Our people

Specialist researchers



Dr Vincent Agu DrPH, University of Texas

SAHARA: Development assistance, partnerships and alliances, programme design, monitoring and evaluation, advocacy, regional integration.



Prof. Acheampong Amoateng PhD, Brigham Young University

CYFSD: Family sociology/demography.



Mr Fabian Arends MBA, University of KwaZulu-Natal

ESSD: Education Management Information Systems specialist, general and further education and training policy analysis, educator supply and demand analysis, design and analysis of education indicators, statistical analysis and modelling.



Dr Bongani D. Bantwini PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

ESSD: In-service professional development of science education teachers, student learning of science, trends, science curriculum reforms (national and international), and science curriculum development and theory.



Dr Orli Bass PhD, University of Cape Town

CSD: Relationships between cities and culture, postcolonialism, creolisation and identity, site-specific performance, cultural strategies and culture-led urban regeneration, African urbanity, representations of Africa and its cities, and mega-events and cities.



Prof. Arvin Bhana PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

CYFSD: Youth risk and resilience, adolescent risktaking behaviour (including HIV/AIDS), substance abuse and other youth-related problem areas, fatherhood and protection/care of children, mental health.



Mr William Blankley MSc, MBA, University of Cape Town

KS: Science and technology (S&T) policy analysis, S&T indicators, R&D and innovation surveys, strategic planning, feasibility studies, public understanding of science.



Ms Claire Botha MPH, Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa)

PAU: Funding options for public and private health care within the public health system, in particular the funding of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS.



Dr Mignonne Breier PhD, University of Cape Town

ESSD: Higher education, professional education, medical, nursing and teacher education, recognition of prior learning, curriculum in higher education.



Mr Jonathan Carter MScAgric, University of Stellenbosch

PAU: Public finance, governance, social complexity, policy construction.



Dr Upjeet Chandan PhD, University of Southern California

CYFSD: Racial formations, gender, violence prevention and public education, children and HIV/AIDS, qualitative methodologies.



Dr Ivor Chipkin PhD, Ecole Normale Superieure

D&G: Questions of the state, nationalism, development and democracy.



Dr Linda Chisholm PhD, University of the Witwatersrand

ESSD: Comparative education, schooling, policy, curriculum, gender, migration.



Mr Michael Cosser MA, University of the Witwatersrand

ESSD: Higher education, quality assurance, provincial human resources development profiles and strategies, student tracer studies, SAQA and NQF, literary stylistics, discourse analysis.



Ms Catherine Cross MA, University of Michigan

CPEG: Migration, environment and settlement, urban and rural development, housing, poverty, homelessness, informal sector, micro finance, rural home farming.



Dr Pelisa Dana PhD, University of KwaZulu-Natal

SAHA: HIV/AIDS intervention research.



Mr Adlai Davids MSc, ITC (The Netherlands)

SAHA: GIS applications for health system research and injury surveillance.



Mr Derek Davids MA, University of the Western Cape

KS: Poverty assessment, data management, statistical analysis and modelling.



Prof. Andy Dawes MSc, University of Cape Town

CYFSD: Child rights and well-being indicators, child and adolescent mental health, child abuse and violence, early childhood development, programme evaluation.



Mr Chris Desmond MCom, University of Natal

CYFSD: Economics of child care and HIV/AIDS impacts on education systems.



Dr Nolutho Diko PhD, Indiana University, Bloomington

ESSD: International education, education policy, gender, teacher education, monitoring and evaluation, schools and culture.



Dr Omano Edigheji PhD, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

PAU: Comparative political economy, developmental state, development, governance and democracy in Africa, and social policy and poverty reduction.



Dr George Frempong PhD, University of British Columbia

CEQI: Education, curriculum studies, large-scale assessment and evaluation, multi-level data analysis.



Mr Tewodros Gebreselasie MCom, MPhil, University of Pretoria

CPEG: Application of econometric techniques in the studies of employment, growth and development issues.

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Dr Adrian Hadland PhD, University of Cape Town

D&G: Media policy, journalism, ethics, skills development, governance, political institutions.



Dr Charles Hongoro PhD, University of London

PAU: Policy-oriented research, health economics and systems, policy analysis, HIV and AIDS.



Mr Sean Jooste MA, University of the Western Cape

SAHA: Research design and methodology, design of research instruments.



Prof. Mukole Kongolo PhD, Potchefstroom University CD: Developing scientists

and scientific leadership in

the social sciences.



ESSD: Higher education policy, private higher education, higher education and innovation, universityindustry interaction.



