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SUMMARY

I am a (full) professor of law at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, where I have taught various public law subjects, at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, since 1998. I have substantial experience of strategic academic leadership at school and faculty level, particularly in research management and postgraduate studies. I further have extensive experience in curriculum development at undergraduate and master levels and a strong record of postgraduate supervision and mentoring, including 11 PhDs supervised to successful completion.

I hold a PhD (on the right to health) from the University of the Witwatersrand, and LLM, LLB and BLC degrees (all cum laude) from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Over the course of my academic career, I have published two monographs and more than 80 peer reviewed journal articles or book chapters. I hold a prestigious “B2” rating from the South African National Research Foundation and, in 2024, was joint recipient of the University of the Witwatersrand’s highest research accolade, the Vice Chancellor’s Research Award. My current research programme examines how public law, constitutionalism and human rights are being reshaped by urbanisation and contemporary governance challenges, with particular attention to the evolving role of cities in responding to democratic, social and environmental pressures. My work has appeared in leading legal and urban studies journals around the world, alongside highly regarded journals in development studies, African studies and political science. My work is regularly cited by academics, courts and policy institutions, and I am actively engaged in international research networks and collaborations.

EDUCATION

University degrees:

- PhD; University of the Witwatersrand; awarded 14 June 2006 (title of dissertation: *A Benefit-focussed Analysis of Constitutional Health Rights*).
- LLM Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Practice (cum laude); University of Pretoria; awarded 20 April 1999.
- LLB (cum laude); University of Pretoria; awarded 4 December 1997.
- BLC (cum laude); University of Pretoria; awarded 7 December 1995.

Matriculated in 1992 from Hoërskool Noord Oosrand, Benoni, South Africa.

Languages:

I am fluent in English, my working language for 30 years (IELTS score March 2024 = 8.5/C2) and Afrikaans, my mother tongue. I am currently learning French (most recently passed DELF A2) and Dutch (which, due to similarities with my mother tongue, I can read and understand).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Positions held at University of the Witwatersrand:

- Professor of Law (1 December 2007 – present).
- Assistant Dean of Research for the Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management (1 May 2007 - 31 December 2011).
- Associate Professor in the School of Law (October 2003 - November 2007).
- Senior Lecturer in the School of Law (January 2001 - September 2003).
- Lecturer in the School of Law (January 1999 - December 2000).
- Part Time Lecturer in the School of Law (July - December 1998).

Former full-time positions:

- Researcher to judge LWH Ackermann at the Constitutional Court of South Africa (January-December 1998).
- Tutor and Sessional Lecturer in Roman Law, Department of Legal History, Jurisprudence and Comparative Law, University of Pretoria (January 1996 - December 1997).

Other - current:

- Chairperson of the Project Advisory Board for [PILLAR \(Piloting Integrated Legal Epidemiology for Law And Response Readiness\)](#), a research project funded by the NIHR Global Advanced Fellowship and hosted at CAPRISA (Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa) at the University of KwaZulu Natal (June 2026 -present).
- Admitted as legal practitioner (advocate, non-practising) by the Johannesburg High Court (February 2021 - present).
- Fellow of the South African Research Chair in Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability at North-West University Potchefstroom (January 2019 - present).

Other - former:

- Member of South African National Department of Human Settlements Policy and Legislative Review Task Team (POLERT) (2018-2021).
- Member of the Board of Directors of [Section 27](#) (incorporating the Aids Law Project), a human rights organisation involved with activism, research and litigation pertaining to the right to health within the context of supporting socio-economic rights (April 2008-February 2017).
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Tydskrif vir Hedendaagse Romeins-Hollandse Reg* (January 2007 - December 2012).
- Co-managing editor of the *South African Journal on Human Rights* (January 2001-December 2004 + special issue co-editor, part 2 2008).

