





# GRADUATION 2013

## UKZN FELLOWS

# Highly-rated Mathematician joins ranks of UKZN Fellows

**T**HE University of KwaZulu-Natal conferred an impressive 9 486 degrees at the University's 21 Graduation ceremonies which was held over eight days. The ceremonies commenced on Monday, April 15, and ended on Tuesday, April 23. A notable 61 percent of the graduands were women and 607 were international students. A total of 175 doctoral degrees were conferred. Women constituted 56 percent of the 396 graduands who graduated *cum laude* and *summa cum laude* respectively. Sixty seven graduands with disabilities received their degrees.

Approximately 1 646 degrees were conferred in the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science; 907 in the College of Health Sciences; 4 832 in the College of Humanities; 2 101 in the College of Law and Management Studies.

In addition, the University conferred honorary doctorates on nine leading and accomplished individuals for their outstanding contributions in the human rights, scientific, arts and culture, social sciences, political, and academic sectors. These individuals have through their vision, humanitarian efforts, resilience, social conscience and innovation in their respective fields, made a profound change in the lives of people both in South Africa and globally.

Honorary degrees conferred include: Dr Ela Gandhi – Doctor of Social Science, Dr Ranjith Kally – Doctor of Literature, Professor Hugh Africa – Doctor of Education (posthumous), Dr Uche Amazigo – Doctor of Science, Dr Johnny Clegg – Doctor of Music, Dr Daisaku Ikeda – Doctor of Social Science, Dr Mosibudi Mangena – Doctor of



Science, Professor Welile Shasha – Doctor of Medicine and Dr Carl Wright – Doctor of Administration.

Eminent guest speakers included Professor Shirley Walters and Judge Dhayanithie Pillay who addressed graduates on Tuesday, 16 April at 19:00 and Friday, 19 April at 10:00 respectively.

Two leading academics Dr Anthony Collins and Dr Corrie Schoeman received the University's Distinguished Teachers' Award for

teaching excellence. These prestigious awards recognise innovative and outstanding teaching commitment.

Four prominent academics were made Fellows of the University, Professors Gerald West, Leana Uys, Jacek Banasiak and Marie-Louise Newell. University Fellowships are conferred annually on outstanding academics for research excellence and distinguished academic achievement.

**UKZN Registrar Professor Jane Meyerowitz, Senior Lecturer Anthropology and Supervisor Dr Maheshvari Naidu, Student Nokwanda Nzuza and Executive Director Corporate Relations Ms Nomonde Mbadi join in to congratulate Nzuza on her Masters degree.**



The procession makes it's way to the hall at Graduation in Pietermaritzburg.



UKZN Procession leaves the Graduation ceremony.

SITHEMBILE SHABANGU

**M**ATHEMATICS Professor, Jacek Banasiak, was honoured with a UKZN Fellowship at this year's College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science's Graduation ceremony.

University Fellowships are conferred annually on outstanding academics for research excellence and distinguished academic achievement. Banasiak is one of four academics to receive the title of UKZN Fellow this year.

Banasiak joined the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics at the University in 1992, moving through the ranks to become a Senior Professor in 2008 and Research Professor in 2011. He

was the Head of the School of Mathematical Sciences between 2005 and 2007.

His research interests are in non-local, integro-differential models of applied sciences, including kinetic theory, mathematical biology and fragmentation-coagulation theory and also asymptotic analysis of multiple scales problems for which he received the habilitation (DSc) conferred by the University of Warsaw in 1999 and the state title of Professor conferred by the President of the Republic of Poland in 2007.

Banasiak has been a National Research Foundation B1 scientist since 2008 and in 2012 received the South African Mathematical Society Award for Research Distinction.



College Dean of Research Glen Bright and UKZN Fellow Mathematician Professor Jacek Banasiak.

## UKZN Fellowships for two Health Sciences Academics

SITHEMBILE SHABANGU

**T**WO women Health Sciences academics were honoured with University of KwaZulu-Natal Fellowships during the College of Health Sciences Graduation on 18 April.

Professors Leana Uys and Marie-Louise Newell were awarded Fellowships in recognition of their research excellence and distinguished academic achievement.

Professor Uys served as Professor of Nursing and Head of the School of Nursing from 1986 to 2001 and as Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Health Sciences from 2004 to 2009.

She was rated as a B-category scientist by the National Research Foundation (NRF) in 2008 – the first nurse to achieve this level. According to the NRF, researchers in this category “enjoy considerable international recognition by their peers for the high quality impact of their recent research”.

