

NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

Welcomes all postgraduate students and invites you to a
three-day Virtual Orientation Programme

16 - 18 March 2022

Online platform: Microsoft Teams

Programme Director: Dr Priscilla Mensah



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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Day 1 (Wednesday, 16 March 2022)

09:20 – 09:30 **'Arrive' 5-10 minutes before the start of the programme**

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and Opening**

Dr Thandi Mgwebi (DVC: Research, Innovation and Internationalisation)

Dr Kaluke Mawila (Campus Principal: George Campus)

Mr Pontsho Hlongwane (SRC President)

10:00 – 10:30 **Making A Successful Transition to Postgraduate Studies**

Dr Priscilla Mensah (Director: Research Development)

10:30 – 10:45 **Break for 15 minutes**

10:45 – 11:15 **University policies and general rules for Masters and Doctoral Studies**

Dr Priscilla Mensah (Director: Research Development)

11:15 – 11:45 **Developing an effective working relationship with your supervisor**

Prof David Katerere (Research Platform Chair: Pharmaceutical and Biotech Advancement in Africa (PBA2) at Tshwane University of Technology and Chair of PharmaConnect Africa)



11:45 – 12:00 Break for 15 minutes

12:00 – 12:30 Foreign Study Exchange Opportunities and Internationalisation at Home

Dr Beata Mtyingizana-Buhlungu (Senior Director: International Education)

12:30 – 13:00 Becoming an internationally leading scholar

Prof Rose Boswell (DSI-NRF South African Research Chair in Ocean Cultures and Heritage)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 Facilitated discussion: Resources available to support postgraduate students - Library and Information Services (LIS), ICT Services, Academic Writing, Health and Wellness, Universal Accessibility and Disability Services (UADS)

Mrs Anneret Joubert (Training Librarian: LIS)

Mrs Redène Steenberg (Service Level and Service Desk Manager: ICT Services)

Mr Andile Mhlahlo (Academic Literacies Practitioner: Learning Development, LT Collab)

Mrs Nomalungelo Ntlokwana (Director and Counselling Psychologist: Emthonjeni Student Wellness, LT Collab)

Sr Maria Luthaga (Professional Nurse: Student Health Services)

Mr Athenkosi Nqikashe (Operational Manager: UADS)

15:00 – 15:15 Evaluation and Closure



Day 2 (Thursday, 17 March 2022)

09:20 – 09:30 **'Arrive' 5-10 minutes before the start of the programme**

9:30 – 11:30 Guidelines for Proposal Development and Ethical Considerations
Postgraduate students to be divided into STEM and SSH Disciplines.

STEM DISCIPLINES: Dr Tim Pittaway (Lecturer and Supervisor: Department of Agriculture and Game Management) and

SSH DISCIPLINES: Dr Nolunkwe Bomela (Research Associate: Research Development)

11:30 – 12:00 **Break for 30 minutes**

12:00 – 13:30 Academic Writing and the Literature Review
Postgraduate students to be divided into STEM and SSH Disciplines.

STEM DISCIPLINES: Dr Tim Pittaway (Lecturer and Supervisor: Department of Agriculture and Game Management) and

SSH DISCIPLINES: Dr Nolunkwe Bomela (Research Associate: Research Development)

13:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

15:00 – 15:15 **Break for 15 minutes**

16:15 – 16:30 **Evaluation and Closure**



Day 3 (Friday, 18 March 2022)

09:20 – 09:30 **'Arrive' 5-10 minutes before the start of the programme**

09:30 – 11:30 **Introduction to quantitative research**

Ms Kirstie Eastwood (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)

11:30 – 12:00 **Break for 30 minutes**

12:00 – 13:30 **Overview of quantitative research designs**

Ms Kirstie Eastwood (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)

13:30 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:00 **Important considerations in questionnaire design**

Ms Kirstie Eastwood (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)

15:00 – 15:15 **Break for 15 minutes**

15:15 – 16:15 **Getting started with IBM SPSS Statistics**

Ms Kirstie Eastwood (Statistical Consultant: Unit for Statistical Consultation)

16:15 – 16:30 **Evaluation and Closure**



Speaker Biographies



Dr Thandi Mgwebi

Dr Thandi Mgwebi is Deputy Vice-Chancellor responsible for Research, Innovation and Internationalization at Nelson Mandela University in South Africa. She was the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Director of Research at the University of the Western Cape (UWC). Prior to her appointment at UWC, she was the Executive Director of the South African Research Chairs and Centres of Excellence at the National Research Foundation. Thandi was the founding Director of the Southern African Systems Analysis Centre (SASAC), an initiative of the Department of Science and Innovation, the NRF and the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