Visiting positions and research fellowships:

- I was a visiting associate at [LSE Cities](#) in London from 3 November until 12 December 2025.
- I was a visiting academic at [UCL Faculty of Laws](#) in London, hosted by the [Global Centre for Democratic Constitutionalism](#), from 1 September until 31 October 2025.
- I was an individual fellow at the [Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences \(NIAS\)](#) in Amsterdam from 5 September 2022 until 27 January 2023, working on a project entitled "Human Rights in the African City". From 13 July until 4 August 2025, I returned to NIAS for a 3-week "alumni summer stay", to work on a project entitled "The Urbanization of Human Rights".
- I was a visiting research fellow at the [World Trade Institute \(WTI\)](#) in Bern, Switzerland from 27 November until 13 December 2017, funded by a program between the WTI and the Swiss Secretariat for Economic Cooperation (SECO), working on a project entitled "Urban Governance in SADC: Cities in International and Regional Trade".
- I have been on short, invited research visits to the University of Botswana Faculty of Law (March 2017); the Urban Futures Centre at Durban University of Technology (August 2018); the Urban Studies Institute at the University of Antwerp (November 2022); the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights at the University of Oslo (June 2023) and the Faculty of Law at Freie Universität Berlin (July 2023).

Networks and memberships:

- Member of the [International Law Association](#) and its committee on [urbanisation and international law](#) (2024 onwards).
- Member of, and institutional representative for the University of the Witwatersrand School of Law on the [Law and Development Research Network](#) (2023 onwards).
- Member of the [International Association of Constitutional Law](#) and co-convenor of its research group ["The Constitutional Status of Cities"](#) (2022 onwards).
- Joint global co-ordinator of the [International Research Group on Law and Urban Space \(IRGLUS\)](#) (2012 onwards).
- Invited member of the Scientific Network on Eviction and Housing Rights (SNEHR), part of the [EVICT-project](#) at the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen (2021 onwards).
- Member of the [Association of Urban Legal Scholars \(AULS\)](#) (2021 onwards).

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching:

I have 30 years of university teaching experience (between the University of Pretoria and the University of the Witwatersrand) at master and undergraduate levels.

List of full-time courses taught: LLM (= current teaching)*

- Urban and Local Government Law (2022-2026)*
- Advanced Bill of Rights Jurisprudence (2010-2011; 2017-2018)
- Health and Human Rights (2007; 2009)
- Medicines, Rights & Regulation (2008)
- Public Health & Health Systems Law (2008)
- Constitutional Law (2004)

List of full-time courses taught: LLB (= current teaching)*

- Social Justice and Human Rights (2013-2017; 2019-2020; 2023-2024, 2026)*
- Constitutional Law: Bill of Rights (2013-2014; 2016-2017; 2019-2021; 2023-2024, 2026)*
- Constitutional Law: Structures of Government (2010; 2015-2018; 2021)
- Introduction to Constitutional Law (2000-2008)
- Introduction to Human Rights Law (2000-2011)
- Customary Law (1998-2001; 2003-2004)
- Family Law (1999-2001; 2003; 2007)
- Law of Persons (2002-2005)
- Law of Property (2000)
- Law of Succession (1999)
- Foundations of South African Law (legal history) (1999)
- Roman Law (1996-1997)

Guest teaching:

Over the years I have presented guest- and public lectures in urban law, public law and human rights, virtually and in-person, at institutions in South Africa and abroad. Highlights include:

- “Meaningful Participation, Human Rights and Urban Governance in the Digital Era” online guest lecture in Summer Course on Human Rights and Democracy in the Digital Era at the Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung, Indonesia (29 July 2026).
- “Mapping the World: Legal, Historical and Racial Geographies” - stream co-taught at two consecutive iterations of the Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law and Policy’s Global Scholars Academy held in Stellenbosch, South Africa (24-28 June 2024; 30 June - 4 July 2025).
- “Mobilizing for Spatial Justice in a Divided City: Ndifuna Ukwazi, Reclaiming the City and the City of Cape Town” - lecture in the course Mobilizing Rights and Social Justice

at Erasmus University Rotterdam International Institute for Social Studies in the Hague (12 June 2024).