On retirement in September last year, she was CEO of the Forum of University Nursing Deans of South Africa.

Professor Newell – the Director of the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies at Hlabisa since 2005 – has a background in medicine, demography and epidemiology while her research has focused on maternal and child health, particularly infections and HIV transmission from mother-to-child.

Newell initiated a broad, innovative programme of research addressing the impact of HIV infection at population, community, household and individual levels.

She established a partnership with the Department of Health in the Hlabisa sub-district to provide HIV treatment and care, resulting in more than 24 000 HIV-infected people starting on treatment by the end of 2012.

Newell is rated as a B1 researcher by the NRF and has published extensively in her field.



Professor Marie-Louise Newell



Professor Leana Uys.

## Senior Humanities Professor awarded UKZN Fellowship

SITHEMBILE SHABANGU

**S**ENIOR academic Professor Gerald West was named a Fellow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal during the Humanities Graduation ceremony in Pietermaritzburg on 22 April. The fellowship recognises research excellence and distinguished academic achievement.

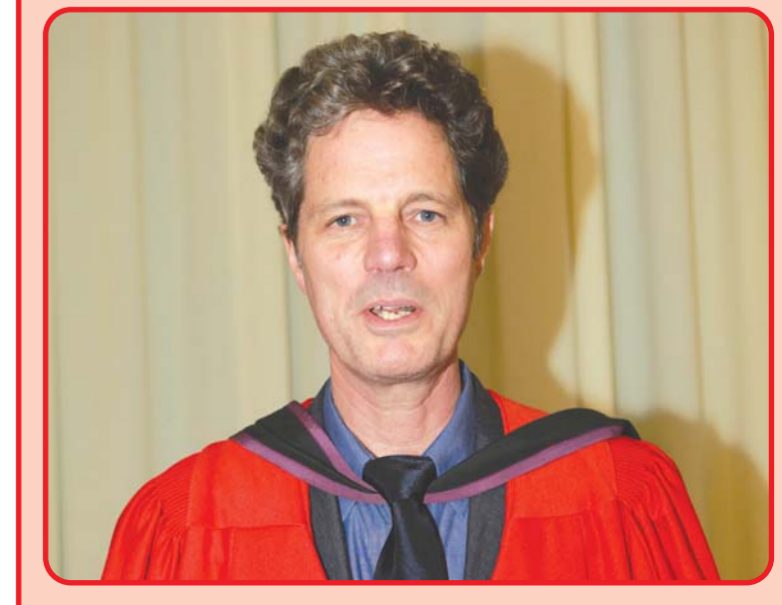
West is a Senior Professor in the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, with his primary area of research, teaching and community engagement being African biblical hermeneutics.

Within this field, West has published extensively in areas such as the use of the Bible in African liberation struggles, the role of ordinary readers of the Bible in liberation hermeneutics, the history of the Bible's

reception by indigenous Africans, and the various ways in which the Bible is present in the African public realm.

He has been involved in the work of the Ujamaa Centre – a research and community development body within UKZN – for more than 20 years. Through this centre he has conducted pioneering work on the relationship between African biblical scholarship and the ways in which the Bible is interpreted in local African communities.

West's work has been recognised around the world. He is frequently invited to lecture abroad and significant numbers of international postgraduate students come to work with him. Last year, the College of Humanities presented him with the DVC's Award for Research Excellence.



Professor Gerald West



# DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS' AWARDS

# PHD GRADUATES

## Awards for Teaching Excellence

RAYLENE CAPTAIN-HASTHIBEER

**D**R CORRIE SCHOEMAN was the recipient of a University of KwaZulu-Natal's Distinguished Teachers' Award at a Graduation ceremony held recently on the Westville campus. The annual award acknowledges excellence and innovation in teaching, and is managed by the University Teaching and Learning Office (UTLO).

Schoeman, a Senior Lecturer in the School of Life Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science, was recognised for his innovative approach to teaching.

The selection committee was unanimous that the award should be given to Schoeman who is acknowledged for the additional support he provides to his students, reaching out to under-prepared students from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they succeed in their studies.

According to Professor Renuka Vithal, DVC: Teaching and Learning, Professor Schoeman was recognised for using a broad selection of teaching methods and a



The prestigious award of Distinguished Teacher was bestowed on UKZN's Dr Corrie Schoeman.

wide variety of multimedia in a range of modules at different levels. He supports his teaching through

diverse tuition and learning material which have been developed to enact his teaching

strategies and emanate from his philosophy of teaching. Dr Anthony Collins, a lecturer

in the School of Applied Human Sciences in the College of Humanities, was also named as an awardee.

