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Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town

ABRIDGED CV

Personalia: Born 6 October 1955. Married with two children. Lives in Cape Town South Africa.

Education:

- *MBBCh* (University of Witwatersrand, 1979)
- *BA Politics, Philosophy, Economics* (Oxon, 1983)
- *MSc Community Health in Developing Countries* (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 1986)
- *Diploma in Occupational Health* (University of Witwatersrand, 1993)
- *Professional registrations:* Registered medical practitioner with the South African Medical and Dental Professions Board since 1980 and with the (British) General Medical Council 1981 to ±2000

Awards: Abridged list

- Rhodes Scholarship (1980-1983)
- Top MSc student (LSHTM, 1986)
- Epidemiology medal (Wits, 1991)
- Four Outstanding Young South Africans (FOYSA) Award (1992)
- Fellowship *ad eundum* of Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa (Oct. 2004)
- Takemi Fellowship in International Health, Harvard School of Public Health (1994-5)

Employment:

- Sabbatical, University of Cape Town (July 2018 – present)
- Vice-Chancellor (President), University of Cape Town (July 2008 – June 2018)
- Independent consultant in the fields of public health, health policy, human resources for health, medical education, tertiary institutions, public-private partnerships. Major time consultancies for the national Department of Education on financing of medical education and for philanthropic foundations on funding strategies in the health sector (2006-2008).
- Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences (Medical School), University of the Witwatersrand (1996 – 2006) and member of University's Senior Executive Team
- Centre for Health Policy, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)
 - Senior researcher (1988 – 1992)
 - Director (1992 – 1995)
- Research fellow in health economics at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (1986-7)
- Clinical work in hospitals and rural primary health care project (1980, 1984, 1985)

Teaching and supervision experience

- Taught undergraduate medical students in public health and paediatrics; postgraduate Masters in Public Health in epidemiology, health economics and health policy
- Supervised/co-supervised PhDs, Masters dissertations and external examiner for Masters and PhDs.

Research and publications: 39 refereed journal articles, international and local; refereed monograph; 3 refereed chapters; over 100 other research reports, articles and academic conference papers. Fields covered include health systems research, political economy of health; health economics and financing; privatisation and medical aids; rural health services; computer simulation modelling of health systems; medical and health professional education and human resources for health, higher education. See Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=1NSzkAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra>

National and international leadership in higher education

- Universities South Africa (USAf – organisation representing all SA public universities): member of Board 2008-2018; Vice-chairperson 2012- 2015; Chair Universities Funding Strategy Group (July 2017 – June 2018); Member of USAf Executive (2012-2015; 2017 - 2018);
- Member of the Global Universities Leaders’ Forum (GULF) - a community of 25 university presidents and vice-chancellors within the World Economic Forum that meets annually at the Davos meeting and at regional meetings – I was the only representative from Africa (2009 – 2018)
- Worldwide Universities Network (comprising 20 research universities from around the world covering all continents, that promotes collaborative research between network members, and student and staff mobility): Chairperson of the Board comprising all University Presidents 2014 –2016; Vice Chairperson 2013-2014 and 2016-2017
- Member of the Council (governing body) of the University of Ghana, Legon (2011 - 2018)
- Co-founder and first chair of African Research Universities Alliance – created to strengthen links between research universities in Africa (formally launched in Senegal in March 2015).
- As the head of the leading university in Africa, and one of the top 200 globally, I was often asked to participate in global higher education fora as a representative of African universities, or South African universities. For example, I am one of the ten University presidents who constitute the external members of the Global Council of Hanban, the Headquarters of the Confucius Institutes.
- In addition, there were many formal and informal links and visits to universities outside South Africa to promote bilateral partnerships

Thought leadership: Many opinion pieces published nationally and internationally, keynote addresses, radio and television talks; frequently interviewed by national and international media. These public engagements covered numerous topics relevant to higher education challenges and controversies – such as diversity, racism, academic freedom, funding of higher education, internationalisation, student protests, decolonisation.