Thandi was the founding Board Chair of Amaya Space, a commercial nanosatellite company of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. She currently serves in the Leadership Council for the Africa node of the Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN); in the Advisory Board of the French-South Africa Scholarship Programme and serves as a council member of the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) a pan -African network of Centres of Excellence for post-graduate training in mathematical sciences, research and public engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Thandi holds a PhD in Medical Cell & Developmental Biology from the University of Cape Town (UCT), a Management Development Programme Certificate from the University of Stellenbosch Business School (GSB) and a postgraduate qualification in Tertiary Education Management from the University of Melbourne, Australia. Part of her PhD work on mesenchyme-epithelial transformation of corneal endothelium on transgenic mouse models was spent at the MRC Centre for Neurobiology at University College, London (UCL). She completed her postdoctoral research fellowship at the Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine, UCT. Thandi holds a certificate in Business Sustainability Management from the University of Cambridge, UK.





Dr Kaluke Mawila

Dr Kaluke Mawila is a Campus Principal of the George Campus of the Nelson Mandela University. She has a Doctorate in Higher Education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in the United States of America (USA) and a Master of Arts Degree in Student Affairs Administration from Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA. Dr Mawila earned her Bachelor of Social Sciences degree in Industrial Psychology and Sociology from the University of Cape Town. Dr Mawila was a Fulbright Fellow at Michigan State University from which she also received the Nelson Mandela Fellowship. She has been a recipient of numerous prestigious academic awards such as the Oppenheimer Trust Fund Fellowship, the NRF Prestigious and Equity Scholarship Abroad, the British Awards Scheme Bursary from the British Council, the Rackham Graduate School Fellowship, the Moody Fellowship and a Centre for the Education of Women Fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In addition, Dr Mawila acquired a certificate through the Management Development Programme from the University of Stellenbosch. Dr Mawila is currently the Chairperson of the FOREST21 Advisory Board [<https://www.forest21.org/>].

Before her NMU appointment, Dr Mawila was the Executive Director of Planning and Development in the Strategy Planning and Partnerships Division of the National Research Foundation. Dr Mawila has worked as the NRF Executive Director for the Institutional Engagement and Partnership Development (IEPD). She also Acted as the NRF Executive Director for Applied Research Innovation and Collaboration (ARIC). She was a Director in the Knowledge Fields Development Directorate (KFD). Prior to joining the NRF, she was a Policy Analyst in the Policy Coordination and Advisory Services (PCAS) Unit of the Presidency at the Union Buildings, responsible for human capacity development and advancement. She has extensive work experience in the higher education sector as a researcher and an administrator. She has worked at University of Cape Town at the International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) as a Southern African Development Officer where she was responsible for student development and the integration of international students.



Mr Pontsho Hlongwane

Mr Pontsho Hlongwane is an LLB student and the SRC President at Nelson Mandela University.





Dr Priscilla Mensah

Dr Priscilla Mensah is Director: Research Development at Nelson Mandela University. The Directorate contributes to an enabling environment for research by supporting emerging researchers (which includes postdoctoral and research fellows), facilitating all aspects of postgraduate student funding and offering development programmes for staff and postgraduate students. Through the Unit for statistical consultation, it offers training and consultation for statistical needs of researchers. It also manages ethics processes at the institution. Prior to joining Mandela University, she was Director in the Human and Infrastructure Capacity Development Directorate of the National Research Foundation (NRF). She held several positions at the University of the Free State including Deputy-Director: International Academic Programmes and Deputy Director of the Postgraduate School. She served as Director for the three consecutive summer schools of the Southern African Young Scientist Summer Programme (SA-YSSP) in Applied Systems Analysis hosted at the University of the Free State from 2012-2015. A key research output from this programme was the book *Systems Analysis Approach for Complex Global Challenges*, published by Springer in 2018 and for which she was managing editor. She has extensive knowledge of South Africa's Higher Education and Training landscape and the National System of Innovation. She is a specialist in systems analysis with specific emphasis on science and policy within South Africa and beyond. She holds Masters and Doctoral degrees in Chemistry from the University of Cape Town.



Prof David Katerere

Prof David Katerere is the Research Platform Chair of Pharmaceutical and Biotech Advancement in Africa (PBA2) at Tshwane University of Technology and Chair of PharmaConnect Africa, a non-profit which is a premier convenor of the pharmaceutical industry in Africa. He is also a board member at UI-Global and the Association of African Medicinal Plant Standards (AAMPS).