Dr Collins is especially recognised for distinguished contribution to the area of curriculum development but also for the scholarship demonstrated in the way he teaches these in practice.

Upon reviewing his teaching portfolio the Committee noted he teaches a variety of class sizes, some being very large. He is constantly reflective of this and adapts his teaching practices appropriately.

He is an outstanding teacher who uses a variety of methods, texts, visuals and online resources. Peer and student evaluations were used to effect significant changes. He contributed to the development of teaching and learning materials in psychology and introduced these online as well as translations into isiZulu.

The distinguished teachers are not only outstanding practitioners, but are also recognised for their scholarship and contribution to research.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### Judge likens graduates to microchips for national growth

SITHEMBILE SHABANGU

**ADDRESSING** Law graduates at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, defender of human rights and expert in labour law, Justice Dhayanithie Pillay, appealed to students to use their education to make a difference, no matter how small, in their communities.

Pillay was addressing graduates at the College of Law and Management's 19 April Graduation ceremony, to which she was invited as guest speaker.

She highlighted the revolutionary changes in information access and dissemination brought about by the Internet and the human rights changes brought on by the country's Constitution.

She said although not every change initiated by students was likely to be quite as dramatic or effective as the internet or the Constitution, it was important to remember that every little change counted.

'You are the microchip to make South Africa grow ... the power is in your hands,' she said.

Pillay was appointed a judge of the High Court in Pietermaritzburg and Durban in 2010. Prior to this she was a judge of the Labour Court of South Africa for 10 years.

She told graduates that she never imagined that she would live in a free South Africa, but is now happy in the knowledge that "we have a government that cares for all of us". She called on graduates to help government to perfect its delivery.

Admitted as an attorney in 1982,



Executive Director Corporate Relations, Ms Nomonde Mbadi with guest speaker Judge Dhaya Pillay.

Pillay was drawn to the plight of political detainees, specialising in human rights and administrative law disputes arising from the various emergency and security laws in force at the time. She was recognised as a human rights defender by the Amnesty International SA Durban Group in 2005.

After turning to labour law and industrial relations, Judge Pillay was selected to be involved in the drafting of key pieces of national legislation, including the Public Service Labour Relations Act, the new Labour Relations Act, and clauses of the Constitution relating

to the Public Service Commission and Electoral Commission. She has been a Senior Commissioner (part-time) of the CCMA since 1996.

Judge Pillay's legal acumen has been internationally acknowledged, most recently through her appointment as a visiting Professor for the Open University in the United Kingdom. She has published and presented more than 40 papers during her career.

Concluding her address, she wished students the best of luck, and urged them to be the best they could be.

### Learning is for life

RAYLENE CAPTAIN-HASTHIBEER

**THE** University of the Western Cape's Professor Shirley Walters addressed distinguished guests at UKZN's Humanities Graduation ceremony on Tuesday, 16 April on the Westville campus.

The founding Director of the Division for Lifelong Learning at the University of the Western Cape, Professor Walters has published widely on issues relating to gender, popular education, community education, lifelong learning in Higher Education, learning regions and education for democracy.

Referring to a folktale often used by renowned environmental educator and artist Dian Marino, Professor Walters illustrated that we can achieve our end-goal using different skills, understandings and attitudes.

The folktale tells the story of a war general who tires of fighting battles and spends a decade at a monastery perfecting the art of archery. He eventually leaves the monastery and, even though he had lived a peaceful life for 10 years, becomes enraged when in a near-by village he comes upon hundreds of arrows, each of which had found its mark, and had entered their targets as perfect bulls-eyes.

He insists on meeting the skilled person who had expertly shot the arrows, and is surprised to discover the marksman is a little girl. She explains to the general that she would take aim at a target, let the arrow fly, and would then draw the target around the arrow once it had landed.

The tale illustrates that we can learn from one another and can teach one another across generations. Learning is for life –



Professor Shirley Walters.

from birth to death, and through all the transitions in between, explained Walters.

Professor Walters posed some pertinent questions to the Humanities graduates concerning the role of women in society: 'If we go into a family homestead or a community, in the towns or villages, who do we see running the kitchens, the classrooms, the crèches, the clinics, the community organisations, the economic enterprises, the offices, and child-headed households? Who is mediating the violence, the pain, the illness, the food production, the poverty?'

Walters explained that in many cases, girls and women are leading and ensuring the sustainability of families and communities. But society continues to reinforce the notion that we do not have many female leaders.

Congratulating the graduates, Walters said, 'I encourage you to identify yourselves as leaders for learning in your homes, your communities and your workplaces.'