PhD, University of Limpopo

SAHA: Dietary practices throughout the life cycle, with special emphasis on the prevention of noncommunicable diseases and the prevention of mother-tochild transmission of HIV.



Prof. Suzanne Leclerc-Madlala PhD, University of Natal

SAHA: Anthropological approaches to health and illness, HIV prevention, culture, gender and sexuality.



Dr Gerard Hagg DLit et Phil, University of South Africa

D&G: Infrastructure development in the arts sector, community participation in development, community arts centres and arts service delivery, identity and cultural diversity in conflict in Africa.



Mr Tim Hart MPhil, Stellenbosch University

CPEG: Agricultural and rural development, food security, indigenous knowledge, participatory research.



Dr David Hemson PhD, University of Warwick

CSD: Public service delivery, social issues, policy impact assessment.



Dr Gregory Houston DPhil, University of Natal

D&G: Political history, democracy and governance.



MA, Rhodes University

CPEG: Sub-national government and public policy-making dynamics.



Dr Peter Jacobs PhD, Fordham University

CPEG: Poverty and rural development.



PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

D&G: Developments in peace, security and governance, Africa and the world, South Africa in Africa.



Ms Geci Karuri-Sebina MA, University of California

CSD: Infrastructure and service delivery, public policy, development planning, futures study, technology and poverty.



Dr Mbithi wa Kivilu PhD, University of Alberta, Edmonton

KS: Educational and psychological assessment, data management, statistical analysis and modelling.



Mr Moeketsi Letseka MEd, University of the Witwatersrand

ESSD: Higher education.



Mr Jo Lorentzen PhD, European University Institute

ESSD: Science, technology, and innovation.



Prof. Simeon Maile PhD, University of Pretoria

PAU: The economics of education, the policy implementation and research nexus, and coherence of development and poverty policies.



Dr Monde Makiwane DPhil, University of the Witwatersrand

CYFSD: Social science research, using quantitative and demographic techniques.



Dr Mokhantso Makoae PhD, University of Cape Town

CYFSD: Social science research, HIV and AIDS care, chronic illness care, vulnerability assessment, child protection.



Ms Vuyiswa Mathambo MPH, Umeå University

CYFSD: Qualitative research, anthropological approaches on children and families, children and HIV/AIDS, children's access to health and social services.



Mrs Ntombizodwa Mbelle MA ELT, Thames Valley University

SAHA: Project and finance management, project planning, tracking and reporting, evaluations.



Prof. Thobeka Mda PhD, Ohio State University

ESSD: Curriculum studies, teacher development, language equity in education, education for diverse learners.



Dr Carol Metcalf MBChB, University of Cape Town

SAHA: HIV and STI prevention, HIV and STI epidemiology, HIV among MSM, HIV intervention research (including behavioural interventions), HIV testing and counselling, epidemiological methods.



Dr Darlene Miller PhD, Johns Hopkins University

D&G: South African companies and their African expansion, labour in southern Africa, social theory, the political economy of the retail sector in Africa and the sociology of work.



Ms Matseliso Mokhele MEd, University of Pretoria

CD: Capacity building and teacher professional development.



Dr Zitha Mokomane PhD, The Australian National University

CYFSD: Qualitative research, family formation and dissolution patterns, adolescent sexuality, children, youth and HIV/AIDS.



Ms Percy Moleke MA (Economics), Georgia State University

ESSD: Labour market analysis, education and work, labour market training/skills development.



Prof. Relebohile Moletsane PhD, Indiana University, Bloomington

G&D: Gender, sexuality, gender-based violence, HIV and AIDS, education, youth, girlhood.



Dr Neo Molotja PhD, University of Cape Town

KS: Science and Technology (S&T) policy analysis, S&T indicators, R&D and innovation surveys.



Dr Jeffy Mukora BSc, MSc, PhD, Edinburgh University

ESSD: Labour market analysis, national qualification frameworks (NQFs) and skills development.



Dr James Muzondidya PhD, University of Cape Town

D&G: Migration, citizenship and identities.



Dr Mcebisi Ndletyana PhD, University of the Witwatersrand

D&G: The history of African intellectuals, memorialisation of South African history and the formation of national identity.



Dr Tshilidzi Netshitangani DEd, University of South Africa

ESSD: Educational management and gender, teacher education, qualitative research methods.



Dr Saadhna Panday PhD, Maastricht University

CYFSD: Tobacco use, adolescent risk behaviour, youth development, health promotion.



Prof. Karl Peltzer PhD, University of Hannover, Dr Habil University of Klagenfurt

SAHA: Social aspects of public health, health behaviour, behavioural health, psychology applied to health, culture and health.