Prof Katerere holds a PhD in Pharmaceutical Science from the University of Strathclyde, Scotland. He has worked in pharmaceutical and biotech practice and research in the past 25 years in 4 countries on 3 continents. He has several inventions to his name including the nutraceutical, Niselo and CovidConnect App for use in clinical trials and post-recovery. He has published over 50 journal articles and is co-editor of three books: *Ethnoveterinary Botanical Medicines* (T&F) (2010), *Systems Analysis Approach for Complex Global Challenges* (Springer) (2018) and *Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge for the Modern Era* (T&F) (2019).

He is a member of advisory committees of SAHPRA and the Global Health Supply Chain Consortium, co-founded by faculty at University of Michigan and University of Southern California. Prof Katerere teaches and researches across the pharmaceutical and biotech value chain including product development from medicinal plants (for food, nutraceuticals and medicines) and clinical testing, substandard and falsified medicines / vaccines and medicine governance.





Dr Beata Mtyingizana-Buhlungu

Dr Beata Mtyingizana-Buhlungu has taken up the position of new Senior Director: International Education from 1 October 2019 at Nelson Mandela University. Dr Mtyingizana-Buhlungu comes with a wealth of strategic management experience of the internationalisation of higher education from the universities of Cape Town (as Director for International Academic Programmes) and Free State (as Director for International Affairs) and the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) (as Director of Global Partnerships). Her deep understanding of the sector, the contextual social-economic and cultural factors that impact on the strategic direction of institutions will serve Nelson Mandela University well as it seeks to substantially expand its international footprint, both on the African continent and further afield.

“This University already has all that is required for a rigorous marketing and profiling of the University at home, in the continent and abroad. I hope to be part of the team that will drive this University to new heights ... as a ‘go to’ institution of choice for top students and star academics,” says Dr Mtyingizana. In her new role within the strategically re-named portfolio of Research, Innovation and Internationalisation, Sociologist Dr Mtyingizana-Buhlungu will also bring her “chalk board” teaching and research knowledge from the universities of Wits, Rhodes and Johannesburg to the fore. She is a senior researcher, having headed the research directorate of the Council of Higher Education (CHE) that provides advice to the Minister of Higher Education and Training, among other organisations.

During her time at the CHE, she served as a Research Manager, provided support to the Institutional Audits Committee of Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) and gained experience in various areas including institutional audits, quality assurance and programme accreditation. Likewise, her years at the DHET and through training received from DIRCO, imparted her with important knowledge in diplomacy and enabled her to become an astute negotiator when it comes to forging international partnership and concluding agreements. These are traits which Dr Mtyingizana-Buhlungu finds important in effectively fostering mutual understanding between people, institutions, organisations and nations. She has worked with large diverse teams, travelled extensively, developed engagement protocols and other systems in support of the transformation agenda in universities and now looks forward to contributing towards the re-imagining of Nelson Mandela University as a prestigious centre of capital human development in Africa.





Prof Rose Boswell

Prof Rosabelle (Rose) Boswell is an anthropologist and poet. She is also a DSI-NRF South African Research Chair in Ocean Cultures and Heritage. She is author of *Le Malaise Creole: Ethnic Identity in Mauritius* (Oxford: Berghahn 2006), *Representing Heritage in Zanzibar and Madagascar* (Addis Ababa: Eclipse 2008); *Challenges to Identifying and Managing Intangible Cultural Heritage in Mauritius, Zanzibar and Seychelles* (Dakar: CODESRIA 2011), *Postcolonial African Anthropologies* (co-edited with F. Nyamnjoh Pretoria: HSRC Press 2016), *Things Left Unsaid* (2019) *Pandemix* (2021) and *Between Worlds* (2022) (RPCIG: Cameroon and New York). She lead-edited the Palgrave International Handbook on Blue Heritage (Palgrave Macmillan: London) which is due to be published in 2022. Rose has conducted anthropological field research in Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, Zanzibar and South Africa. Her NRF work involves field research and collaboration with colleagues in Tanzania, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Kenya. Her research partners are in Fiji, US, UK and Africa.



Mrs Anneret Joubert

Mrs Anneret Joubert is the Training Librarian at the South Campus Library at Nelson Mandela University. She is also responsible for the generic Online and Mask-to-Mask Training Sessions with undergraduate students. Mrs Joubert also assists students in finding information for their assignments.



Mrs Redène Steenberg

Mrs Redène Steenberg joined the Nelson Mandela University in April 2007 and is currently the Service Level and Service Desk Manager for ICT Services. The service desk forms a crucial function for both staff and students across NMU campuses. She oversees the sections responsible for staff and student ICT support as well as the renewal of institutional software. Redène has over 13 years' experience in thesis editing and is highly skilled in facilitating training for postgraduate research and development and working with large files.