Dr Mabutho Sibanda with his wife Phathiwe and their three children



Dr Alisa Phulukdaree



Dr Izibeloko Jack-Ide graduated with a PhD in Nursing.



Dr Jane Morgan



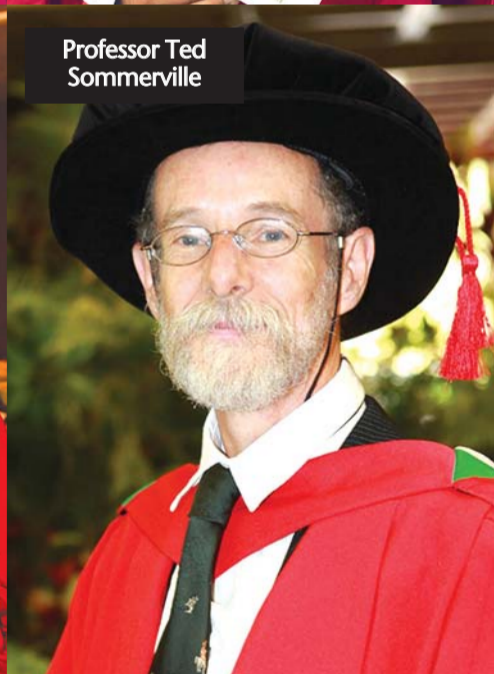
Dr Abdul Mirza



Humanities PhD Graduates



Dr Simphiwe Ndlovu



Professor Ted Sommerville



Dr Michele Warburton



Dr Monica Ndoile



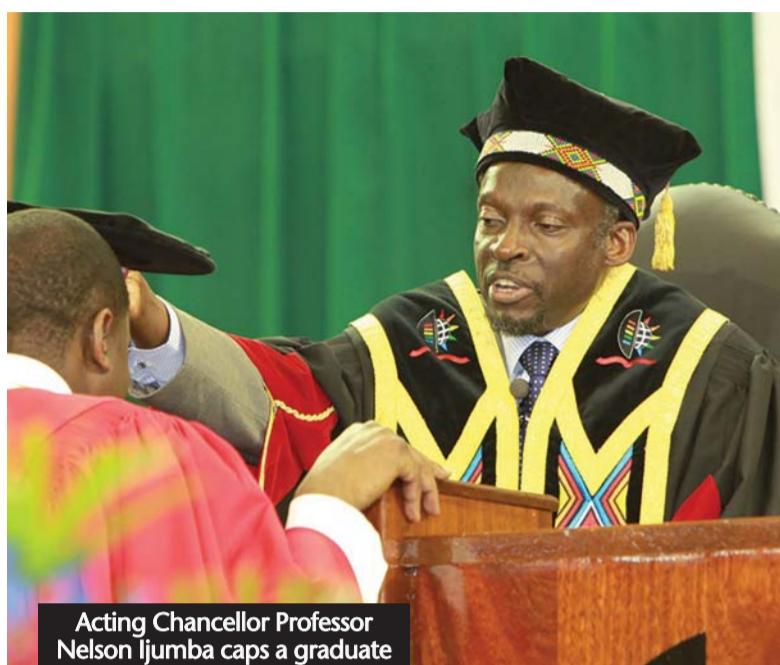
Dr Reannah Otanga



Staff member Shanya Reuben graduated with a PhD in Psychology



# 2013 GRADUATION THROUGH THE LENS



Acting Chancellor Professor Nelson Ijumba caps a graduate

Acting Chancellor Professor Renuka Vithal

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Chancellor Dr Zweli Mkhize



College of AES PMB Graduation



College of AES PMB graduates celebrate



A musical interlude by the UKZN PMB Choir



KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Nomosa Dube and Ms Zinhle Sokhela, a member of Council.



Registrar Professor Jane Meyerowitz hoods her son



PMB students jump for joy



Doctoral graduates



Convocation President Mr Fanle Sibisi with Chair of Council Phumla Mnganga



An Honorary Doctorate receives some help adjusting his hat on stage



Guests share a laugh



Dean and Head of the School of Social Sciences Professor Nwabufo Uzodike shares a brief moment with Mrs Louise Africa