- “Human Rights in the Urban Age: The African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights and African cities” - lecture in the LLM course Human Rights: Law, Politics, History at the Department of Public Law, Freie Universität Berlin (11 July 2023).
- “Inclusivity: The Right to the City” - lecture at the Dullah Omar Institute African School of Decentralisation held in Cape Town (31 May 2022).
- “The Slow Convergence of Rights to Housing and Land in South African Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence” - online lecture for the Graduate Program in Spatial Analysis, Management and Metropolitan Governance offered by UN Habitat Policy Legislation and Governance Unit and National University of Colombia (8 April 2021).
- “Socio-economic Rights and Participatory Democracy in South Africa” - public lecture at the Faculty of Law, University of Botswana (30 March 2017).
- “South Africa’s Constitutional Court and the Promotion of Participatory Democracy in Urban Socio-economic Rights Disputes” - public lecture at the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Chile, Santiago (13 July 2016).

Curriculum development:

At the University of the Witwatersrand, I have developed and modified syllabi, at LLM and LLB level, in various subjects (including public health law, human rights law and constitutional law). Prominently, in 2022 I developed an LLM course in [Urban and Local Government Law](#).

I have provided public law LLB curriculum review advice to the University of Pretoria Faculty of Law (2008) and assisted Monash University: South Africa with the development of a constitutional law curriculum (2017).

Research supervision and mentoring:

I enjoy supervising postgraduate research on a wide range of topics. I have supervised the following eleven PhDs to completion:

- Claire Franklyn *Courting an Intervention: Assessing the Judicial Role in Matters Relating to Section 139 of the South African Constitution* (graduated July 2024).
- Petronell Kruger *When Less is More: Tiny Housing as Adequate Housing* (graduated July 2024).
- Paul Mudau *The Role of Local Government in Achieving Spatial Equity through the Realisation of the Right to Housing in South Africa* (graduated July 2024).
- Elizabeth Power *Giving Effect to the Right of Participatory Democracy in the Area of Socio-economic Rights* (graduated December 2021).
- Young Jae Kim *At the Crossroads of Human Rights Law, International Development Law and International Investment Law – Reflection on the Right to Development in the Exercise of Expropriation* (graduated July 2021).
- Stuart Wilson *The Law of Dispossession: Property Law, Power and Social Change* (graduated July 2020).
- Eric Makoni *Law, Spatial Planning and the Making of South African Cities* (graduated July 2020).

- Phiona Mphanga *Conceptualising, Realising and Enforcing a Right to Water for Uganda: Comparative Perspectives* (graduated July 2015).
- Paul Wayburne *Developing a Constitutional Law Paradigm for a National Health Insurance Scheme in South Africa* (graduated July 2014).
- Redson Kapindu *Towards the Full Realisation of Socio-economic Rights of Refugees: Challenges and Prospects for Southern Africa* (co-supervised with Jonathan Klaaren) (graduated April 2014).
- Deeksha Bhana *Constitutionalizing Contract Law: Ideology, Judicial Method and Contractual Autonomy* (graduated July 2013).

In addition, I have supervised several LLM by coursework research reports and LLB research reports, on a wide array of topics, to successful completion (details available on request).

In addition to a number of LLM and LLB research reports, I am currently supervising PhD theses on the governance of special economic zones in Africa (co-supervision at the University of Kassel, Germany), a rights-based analysis of rental housing, and climate change governance in South African cities.

I actively mentor my postgraduate students to convert their work into sole-authored publications. To my knowledge, 2 monographs, 2 peer reviewed book chapters and 16 peer reviewed journal articles have to date been published based on work that I have supervised (details available on request).

Leadership and administrative experience:

At the University of the Witwatersrand I have gained substantial experience of strategic academic leadership at both school and faculty level, exercised through collective and distributed leadership structures and senior portfolio roles. Several of these roles have required mediation, mentoring of colleagues, and working in complex, multi-stakeholder environments.

Executive-level academic leadership and governance:

- University Research Executive (2007-2011)
- Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management Executive (2007-2011)
- School of Law Executive/Management Committee (2001-2002, 2011, 2013, 2016-2017, 2022)
- School of Law Head of School Advisory Committee (2008-2013)

My leadership contributions have focused on research strategy, management of postgraduate programmes and development of staff research and supervisory skills. These roles have further involved faculty-wide strategic planning, policy development, performance review and institutional decision-making.

