Initiative. New research chairs include Professor George Philander, a UCT graduate who was recruited to UCT's Marine Research Institute from Princeton University.

UCT has also benefited from the DST's move to establish Centers of Competence as lead sectors to position South Africa in the global knowledge economy. The Chemical Engineering Department was recently awarded R30-million to establish a Catalysis Competence Center, one of three centers nationally to develop hydrogen and fuel-cell technologies in South Africa.



National Research Foundation president Mzamo Mangaliso (third from right) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Cheryl de la Rey (third from left) congratulate UCT national research chairs (from left) George Philander, Iqbal Parker, Ernesta Meintjes and Daya Reddy



Vice-Chancellor Selection Process

The process of selecting UCT's tenth Vice-Chancellor is well underway, with the University Council expected to appoint a Vice-Chancellor Designate at the end of 2007.

Vice-Chancellor Njabulo S. Ndebele, who steps down in the middle of 2008, has made many important contributions to higher education during his seven years of service. He is Chair of the Southern African Regional Universities Association, and President of the Association of African Universities. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the Nelson Mandela and Mandela-Rhodes Foundations. As a public figure, he is known for his incisive insights on a range of issues facing South Africa in its ongoing transition.

Applications and nominations are currently being reviewed by the 20-member Selection Committee. Chaired by UCT alumnus and human rights lawyer, Geoff Budlender, the Selection Committee is broadly representative of the university community. For updates on the process, see <http://www.uct.ac.za/about/governance/newvc/>

SRC Celebrates Centenary

2006 marked 100 years of student representation at UCT. This year, UCT is commemorating the centenary with a number of events honoring not only the Students' Representative Council (SRC), but also student leadership in general.

The celebration opened during June graduation with a photographic exhibition, *100 Years of SRC*. The highlight of the celebrations will be a gala dinner planned for September, welcoming all SRC Alumni back to campus. The current SRC plans to launch the SRC Trust Fund at this event. The Fund will be used to provide financial assistance to UCT students from modest family backgrounds who fail to meet the national means test for financial aid, but who nevertheless lack the full resources for a UCT education. The SRC has already raised well over R200 000 towards the Fund.

Former student leaders not able to return to campus might be interested in the recently-launched Greenlevel.org project, "an archive-creating, memory-sharing, oral history for the electronic age" which reflects the experience of students from the 1980s and 1990s who were involved in SRC and NUSAS committees at UCT.

www.greenlevel.org



Alumni Network

We plan to establish a network of regional co-ordinators throughout the U.S. in areas with sizeable numbers of alumni. With your help, we'd like to develop a stronger sense of community among Alumni and Friends of UCT, and increase the opportunities for you to reconnect with each other and with faculty and students at UCT.

Thanks to the following alumni who have volunteered:

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If you'd like to be involved, we'd love to have you join us. Contact Tina Barsby at uctfund@comcast.net

UCT Alumni in SFO AIDS Walk

Among the 25,000 walkers in the 21st annual AIDS Walk San Francisco on July 15 was the "University of Cape Town Alumni" team, co-ordinated by Alumni Volunteer, Philippa Erlank. The team raised a total of \$820 for Bay Area AIDS service organizations, while enjoying a 10-kilometer walk through beautiful Golden Gate Park.

Please contact Philippa if you have suggestions for future events for Bay Area Alumni and Friends.

(l-r) Ben Crittenden, Richard Erlank, Pasca Troth, Catherine Adams, Shelley Adams and Philippa Erlank in Golden Gate Park



Mobilizing Greater South Africa

Global South Africans (GSA) is a business-oriented network of accomplished South Africans living abroad who want to share their knowledge and experience in support of a better life for all South Africa's people.

GSA aims to build a "brain bank" of successful and well-connected members who will be engaged as actively as their other commitments allow. Their expertise will be carefully matched with requests from the South African government, the private and non-profit sectors, and higher education.

The initiative in the U.S. is seen as leading the way in accessing the talents of South Africans worldwide. Lee Gillespie-White, U.S. Manager for Global South Africans, notes, "We hope that members will see their involvement as a concrete contribution to South Africa's growth by building skills and knowledge. If the project works here, other countries will try it as well". www.globalsouthafricans.org

Hugh Corder Talks in New York on Judicial Activism

On May 3rd UCT alumnus Louis Goldberg hosted a breakfast presentation by Professor of Public Law and Dean of the Law Faculty, Hugh Corder, at the New York offices of Davis, Polk and Wardwell.

UCT Fund Chairman, Trevor Norwitz, chaired the presentation on "Judicial Activism in South Africa since 1994", during which Hugh highlighted several landmark decisions of the South African Constitutional Court.

The presentation was well-attended by Alumni and Friends of UCT, as well as several colleagues from city universities.



ANNUAL appeal2007

The 2007 Annual Appeal will be mailed in November.

Alumni donate to UCT for many reasons. For some people it's as simple and strong a reason as wanting to give something back. UCT truly appreciates your support.

If you haven't made a contribution to UCT before, please consider making a regular gift. Annual Fund income provides UCT the flexibility to allocate resources where they are needed most: to financial aid, to address the needs of an increasingly diverse student population, or to enhance the internationally-competitive research profiled in this newsletter.

Look out for the Annual Fund mailing, or send your check to University of Cape Town Fund, 1383 6th Ave #114, New York, NY 10019.

Thanks for your continued support.

Hold the Date: Judge Dennis Davis in New York, Thursday, September 27, 6-8pm

Please join us for a discussion with Dennis Davis, hosted by the UCT Fund and the South African Chamber of Commerce America (SACCA).

Dennis Davis is a Judge of the High Court of South Africa, and Judge President of the Competition Appeals Court. He has also served as a Judge of the Labour Appeal Court. He has delivered a number of ground-breaking judgments, while continuing to write prolifically across a broad spectrum of the law. He is also well-known for his pioneering use of television to address critical issues of law and justice.



Before his appointment to the Bench, Dennis Davis held appointments at the law schools of the University of Cape Town and University of the Witwatersrand. He received a BCom LLB (cum laude) from UCT and a MPhil from the University of Cambridge. Last year he received an honorary doctorate from UCT, where he teaches courses in tax, competition and constitutional law.

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