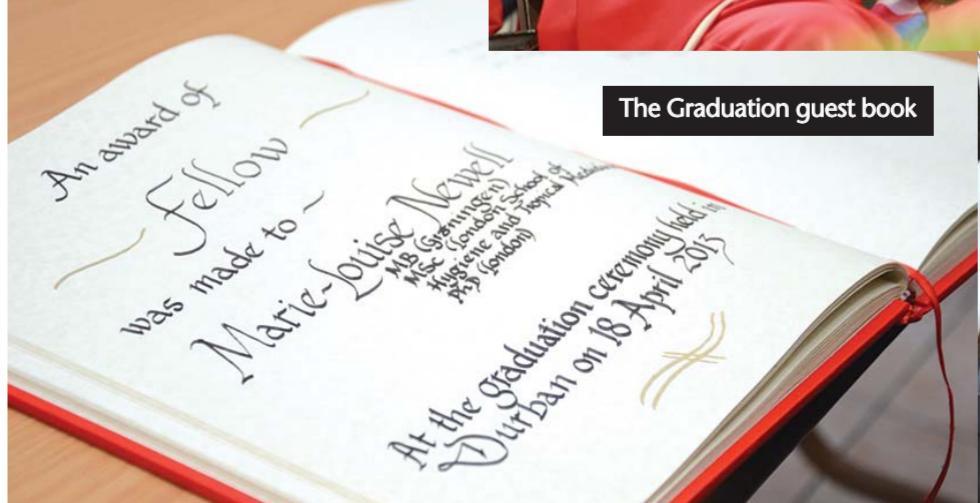
Graduate shows off her fashion style at Graduation



College of AES PMB graduates rejoice



Law and Management PMB graduates celebrate



The Graduation guest book



A Humanities Graduate



A parent in traditional attire attending Graduation



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Staff member and Masters *cum laude* graduate, Ms Zandile Blose listens as her name is read out at Graduation



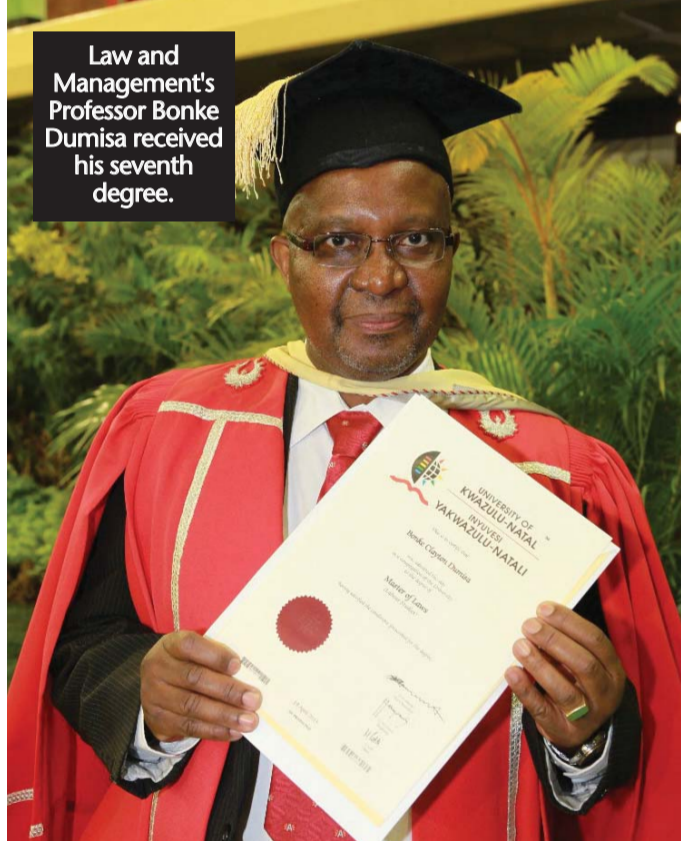
Award-winning South African House Musician Zakes Bantwini graduates with a music diploma



Finne Cameron James graduates with a Masters of Architecture *cum laude*



Victory for MSRC graduates - Drs Nombuso Shoji, Tamuhla Gilbert, Zizukise Njumba and Nosihle Gumedede.



Law and Management's Professor Bonke Dumisa received his seventh degree.



It was all smiles when Mr Rishalan Govender graduated *summa cum laude*.



Ms Samantha Howlett graduates with a Masters in Psychology *cum laude*.



The Dean of Engineering with her three *cum laude* Masters in Civil Engineering graduates



Dr Faheema Abdoola, MBChB top student graduates *summa cum laude*.



Three of four MBA *cum laude* graduates, from left Ms Karen Bailey, Mr Sandesh Singh and Ms Fiona Calitz



Nomfundo Mahlangeni received her MSc in Chemistry *cum laude*.