Research management:

- I was the Assistant Dean of Research in the Faculty CLM from 2007-2011. The Assistant Dean is head of the Faculty Research Committee (FRC), which oversees research strategy and output for the Schools of Law, Economics and Finance, Business Sciences, Governance, Management and Accountancy. The Assistant Dean develops and drives the implementation of the Faculty Research Plan, reviews performance and research

strategies of research units in all schools, administers the FRC research budget (then ZAR 2-3 million per annum) and is a member of the University Research Committee ('URC')'s Executive Committee and of the CLM Faculty Executive.

- Prior to my assistant deanship I was member of the FRC and Head of Research in the School of Law from 2003-2006. Subsequently, I was member of the School's Research Committee from 2013-2016. As Head of Research I was responsible for monitoring and recording the School's research output, organising internal staff conferences and seminars, developing research culture through capacity building and support for early career researchers (through e.g. focused "case note drives", writing and research methodology workshops).
- I currently serve on the URC as nominee of the University Council, for a three year term (2025-2027).

Postgraduate studies:

- I served as chair of Postgraduate Studies in the School of Law from January-July 2025 and January-July 2022. The chair is director of the School's PHD and LLM by Research programmes (across all constituent departments/units), chairperson of the Postgraduate Studies Committee ('PGSC') (also comprising the LLM by coursework) and member of the CLM Faculty Graduate Studies Committee ('GSC'). The chair provides strategic and operational leadership of both programmes and is responsible for developing postgraduate supervision capacity and a supportive research environment for staff and postgraduate researchers. As chair I have conceptualised and co-authored a Postgraduate Supervision Manual for the School (2022) and ran supervision capacity building workshops for staff in 2022 and 2025.
- In 2026, I am tasked by PGSC to develop a structured higher degree research methodology offering to supplement the School of Law's informal research support programme for postgraduate students, which I am co-organising.
- I was the inaugural chairperson (2024-2025) and remain a member of the School of Law's PhD and LLM by Research Admissions Committee, which is charged with student admission, supervisor allocation and postgraduate supervision workload.
- In 2021, I was member of a special review committee of postgraduate supervision practices across six Schools (Law, Management, Governance, Accountancy, Economics and Finance, Business Science) in the Faculty CLM.
- I am a long-standing member of the School of Law PGSC (2008, 2012-2017, 2019-2026) and of the CLM Faculty GSC (2021-2022, 2024-2025). Apart from the committees' running business this has involved chairing and serving on numerous proposal defense and ad hoc examination panels.

Other:

- In 2021, I advised the University's Senior Executive Team on the content of its mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy.
- I have served on high-profile university-level institutional review committees including the Wits Strategic Plan Review Committee (2008-2011) and the Council SRC Constitutional Review Task Team (2006).

- I was chairperson of the 5-year performance review of the Wits School of Mathematics in 2016 and have over the years served on several 5-year performance reviews for Schools in the CLM Faculty.
- I have been a member of the University Senate since 2008.
- I have been a member of various running committees in the School of Law over the years, including Curriculum Development, Teaching and Learning, and Undergraduate Admissions (which I chaired from 2001-2003).

Details of academic service and citizenship activities are available on request.

Advisory work:

I am regularly invited to participate in expert meetings, serve on advisory boards and suchlike. A comprehensive list is available on request.

Selected highlights:

- Participant in high-level dialogue working dinner on *Rule of Law in International Relations: Views from South Africa* with members of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs co-hosted by the European Parliament, the Delegation of the European Union to South Africa, and the South African Institute of International Affairs, (SAIIA) held in Johannesburg, 26 May 2026.
- Participant in UN Habitat online expert meetings on development of an SDG Cities Legal Checklist (15 December 2023); Urban Governance (27-28 April 2021) and Inclusive Cities (5-6 May 2020).
- Member of expert group convened by South African National Treasury; Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation; Government Technical Advisory Centre and National Research Foundation for the development of the *Republic of South Africa Covid-19 Country Report (2nd edition)* (2021-2023).
- Member of South African Local Government Association (SALGA) project steering committee: "Creating a supportive regulatory environment for the informal sector - improving regulatory tools and practise in local government" (2020).
- Member of review panel for South African National Treasury Local Government Budget and Expenditure Review (July 2019).
- Participant in Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Human Rights and Sustainable Development Research Group, Expert Meeting on the Right to the City held in Oslo, 21-23 March 2018.
- Participant in UN Habitat Urban Legislation Unit Expert Group Meeting (strategic planning for Urban Legislation Unit and review of Planning Law Assessment Framework) held in Stockholm, 6-8 December 2017.

