

Title, name: Ms. Michelle Burger

Position: Lecturer: Department of Construction Economics

Qualifications: BA (University of Pretoria, 1997)
BA Hons Industrial Psychology (Unisa, 2000)
MProp Real Estate (University of the Free State, 2007)
PMP (Project Management Institute, 2008)

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She worked as a researcher at a research company gaining practical research experience in the process. This, together with the research component of Psychology and Industrial Psychology served as a strong basis for later academic work. After completing project management qualifications she moved over to the built environment and started working as project administrator and later project manager. She worked with Elmacon Properties and Elmacon Construction for over a decade, managing a variety of projects within the industry, including town establishment projects, commercial office and retail space developments, residential homes and a residential lifestyle estate. As project manager she worked closely with the client and professionals such as the engineers, town planners and architects from project initiation through to project close out and hand over. She is a certified PMP (Project Management Professional) through the Project Management Institute and served on the PMSA Tshwane branch committee. The branch received an award for most improved branch. She is currently completing a Ph.D. The focus of the study is on project management in the built environment and the need for industry specific knowledge. She has delivered papers at conferences on the topic and won the SACQSP award for best presenter in 2009. Research and sharing information is an interest and a passion that contributed to taking on a academic position at the University of Pretoria.