Ms Kimberley Sharp was awarded an LLB degree *summa cum laude*



Mr Simphiwe Ngcobo



Mr Bheki Mthethwa received his MSc in Electronic Engineering *summa cum laude*



# HONORARY DOCTORATES

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and culture, social sciences, political, and academic sectors. These individuals have through their vision, humanitarian efforts, resilience, social conscience and innovation in

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Ikeda – Doctor of Social Science, Dr Mosibudi Mangena – Doctor of Science, Professor Welile Shasha – Doctor of Medicine and Dr Carl Wright – Doctor of Administration.

## Dr Ela Gandhi

DR Ela Gandhi, who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Social Science from UKZN, urged academics to use their knowledge to build a humanist society informed by the philosophy of Ubuntu.

'In the days of the struggle we were guided by academics and by many philosophies which our young academics pondered over before we decided on a course of action. Then, the issues were about liberation from apartheid, building an egalitarian society, building unity, mobilising the masses. But it was the knowledge base that helped us ensure that our process of struggle was scientifically determined ... we acted on the basis of strategy and tactics.'

Gandhi said although many of the same issues remain today, there is a 'scramble for scarce resources leading to violence, wars and selfishness.'

'There is chaos,' she said. 'It often seems that we are indeed walking on the path of the philosophy of the survival of the fittest.'

During her lifetime, Gandhi has consistently espoused the relevance her legendary grandfather Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violent action for justice, peace and development, and she has actively promoted education about non-violent methods of resolving conflict and building positive relationships between people of different races and faiths.



Honorary Graduate Ela Gandhi gets her Doctorate in Social Sciences.

## Dr Ranjith Kally

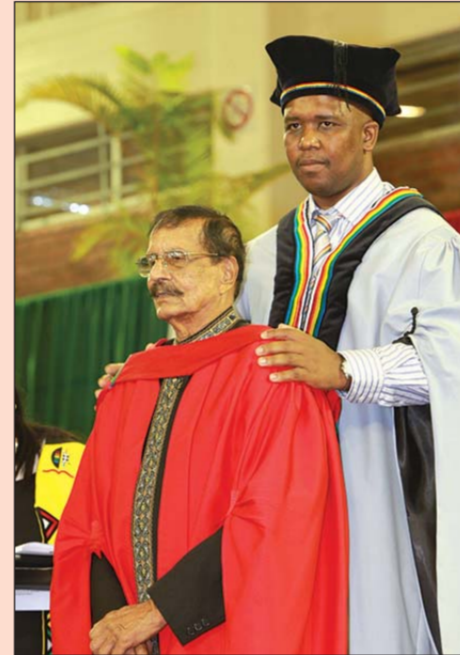
URBAN-BORN photojournalist Ranjith Kally dedicated his Honorary Doctorate in Literature to his colleagues who may not have been recognised for their role in documenting the struggle during apartheid.

'I am humbled by the magnanimous gesture of UKZN in recognising my work over many years. This event is a culmination of my dreams and that of my community of fellow photographic journalists,' he said.

Kally, who was admitted as an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society in 1967, has been a witness and archivist of some of the most poignant moments in South African history, including the 1956 Treason Trial, the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Chief Albert Luthuli in 1961, the Rivonia Trial in 1963 and the momentous resistance events of the 1970s and 1980s, including the aftermath of the Maseru Massacre.

Over the years his pictures have documented the pain of forced removals, the loss of innocence associated with gangsterism, the simple life of Groutville and the everyday contradictions of racial dynamics such as two white men drinking at a local shebeen in Cato Manor, an area classified as "non-white" during the apartheid era.

His work also captured important personalities in South Africa's history, including Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo, Monty Naicker, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Billy Nair, Miriam Makeba and



Ranjith Kally receives an Honorary Doctorate in Literature.

many others.

He said looking back, the leader who made the greatest impression on him was Chief Albert Luthuli. 'To me he was a true leader: The persecution that he suffered never got him to flinch. He never gave in no matter how hard the apartheid government made it. He kept his dignity and worked for peaceful change.'

## Dr Uche Amazigo

NIGERIA-BASED public health specialist Dr Uche Amazigo has received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in acknowledgement of her work on Onchocerciasis (River blindness), a disease that affects millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa.

River blindness is a disease transmitted by small black flies that live near fast-flowing rivers in fertile farm lands in 30 countries of sub-Saharan Africa. 'In the early 1990s, 120 million Africans were at risk, with 37 million infected and 1.5 million blinded or visually impaired,' Amazigo said.