Research consulting:

I have done research-related consultancy work (including legislative/regulatory drafting) for a broad range of entities including the South African National Department of Human Settlements, the Gauteng Provincial Government, the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, the South African Cities Network and the Public Affairs Research Institute. A comprehensive list is available on request.

CONFERENCES, PANELS, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS

Over the years I have organised conferences, workshops and thematic symposia to develop research networks and foster scholarly dialogue. I have further delivered several public lectures as well as in-person or online papers at more than 60 international academic events, and regularly deliver invited guest seminars at academic institutions around the world. A comprehensive list is available on request.

Selected organising highlights:

- Co-organiser of *Human Rights: Rising under Distress? The African Court at 20* workshop to be co-hosted by Max Planck Institute of Comparative and International Law and University of the Witwatersrand School of Law in Heidelberg, Germany, 14 October 2026.
- Member of the steering committee for the Fordham Urban Law Centre 9th Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference held in Accra, 18-20 May 2023.
- Co-organised and moderated panel for the CLES / UN Habitat / Wits School of Law Urban Law Day entitled *Rebuilding a More Just, Climate Resilient and Equitable Urban Future for All: The Role of Law*, held online, 28 October 2021.
- Organised (under auspices of IRGLUS, jointly with UN Habitat Urban Legislation Unit) and moderated session entitled *Achieving Spatial Equity through Human Rights and Rule of Law* at the 10th World Urban Forum, held in Abu Dhabi, 8-13 February 2020.
- Organised and moderated *Urban Law Day on Law, the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Cities* co-hosted by UN Habitat Urban Legislation Unit and University of the Witwatersrand School of Law, held in Johannesburg, 29 March 2019.
- Co-organised symposium in honour of Dikgang Moseneke held in Johannesburg, 30 November 2016.
- Organised international workshop on *Law, Urban Space and Social Justice*, under auspices of IRGLUS, held at the Onati Institute for Socio-legal Studies in Onati, Spain, 4-6 June 2014.
- Organised and moderated *Judges and the World* symposium held in Johannesburg, 10 October 2008; co-edited resulting special issue of *South African Journal on Human Rights*.

Selected recent invited presentations:

- “Urbanising human rights law” - LSE Cities (1 July 2026).
- “Cities and human rights” - Human Rights Institute and Global Centre for Democratic Constitutionalism at UCL Laws (17 November 2025).
- “The urban evolution of the right to health” - Birmingham Law School (5 November 2025); UCL Laws (15 October 2025).
- “Urban collectives as victims of international human rights violations” - Schools of Law and Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol (24 April 2025); UCL Development Planning Unit (2 April 2025); School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow (17 September 2024); Urban Institute and School of Geography and Planning, University of Sheffield (11 September 2024).
- “Socio-economic rights as adaptive law for urban resilience” - University of Southampton School of Law (14 April 2025); Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo (13 June 2023).

- “Urban law and crisis governance in South African cities” - Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice Research Group, Royal Holloway University of London (26 September 2024).
- “The African regional human rights system in the urban age” - Department of Public Law and Governance, Tilburg Law School (10 June 2024).

