the Law Faculty's internal newsletter to keep you posted on things you might have missed and events, publications and initiatives to look out for.

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**FACULTY VISION | MAY MOMENT** 

unique, diverse and socially engaged scholarly community shaping the future.

Our mission is to attract intellectually curious students and

research partners interested in Africa-informed knowledge and a

The Faculty's Vision 2030 statement is available on our website as a pdf for easy download.

# **Faculty Research Committee Prizes**

**FACULTY NEWS** 

## Results of the latest round of **Faculty**

# **Research Committee Prizes** for academic articles have been announced.

(2022).

First Prize (shared): Nurina Ally & Leo **Boonzaier** for their paper titled *The* Constitutional Court's efficiency: Statistics from the Mogoeng era, 2010 - 2021, published in Constitutional Court Review **Lauren Kohn** for her paper titled *The* 

National Prosecuting Authority as part of South Africa's Integrity & Accountability Branch and the related case for an anticorruption redress system, published in Constitutional Court Review (2021). This is the fifith time Lauren has been recognised with the Faculty award.

Runner Up: Monica de Souza Louw for her paper titled Finding roles in unseen places: Government action conferring roles on Traditional Authorities in South Africa, published in Journal of Southern African Studies (2021). **Congratulations to you all!** 

**LECTURES, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS** 

**Faculty Calendar - SAVE THE DATES** 

#### **5 - 6 September |** Mediation goes Mainstream Conference 6 - 7 September | Africa Law & Society Colloquium

21 May | Navigating the SAPS Research Ethics clearance processes

**12 September |** Regional Teaching & Learning Conference (Stellenbsoch) **AI & Law Conference** 

15 May | Last day of Semester 1 Lectures

UCT Law has announced the two

keynote speakers for the upcoming

"Artificial Intelligence & Law" conference

conference has now closed and logistics

planning for this three day event is well

under way.

3 - 5 July 2024

(3-5 July 2024). They are **Prof Nicolas Petit** (European University Institute) and **Dr Melissa Omino** (Strathmore University). Registration for the

**Navigating SAPS Research Ethics clearance processes?** On 21 May 2024 the **Centre of Criminology** is hosting a seminar on *Navigating SAPS* Research Ethics clearance processes? This seminar is an initiative of the Centre of Criminology, the Dullah Omar Law Centre at UWC, and Stellenbosch University. Staff,

Conference information is available on the Faculty site, and the programme will be

made available in due course. Watch this space!

SAPS, are encouraged to attend. online, a link will be sent to you after you have registered. REGISTER HERE. Centre of Criminology **RESEARCH ETHICS** 

Navigating SAPS Research Ethical

LT3, Law Faculty Middle Campus, UCT

Register Now



Presenters: Colonel (Dr) Smit, SAPS Ethics Section, Pretoria Prof Irvin Kinnes: Centre of Criminology, UCT Prof Lukas Muntingh, Director: Dullah Omar Institute, UWC

Dr Guy Lamb: Criminologist, Political Sciences, Stellenbosch University

> Dr Lufuno Sadiki : Centre of Criminology Dr Anine Kriegler: ISS LT3, Law Faculty, Middle Campus, UCT

**Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture Prof Mindy Chen-Wishart** delivered a fantastic Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture for 2024. The Dean and Prof Michelle Louw (on behalf of Commercial Law) were delighted to host the lecture, in spite of disappointingly low attendance. The lecture was a fascinating look at the transplant, diffusion and mutation of laws in historically colonised geographies. Prof

Chirwa commented that a study of this

In attendance was Mr John Hund (LLB

celebration of this great academic's

research, teaching and professional

achievements to date. Prof Paleker

and expert insights into his topic.

A delightful result of Prof Paleker

been colleagues and students alike

from Jason Brickhill (LLB Class of

delivered his lecture at a cracking pace,

sharing perspectives, personal anecdotes

delivering his (very belated) inaugural has

sharing their sense of the man, on email

and social media. One such comment was

2003): Prof Paleker was a great influence on

me in my LLB, teaching civil procedure & succession. Epitomised passion & respect for the law & remarkable attention to detail.

Remember fondly his use of puppets as

case characters & his farewell poem!

Congratulations Prof Paleker!

sorry to miss it.

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us proud, I salute you, well done!

On 7 May, Nurina Ally and the Centre for

Law and Society hosted a conversation

crimes against humanity and genocide.

On 7 May, Nurina Ally (Centre for Law

researchers from *Ndifuna Ukwazi* and

academic publishing, with a view to

bridging theory-practice divides.