Addressing graduates, parents, University staff and other distinguished guests, Amazigo explained the challenges of tackling the disease. 'For centuries our people believed that certain



Honorary graduate Dr Uche Veronica Amazigo receives a Doctor of Science (honoris causa).

bewitched rivers eat the eyes. Hundreds of villages bordering fertile agricultural land were consequently abandoned, many

preferring to protect their eyesight. Prospects for overcoming river blindness were bleak,' she said. The disease brought immeasurable personal harm as well as socioeconomic damage throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

Amazigo said it was a "distinct honour and privilege" to talk about something to which she was extremely dedicated, namely, the need to identify - and exploit to the fullest - multisectoral solutions to improve the health of all sectors of society, in particular, the health of populations, those, for whatever reasons, are ignored by, or underserved by national health services. 'When the poor in our sub-region are underserved because of unfair distribution of health system structures, human rights are violated by governments,' she said.

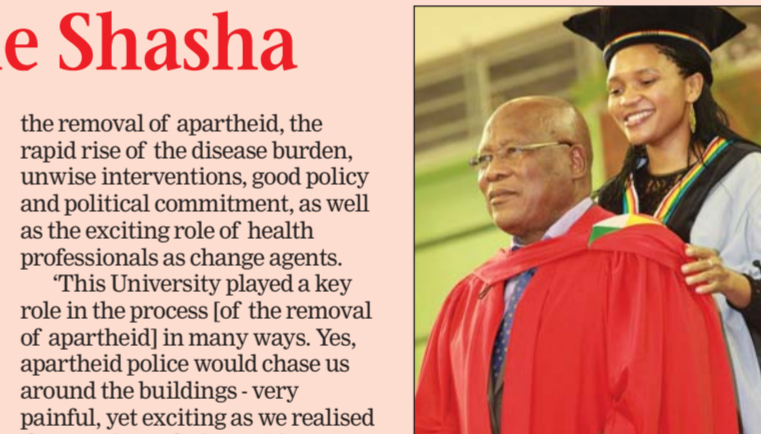
## Dr Welile Shasha

DR Welile Shasha, a medical scientist and internationally-recognised public health specialist, received an Honorary Doctorate in Medicine from his *alma mater*, the University of KwaZulu-Natal, at a Graduation ceremony held on the Westville campus.

Dr Shasha is currently the manager of health system reform at the Letsema Circle Trust, an NGO based in East London which helps communities fortify the health system by collaborating with local government departments. He also conducted a programme evaluation to consolidate and synchronise health research in Kenya and served as a leading facilitator for a Public Health course for students from the United States, Botswana and South Africa, sponsored by the WK Kellogg Foundation.

Shasha's address centred on the removal of apartheid, the rapid rise of the disease burden, unwise interventions, good policy and political commitment, as well as the exciting role of health professionals as change agents. 'This University played a key role in the process [of the removal of apartheid] in many ways. Yes, apartheid police would chase us around the buildings - very painful, yet exciting as we realised the certainty of victory! Our Constitution was then in place, and we felt the land of milk and honey was at hand.'

Shasha explained that by the time apartheid was removed, it had already created very fertile conditions for the rise of the disease burden, especially TB and HIV. 'The virus killed young people of child-bearing age, and funerals are still the order of the day, leaving thousands of orphans.'



Professor Welile Shasha received an Honorary Doctorate in Medicine at the College of Health Sciences' Graduation ceremonies.

He added that a third and devastating problem was unwise interventions such as employing people not suitable for the job in leadership positions, especially as heads of government departments.

## Dr Carl Wright

I appeal to you, the younger generation, to take forward the radical new agenda I have set out here today before you - an agenda for hope.'

This was the call of Honorary Graduate, Dr Carl Wright, who received a Doctor of Administration, *honoris causa*, during the College of Law and Management Studies' Graduation ceremony.

Wright said: 'It is wonderful to see such a dynamic university community assembled here and the many talented young graduates present.' He urged graduates to come together to develop new political and social strategies for a new global order.

Wright has earned widespread respect for his commitment to democracy and international co-operation, for his defence of human and labour rights, and for his promotion of social and



Honorary Graduate Dr Carl Wright.

economic development, especially in the area of public administration and local government.

As Secretary-General of the

Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), a position to which he was appointed in 1995, he has played a significant role in the promotion of local democracy and good local governance globally.

'It will come as no surprise that I feel that local democracy, achieved through local democratic elections and consolidated by strong, accountable, transparent and inclusive structures, is fundamental for the achievement of a true democracy,' he said.

Although primarily an administrator and policy-maker, Wright has not shied away from activism, especially in the area of labour and trade union rights. His impressive career spans policy and representational positions in such bodies as the United Nations and the European Union, including the international trade union movement.