As Vice-Chancellor, I was invited to deliver numerous keynote speeches. Examples of more distinguished conferences and public lectures are:

- Keynote speaker at the conference on higher education and globalisation, part of the programme marking the centennial of Tsinghua University, 2011.

- Public guest lecture, London School of Economics, 2011, titled: “Poverty and Inequality in South Africa since 1994”
- Public lecture in Lagos, Nigeria, 2011, on “The state of research universities in Africa and what needs to be done”
- Invited to deliver eponymous Neville Alexander Memorial Lecture at the Africa Centre at Harvard University in 2014, titled: “De-racializing the South African System of Higher Education: A Debate with Neville Alexander”
- Presenter and panellist at conference on Slavery and Universities, Radcliffe College, Harvard University, 2017, titled: “Addressing institutional culture at UCT: #RhodesMustFall and the legacy of colonialism”
- Keynote speaker on developments in medical education: International Forum on Medical Education hosted at Sun Yat Sen University, Guanzhou, China December 2018

Some key achievements as Dean of Health Sciences at Wits (1996-2006):

- Spearheaded new problem-based, interdisciplinary medical curriculum
- Created new Graduate Entry Medical Programme
- Created new Bachelor of Health Sciences degree and initiated new Clinical Associates degree
- Created SA’s first university owned research company - Wits Health Consortium- as integral to new research and funding strategy
- Established SA’s first University-owned private teaching hospital - Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre - as integral to re-thinking post-graduate specialist medical education. Raised over R130 million for new initiatives in the Faculty of Health Sciences
- Established new academic programmes in rural health, bioethics, sports medicine, emergency medicine, biomedical sciences
- Drove a series of transformation initiatives, including a submission on behalf of the medical school to the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission and conducting an Internal Reconciliation Commission for past students and staff

Some key achievements as Vice-Chancellor of UCT

- Enhancing UCT’s position as a globally competitive research university through strategies around internationalisation – developing new institutional linkages and research collaborations.
- Concerted focus on developing UCT’s networks and partnerships on the African continent, as one way for UCT to differentiate itself amongst top universities globally, conceptualised as a vision to be an ‘Afropolitan’ university.
- Accelerating and expanding efforts to deal with histories of racialised educational disadvantage – with respect to student admissions, staffing demography, institutional culture and curricula, including a new financial aid system that enables needs-blind admission, and promoted interventions to increase success rates.
- Moving UCT from ‘research-led’ to ‘research-intensive’ through facilitating development of research management systems, training and support for emerging researchers, policy and projects promoting open access and discoverability, financial and organisational

- investment in post-doctoral programmes, growth of post-graduate numbers and quality, and creating interdisciplinary programmes.
- Promoting the valorisation of teaching and elevating its status in order to raise the commitment to, and quality of, teaching.
 - Promotion of engaged socially responsive scholarship through: revision of policy; introduction of annual report and awards to match those in teaching and research; introduction of Knowledge Partners programme through which post-grads undertake research for community based projects; the institution of 'UCT Plus' – formal recognition on the graduate's degree transcript of social responsiveness activities; the introduction of an optional course available to all students covering global issues and social justice. <http://www.globalcitizen.uct.ac.za/>
 - Driving the strategic considerations around MOOCs and on-line qualifications –enabling the first MOOCs at a South African university. In 2016 the University of Cape Town (UCT) was [ranked](#) as the second best institution globally creating MOOCs. Generally moving the university and faculty to consider more seriously the use of educational technologies in learning and teaching.
 - Established four flagship Vice-Chancellor Strategic Initiatives which are university-wide trans-disciplinary research initiatives to address key national challenges:
 - African Climate and Development Initiative <http://www.acdi.uct.ac.za/about-us>
 - Safety and Violence Initiative <http://www.savi.uct.ac.za/savi/aboutsavi>
 - Poverty and Inequality Initiative <http://www.povertyandinequality.uct.ac.za/about-us-29>
 - Schools Improvement Initiative <http://www.sii.uct.ac.za/sii/about/objectives>, <http://www.sii.uct.ac.za/news/sii-promotional-video>