Prof. Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya PhD, University of the North

SAHA: Social aspects of public health, HIV/AIDS, injury prevention, substance use and misuse, social work applied to health.



Mr Suren Pillay MA, Columbia University

D&G: Violence in contemporary South Africa, the role of South Africa in relation to the Middle East, citizenship and democratic theory in Africa.



Dr Victoria Pillay-Van Wyk MPH, PhD, University of Cape Town

SAHA: Biostatistics, infection disease epidemiology, public health, quantitative research methods, evidence-based medicine.



Dr Cas Prinsloo DLit et Phil, University of South Africa

ESSD: Assessment theory, education evaluation, factors influencing school functioning and learner performance, psychometrics, research methodology.



Prof. Vasu Reddy PhD, University of KwaZulu-Natal

G&D: Discursive histories of sexualities, genders, identities, social cohesion, social, cultural, behavioural and programmatic aspects of HIV/AIDS, service provision in development, critical policy analysis, pedagogies, higher education and knowledge production.



Prof. Thomas Rehle MD, University of Munich PhD, University of Antwerp

SAHA: Infectious disease epidemiology, tropical medicine, HIV/AIDS intervention research, survey design and analysis, programme evaluation and impact assessment (including modelling).



MSc, University of Natal

CYFSD: Quantitative analysis of poverty and inequality, subjective wellbeing, changing social and political attitudes, food security and nutrition, poverty reduction strategy papers,, social protection.



Mr Julien Rumbelow BSocSci, MBA, University of Cape Town

KS: National R&D Survey -Business sector, R&D and innovation studies.



Ms Marguerite Schneider MA, Reading University

CYFSD: Disability and health, development and poverty in relation to disability.



Mr Graig Schwabe BSc, University of KwaZulu-Natal | Dipl Business Management, Damelin

KS: Spatial database development, spatial analysis, small area estimation modelling, spatial modelling.



Prof. John Seager PhD, University of Wales

SAHA: Social, environmental and economic determinants of health and well-being in poor communities.



Prof. Geoffrey Setswe DrPH, University of Limpopo

SAHA: Systematic reviews, behavioural interventions for reducing HIV risk, monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS and public health interventions.



PhD, University of Cambridge

D&G: Gender and governance, local government and development, traditional leadership, land and local economic development in rural areas, indigenous knowledge systems.



Ms Judith Streak MComm, University of the Witwatersrand

CYFSD: Child poverty and child socio-economic rights indicators, income and social welfare service interventions to support children at risk, early childhood development, and government budgeting for child rights in South Africa.



Mrs Jarè Struwig MA, University of Pretoria

KS: Tourism and the environment, data management, statistical analysis and modelling.



Dr Sharlene Swartz PhD, University of Cambridge

CYFSD: The sociology of youth especially in the context of poverty, youth moral, spiritual and social development, and peer education.



Dr Cily Tabane PhD, University of Pretoria

SAHA: HIV and AIDS and cultural practices, clinical social work applied to health, HIV voluntary counselling and testing.



Dr Virginia Tilley PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

D&G: Comparative ethnic and racial politics and conflict, racial politics of tourism. development strategies, Middle East conflict, Latin American indigenous peoples.



Ms Heidi van Rooyen MA, University of Durban-Westville

CYFSD: HIV/AIDS risk behaviours and interventions, voluntary counselling and testing, ethics of working in developing countries.



Mr Johan van Zyl BA Hons, University of Pretoria

SAHA: Survey methodology, population projections and applied demographic analysis.

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Ms Jocelyn Vass MA, University of Manchester

ESSD: HIV/AIDS impact on economic sectors and the workplace, labour market vulnerabilities and employment equity.



Ms Mariette Visser BA Hons, University of Pretoria

ESSD: World of work, surveys, database development, data analysis and indicator development. higher education, learnerships and skills development.



Dr Catherine Ward PhD, University of South Carolina

CYFSD: Violence and mental health.



Ms Gina Weir-Smith MA, University of Stellenbosch

KS: Socio-economic applications in GIS, spatial aspects of unemployment, spatial and accessibility modelling.



Dr Khangelani Zuma PhD (Statistics), University of Waikato

SAHA: Statistics, survival analysis, Bayesian simulation methods and modelling infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS.



Ms Nompumelelo Zungu-Dirwayi MA (Psych), University of Cape Town

OCEO: Research psychology, social aspects of HIV/AIDS, HIV/AIDS and traditional healing, social and behavioural aspects of AIDS vaccines.