## Dr Daisaku Ikeda

JAPANESE educator, Buddhist philosopher and peace activist Dr Daisaku Ikeda received a Doctor of Social Science (*honoris causa*) degree from UKZN recently and in turn paid homage to his mentors and role models for his achievements.

Ikeda said he received the special honour in the spirit of sharing it with his fellow members of the international Buddhist lay association Soka Gakkai, of which he is President. He described Soka Gakkai members as 'striving each day to contribute to the betterment of their respective communities and countries as good citizens'.

He dedicated the award to his two mentors - Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and Josei Toda, the founders of value-creating pedagogy, or Soka education.

Ikeda shared with the audience the struggles that his mentors underwent. Both were arrested during World War II because they held true to the principle of life's inherent sanctity in both belief and deed, openly defying the Japanese militarist regime and its suppression of freedom of thought and conscience.

'My two mentors fought to rid the world of misery and believed that people and nations should engage in what Makiguchi termed "humanitarian competition" rather than competing as military or economic rivals. If they were



Hirosama Ikeda signs the honorary graduate book on behalf of his father Honorary Graduate Dr Daisaku Ikeda.

here today, I am sure they would be enormously proud of this laurel of recognition bestowed on me from UKZN, a towering symbol of the inalienable rights and equality of all human beings.'

He said he was aware that the University had fostered 'countless leaders of wisdom and courage who have devoted their lives to defending freedom, peace and the dignity of life for all,' touching briefly on the struggles of his role models Nelson Mandela, Steve Biko and Mahatma Gandhi.

## Dr Johnny Clegg

RENOWNED Anthropologist, dancer, singer and songwriter Johnny Clegg had the UKZN audience singing along to one his traditional war songs after receiving an Honorary Doctorate in Music from the University on 16 April.

Clegg was honoured during the College of Humanities' Graduation ceremony for his sensitive and inspiring promotion of South African culture, music and history at home and abroad, and for his success in uniting South Africans and bringing pride and hope to South Africa.

'The tradition of street music I stumbled upon had been forged over decades of experimentation as the ebb and flow of migration to Johannesburg and Durban exposed the migrants to new ideas and formats,' he told his audience about his early musical years.

'I was amazed at the innovative manner in which western instruments were thoroughly Africanised. The guitar developed from a strumming style (ukuvamba) to a highly sophisticated picking style (Ukupika). Whereas the guitar could simply be re-tuned and strings changed around, the concertina had to be physically taken apart and all the buttons changed around in order to play Zulu music,' said Clegg.

Clegg's career includes lecturing Anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand where he worked on blending English lyrics and Western melodies with Zulu musical structures. South African musical producer Hilton Rosenthal then signed up Clegg and his musical associate and friend, Sipho Mchunu, at a time when there was official prejudice against mixed race groups.

## Professor Hugh Paul Africa

UKZN's College of Humanities conferred a posthumous Honorary Doctorate in Education on the late Professor Hugh Paul Africa at the UKZN Graduation ceremony on 16 April.

The well-known educationist, who played a significant role in the transformation of South Africa's education system, died in November last year at the age of 76.

Accepting the degree on his behalf, his wife Mrs Louise Africa described Africa as an "excellent educator" who was 'blessed with the ability to articulate with amazing eloquence'. Had he been alive, she said, he would have received his honorary degree with great pride, since it was UKZN's predecessor, the University of Natal that awarded him his Bachelor of Arts and Honours degrees in the early 60s.

'My family and I are proud that Hugh's legacy has been recognised by this University, the Institution that represents the start of his long and productive academic career,' said an emotional Mrs Louise.

She reflected on his contribution to the development of Higher Education for over 50 years and her years spent with him.

'His mother taught him that education is a greater and more reliable investment, whereas material wealth can be lost overnight. My husband took his mother's lessons to heart. He was not afraid of adventure or risk.'

Describing their decision to leave South



Mrs Louise Africa, wife of the late Hugh Paul Africa and Professor Cheryl Potgieter, DVC Humanities.

Africa for Zambia after their marriage in January 1963, Mrs Louise said Hugh was unhappy about staying in South Africa 'to have his children labelled from birth' and chose instead to be part of the project of building free, independent countries in Africa.

Africa went on to make major and distinguished contributions to advance Higher Education, transformation and scholarship in the region.



DVC for Teaching and Learning Professor Renuka Vithal confers the Honorary Doctorate in Music Degree to Johnny Clegg.



# WOMEN EXCEL