Selected recent conference / workshop presentations:

- “Sources of urban autonomy in an authoritarian age” - workshop on The City as Democratic Frontier in an Authoritarian Age, jointly convened by LSE Cities, Kings College London, Queen Mary University of London and University of Liverpool at Kings College, London (24-26 June 2026).
- “Spatial justice and right-to-housing litigation in a unequal city” - Workshop on Juridification of Justice, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge (29-30 April 2025).
- “Domesticated socio-economic rights as adaptive law for urban resilience” - Fordham Urban Law Centre 10th Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, London (18-20 July 2024); Leiden University Global Transformations and Governance Challenges Conference, the Hague (5-7 June 2024).
- “Legal dimensions of private sector involvement in resilient urban governance: Navigating dual crises of Covid-19 and drought in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa” (with Amanda Spies) - IGU Commission Geography of Governance Conference on “Paradigm shifts in local and urban governance”, Budapest (4-6 September 2023).
- “Governing urban crisis through adaptive urban law: Lessons from city responses to Covid-19 in the Netherlands and South Africa” (with Angela van der Berg) - Fordham Urban Law Centre 9th Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, Accra (18-20 May 2023).
- “Vindicating the right to housing in turbulent times: Resilience, inclusion, sustainability and adaptability in South African housing rights jurisprudence” – EVICT Roundtable on “Urban sustainability, inclusion and resilience”, Groningen (18 January 2023).

RESEARCH

Research and publication history:

I have written on a wide range of public-law topics but have in recent years focused on cities and human rights, socio-economic rights, public health, urban law and urban governance. I am the author of two sole-authored academic monographs as well as of more than 80 peer-reviewed academic journal articles or book chapters. My articles have appeared in highly rated law journals in South Africa and internationally, as well as in highly rated journals in urban studies, development studies, African studies and political science. I have also published working papers, op-eds and blog posts on various topics relating to urban governance, constitutionalism and human rights. My research is predominantly desk-based but I am also familiar and comfortable with both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.

Recognition / awards:

University of the Witwatersrand Vice Chancellor's Research Award:

I was the joint recipient of the 2024 Vice Chancellor's Research Award, the University of the Witwatersrand's highest research accolade which purports "to acknowledge the achievements of an exceptional Wits scholar who has demonstrated high levels of research excellence over a sustained period".

NRF rating:

The South African National Research Foundation (NRF) has a [rating system for the research standing of scholars](#), which determines/influences access to NRF funding. My current rating is B2 (valid from 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2026), which reflects "considerable international recognition for the high quality and impact of recent research outputs". My previous ratings are B2 (1 January 2015 - 31 December 2020) and Y1 (1 January 2009 - 31 December 2014).

Impact:

My work has been extensively cited in academic publications - on 1 September 2026 my Google Scholar h-index was 20 from 1563 citations with an i-10 index of 39. It also attracts citations in high level policy documents (such as UN Habitat's *World Cities Report 2022: Envisaging the Future of Cities*) and has been cited in several judgments of the South African Constitutional Court, Supreme Court of Appeal, High Court, Labour Court and Land Claims Court, as well as in a judgment of the New Zealand Court of Appeal (details on request).

Funding / grants:

Research funding in South African legal academia is supported through a combination of competitive grants, NRF rating support and the DHET publication incentive system, which provides researchers with resources for travel, research assistance, equipment and international collaboration. Beyond publication-derived government incentive funding, my research programme, international engagement and collaborative research activities have been supported by the following:

- University of the Witwatersrand Vice Chancellor's Research Award ZAR 275 000 to be used towards research on new human rights for the urban condition (2024-2025).
- Oppenheimer Memorial Trust International Sabbatical Grant ZAR 150 000 for project "Human rights in the African city" (2022).
- NRF Competitive Funding for Rated Researchers ZAR 99 000 for project "Legal dimensions of corporate governmentality in South African secondary cities" (2022-2023).
- NRF Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers ZAR 30 000 for project "Human rights in the African city" (2022).
- NRF Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers ZAR 280 000 for project "Rights-based litigation and urban governance in Johannesburg" (2015-2018).
- NRF Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers ZAR 240 000 for project "Impact of rights-based litigation on the South African health system" (2009-2014).
- Onati International Institute for Sociology of Law competitive workshop funding secured on behalf of IRGLUS for workshop on "Law, urban space and social justice" (2013).

- University of the Witwatersrand Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management Competitive Small Research Project Funding ZAR 20 000 for project “Legislative translation of health services” (2009).

I have further been successful at competitive bids for research consulting projects, both individually (South African Cities Network (‘SACN’), 2019; 2022) and as part of a team (SACN/Gauteng Provincial Government, 2020).