Mr Andile Mhlahlo

Mr Andile Mhlahlo has been working at Nelson Mandela University as the Academic Literacies Practitioner for the past four years. Previously, he worked for NGOs in the Eastern Cape Province for about two years, doing research work and at the University of Cape Town as an Administrator for about nine years. He has been supervising PGDip students for the past six years in the Department of Development Studies and he also a PhD Candidate in Public Administration at Nelson Mandela University.



Mrs Nomalungelo Ntlokwana

Mrs Nomalungelo (Lungsi) Ntlokwana is Director: Emthonjeni Student Wellness (ESW) at Nelson Mandela University. Lungsi joined the University in 2005. In 2008, she was appointed as a Counselling Psychologist and progressed to a Senior Psychologist position in 2011. As a Senior Psychologist, she coordinated the Missionvale Centre and managed the career core competence, building strong relationships with industry and school communities through career outreach programmes expanding access to the University.

She holds an MA in Counselling Psychology from Nelson Mandela University and her Psychology Honours and BA Ed, both from the former Vista University. Lungsi is registered as a Counselling Psychologist with the Health Professions Council of Southern Africa (HPCSA) and is a Level II International Peer Educator Trainer of Trainers.

She joined the University from the Department of Education (DoE), where she was a Head of Department and formed part of the school's Senior Management Team. She has served on the National Executive Management Committee of the Southern African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education (SAACDHE) and was its Eastern Cape Regional Chairperson.





Sr Maria Luthaga

Sr Maria Luthaga has been a Primary Health Care Nurse at Student Health Services at Nelson Mandela University since March 2017. She is a qualified Nursing Sister and holds Diplomas in Midwifery, Psychiatric Nursing, Community Nursing, Advanced Nursing Management, Project Management and Primary Health Care. Sr Luthaga has a passion for rendering quality nursing services to students and applies acquired knowledge, insight and experience to all campus health awareness and screening campaigns on campus. She is driven by engagement with students in promoting health, prevention and treating illness according to clinical guidelines.



Mr Athenkosi Nqikashe

Mr Athenkosi Nqikashe obtained his Masters degree in Development Studies at Nelson Mandela University (NMMU then) in 2009, and his thesis focused on investigating structural socio-economic factors stifling the performance of rural schools in the Eastern Cape. He has more than ten years of diversified work experience in student support services specialising in management, facilitation and coordination of work integrated learning, career guidance, academic support, and advocacy of disability services. In October 2019, he joined Nelson Mandela University as the Operational Manager in Universal Accessibility and Disability Services Unit.



Dr Tim Pittaway

Dr Tim Pittaway has been an academic at Nelson Mandela University since 2011, before his career in academia, he was involved in horticulture and entomology research in the citrus industry. He now supervises postgraduates in crop production and rural socio-economic research. He is the ATLAS.ti qualitative data software training coordinator at Nelson Mandela University and a member of the Faculty of Science Learning, Teaching and Ethics committees.





Dr Nolunkwe Bomela

Dr Nolunkwe Bomela is a Research Associate with the Department of Research Development at Nelson Mandela University and former Director of the Department of Research Management at the same institution. She received a Ph.D. in Sociology (specializing in Medical Demography) from the University of Pretoria (UP) whilst employed as a senior lecturer in demography, sociology, and research methodology at the same university.

Prior to joining University of Pretoria, she worked as a Senior Researcher in the Population Dynamics Division and at the Centre for Science Development at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) Pretoria. While at UP she received an Andrew Mellon Foundation Scholarship (1997-1999) and completed various modules in Research Methodology at the University of Michigan (USA). She has participated in and managed large-scale survey data research projects at both the HSRC and UP.

Her research interests focus on infant mortality, maternal mortality, child malnutrition and population aging. Her methodological work focuses on the analysis of large-scale survey data (secondary data analysis), general survey methodology, and qualitative data analysis with and without computers. She has supervised several Honours, Masters and PhD students.



Ms Kirstie Eastwood

Ms Kirstie Eastwood worked as a lecturer at Nelson Mandela University since June 2015. She lectured 2nd and 3rd year BSc statistics modules as well as introductory statistics modules for the psychology honours classes and BTech forestry classes. Ms Eastwood joined the Unit for Statistical Consultation in February 2017 as a Statistical Consultant and runs a Statistics Consulting Company, ProStats Solutions.

She has a MSc in Mathematical Statistics and spent part of her studies at California State University, Monterey Bay on a scholarship. Her day to day work includes providing statistical consultation to all researchers (postgraduates and staff) at the university whose work includes a quantitative component or is entirely quantitative. This includes assistance with research design and methodology, data collection, data analysis and interpretations.

Ms Eastwood is extremely passionate and enthusiastic about education and loves her work. Working with every department and faculty means that she is constantly exposed to the current research in these fields, and the variety keeps her learning and stimulated every day. She feels truly blessed to have work that she loves.



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