Created the positions of Pro-Vice-Chancellor to head these cross-disciplinary and cross faculty initiatives <http://www.uct.ac.za/main/about/management/pro-vice-chancellors> . All four heads reported to the Vice-Chancellor's office.
 - Established Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice – initiated idea, recruited director, allocated strategic funding, helped raise funds, championed globally <http://www.gsdpp.uct.ac.za/gsdpp/about/school>
 - Established School of Design Thinking – researched different models; raised funds to launch; www.dschoool.uct.ac.za.
 - Achieved record levels of fund raising – As VC, grew the office of Development and Alumni with excellent results in terms of reconnecting with alumni and raising funds from individuals, philanthropists, corporates and foundations, and an order-of-magnitude increase in the bequest programme. Was personally involved with most aspects of this, traveling abroad to meet UCT alumni and engaging directly with philanthropy foundation presidents.
 - Played leadership role in the SA higher education landscape external to UCT, and in international university networks.
 - In the years 2015 to 2017, I steered the university through a challenging, often traumatic series of student and worker protests which were part of a national protest movement. This has tested the mettle and leadership of Vice-Chancellors nationally. Nationally, the central issue was the demand for free education - something beyond the control of individual VCs. However, the continuing colonial imprint within South Africa's universities post-apartheid has also been intensely controversial, demanding more concerted attention – rightly so, in my view – although methods of protest have

sometimes been destructive and hostile. Protests have also paralleled similar student movement protests around the world relating to identity politics, LGBTIQ+ rights and recognition, gender based violence, and issues of disability and mental health. As VC, I have been prominent nationally in my efforts to negotiate with student protestors in the interests of negotiated solutions. I believe, that, together with my executive team we navigated the storms and by end 2017 had brought the institutional ship into safe harbour.

Other professional activities and appointments:

- While a student in the 1970s, I was deeply involved in anti-apartheid student politics and activism, president of the Students' Representative Council, Executive member of the National Union of South African Students
- Member and executive positions in National Medical and Dental Association (an anti-apartheid alternative to the mainstream Medical Association of South Africa), 1984-92
- Chair of Ministerial Committee on Health Care Financing, 1994
- Member of Ministerial Committee on National Health Insurance, 1995
- Member, WHO/FAO/UNDP Tropical Disease Research programme (TDR) special task force on impact of health financing reform on tropical diseases, 1996-1999
- Chairperson of the national Committee of Medical Deans, 1998-2002
- Member of the Medical and Dental Professions Board of SA, 1999 – 2010
- Chair of the Medical and Dental Professions Board sub-committee on Undergraduate Education and Training, responsible for accrediting all medical and dental programmes in SA, 2005-2010
- Member of Health Professions Council of SA, 2007- 2010
- Member of Expert Committee to evaluate new medical school in Mauritius, 2005
- Editorial Board, Bulletin of the World Health Organisation: The International Journal of Public Health, 1999- 2010
- Occasional referee for the S.A. Journal of Epidemiology and Infection, the South African Medical Journal, Journal of Health Policy and Planning, Social Science and Medicine, Medical Education
- Appointed by Minister (2012) with one other VC to review the merger of two universities – recommended their separation which is now implemented.
- Director, Health e-News (NGO promoting mass media coverage of health related news) 2000-2008
- Director, Aurum Institute for Health Research (Not-for-profit AIDS/TB research organisation) 2006-2008
- Member of the Board of Directors of CORC (Community Organisation Resources Centre, an NGO that supports community-based organizations by facilitating internal processes and external engagements with formal actors like the government departments and funders, concerned particularly with informal housing, micro-credit organisations, homelessness. <https://www.sasdialliance.org.za/about/corc/>)
- Appointed as Member Expert Commission, [Fondation Botnar](#), March 2019