I have served as reviewer and evaluator of research funding applications at institutional and national level.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

(All publications are sole-authored unless otherwise indicated)

Books:

- *Rights-based Litigation, Urban Governance and Social Justice in South Africa: The Right to Joburg* (Routledge/Taylor & Francis, 2017 – paperback edition 2019).
- *Can Rights Cure? The Impact of Human Rights Litigation on South Africa’s Health System* (Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), 2014).

Peer reviewed journal articles and chapters in edited volumes:

- “Transforming the Right to Religious Freedom in and through Cities” (2026) 44(3) *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* (advance online) <https://doi.org/10.1177/09240519261473775>
- “The Urban Evolution of the Right to Health” (2026) *International Journal of Human Rights* (advance online) <https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2026.2691741>
- “Urban Collectives as Victims of International Human Rights Violations” (2025) 36(3) *European Journal of International Law* 531-558.
- “Justiciable Socio-economic Rights as Adaptive Law for Urban Resilience” (2025) 25(3) *Human Rights Law Review* ngaf019.
- “Corporations and Cities Under Distress: Organised Business and ‘Emergency’ Governance in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa” (2025) 62(7) *Urban Studies* 1316-1333 [**with Amanda Spies**].
- “Governing Urban Crisis through Adaptive Urban Law: Lessons from City Responses to COVID-19 in the Netherlands and South Africa” (2024) 20(1) *Utrecht Law Review* 1-18 [**with Angela van der Berg**].
- “Propping Up the Crumbling City: Sectional Title Law, Residential Building Governance and Local Government” (2024) 141(3) *South African Law Journal (SALJ)* 589-621.
- “‘Human Rights Cities’ in Africa? Rights as Resources for Urban Governance in the Global South” (2023) 50(4) *Journal of Law and Society* 538-557.
- “Property’s Shadow: Governing Land and Plurality in Durban, South Africa” (2023) 47(6) *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 1013-1029 [**with Thomas Coggin**].
- “Rule of Law through the ‘Urban Turn’ in South African Constitutionalism” (2023) 15(2) *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* 305-328.
- “The Relevance of the African Regional Human Rights System in the Urban Age” (2023) 36(3) *Leiden Journal of International Law* 657-674.

- “Urbanizing Human Rights Law: Cities, Local Governance and Corporate Power” (2022) 23(9) *German Law Journal* 1212-1225.
- “Corporate Power, Urban Governance and Urban Law” (2022) 131 *Cities* 103893.
- “Resisting Marginalisation in the World Class City: Eking Out a Right to Public Presence in the City of Cape Town” in Janne E Nijman, Barbara Oomen, Elif Durmus, Sara Miellet & Lisa Roodenburg (eds.) *Urban Politics of Human Rights* (Routledge, 2022) 187-204.
- “Outsourcing Local Governance: Local Government and the Future of Democracy in South Africa” (2022) 48(5) *Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS)* 787-804 [with **David Everatt**].
- “Towards a Right to the City? The Slow Convergence of Rights to Housing and Land in South African Constitutional Jurisprudence” (2022) 11(1) *International Human Rights Law Review* 36-61.
- “Corporate Power, Human Rights and Urban Governance in South African Cities” (2022) 25 *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal (PELJ)* 1-36.
- “Republic of South Africa: Legal Response to Covid-19” in Jeff King & Octavio Ferraz (eds.) *Oxford Compendium of National Legal Responses to Covid-19* (OUP Online, 2021-3) [with **Petronell Kruger, Khulekani Moyo, Paul Mudau and Amanda Spies**].
- “Balancing Socio-economic Rights: Confronting Covid-19 in South Africa’s Informal Urban Settlements” (2021) 39(1) *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* 33-50.
- “Anatomy of a Crisis: Structural Factors Contributing to the Collapse of Urban Municipal Governance in Emfuleni, South Africa” (2021) 32(1) *Urban Forum* 1-15.
- “Urban Governance and the Right to a Healthy City” (2020) 2 *European Yearbook of Constitutional Law* 185-197.
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