BOEKBEKENDSTELLING -

RSVP: booklounge@gmail.com | 021 462 2425

The Faculty Research Committee has

at UCT within the next year. The call

Viljoen, and should be in your inbox.

application form were emailed to

published its annual call for applications

for regional and international visitors. This

Call is for visitors who wish to spend time

closes today, 15 May 2024. The call and

colleagues on Monday 13 May by Lamize

**Prof Francois du Toit** has shared the following opportunity:

talent to drive inclusion, research and innovation."

**Law Scholars** 

**Works-in-Progress Workshop** 

**Prof Caroline Ncube** recently delivered

2024 at LSE Law School, talking about

Irrelevant?. The Bill Cornish Memorial

away in 2022, and features eminent

scholars who, like Prof Cornish, have

contributed to the study of authorship, creativity, innovation and IP ownership.

- (Still) Omnipresent, Distracting,

the Professor Bill Cornish Memorial Lecture

Intellectual Property norms in the Polycrisis

lecture series has been established as an annual event by LSE academics Dr Martin

Husovec and Dr Luke McDonagh to honour the late Professor Bill Cornish who passed

and Society) led a workshop on academic publishing for public interest lawyers and

Equal Education Law Centre. The workshop

provided an opportunity for practitioners to engage with the value and process of

between Prof Cathy Powell, Dr

nature across Africa would provide

frameworks.

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given permission to share: My dear Mohamed • CONGRATULATIONS on your inaugural lecture today! • If I did not know any better, I would say that you have finally arrived, but the truth is that you arrived a long while ago with your remarkable work over the years.

you to the 'Elders' Table', you deserve and have earned your place..

Another warm congratulations came from Prof Evance Kalula, which Prof Paleker has

• As someone who has been privileged to walk with you for many years, from your

• I was looking forward to attending the lecture, but regrettably I can't ... I am very

• I believe the best is still to come. In the meantime, I beseech you to continue to do

early academic years to the point of the authority that you have become, I welcome

### Warm regards, **Gaza and International Law | A Conversation**

**Khomotso Moshikaro & Caitlin Le Roith** on Gaza and International Law. The panel offered thoughtful and considered engagement on pressing issues in international law around war crimes,

**PUBLICATION** 

A/Prof Fatima Osman has just published an article titled Custom Versus Customary Law: Does South African Jurisprudence Draw the Distinction? in the Journal of African law. According to the abstract, this article presents a critical analysis of whether South African courts employ established theoretical concepts to delineate the boundaries between custom and customary law. To facilitate a



**Practitioner workshop on academic publishing - CLS** 

Jaco Barnard-Naude's latest publication. Not just an academic writer, Jaco's new book is a collection of poetry in Afrikaans with Human & Rousseau. The collection Loftus Marais sal met Jaco Barnard-Naudé gese took Jaco 15 years to write and is the culmination of his Masters in Creative Writing completed at UCT in 2011. om my kastele **Book Launch - ALL WELCOME!** Date: Thurs 23 May 2024 **Venue:** The Book Lounge, Roeland Street **Time:** 17h30 for 18h00

**FACULTY RESEARCH** 

**UK research funding opportunity** 

Partnership building is an essential part of this call. Proposals should be co-developed,

practice resource hub" for more info. Awarded teams will complete a management plan

The Royal Society trilateral collabs with South Africa and UK plus Least Developed Countries - £300,000 max. award for a 3-year duration, deadline 25 June 2024.

co-designed, co-delivered, with genuine equitable partnerships that ensure fair

opportunities, process, sharing of benefits, costs and outcomes. See UKRI "good

to lay out a shared approach for managing the collab, inc. roles and resps, financial mgmt. plan, risk register, data management, IP, publications and any other forms of

contribution and recognition arising. (ISPF) theme "Tomorrow's Talent – Nurturing

**BOOK LAUNCH - INVITATION REMINDER** 

Next Thursday is the launch of **Professor** 

**RSVP:** booklounge@gmail.com

On 9 & 10 May, the Centre for Law and

Society hosted a works-in-progress



**INTERNATIONALISATION** 

**Professor Bill Cornish Memorial Lecture @LSELaw** 

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together eminent international succession

various ways in which family protection is

dependent children and spouses in South

African law. The papers presented at the conference will be translated into Spanish

and thereafter published to inform the law

reform project on family provision in

Spanish law.

**ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP** 

**Teaching & Learning Beyond the Classroom: Amicus Lab** 

On Saturday, 20 April, the Centre for Law

eight law students (intermediate and final year) on amicus curiae interventions. The

**Rebecca Gore**, forms part of CLS's newly-

the project, students will work with public

launched **Amicus Lab** project. Through

interest lawyers to monitor cases that

may be suitable for amicus curiae interventions on certain themes.

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research.

and Society hosted a workshop with

workshop, led by **Nurina Ally** and

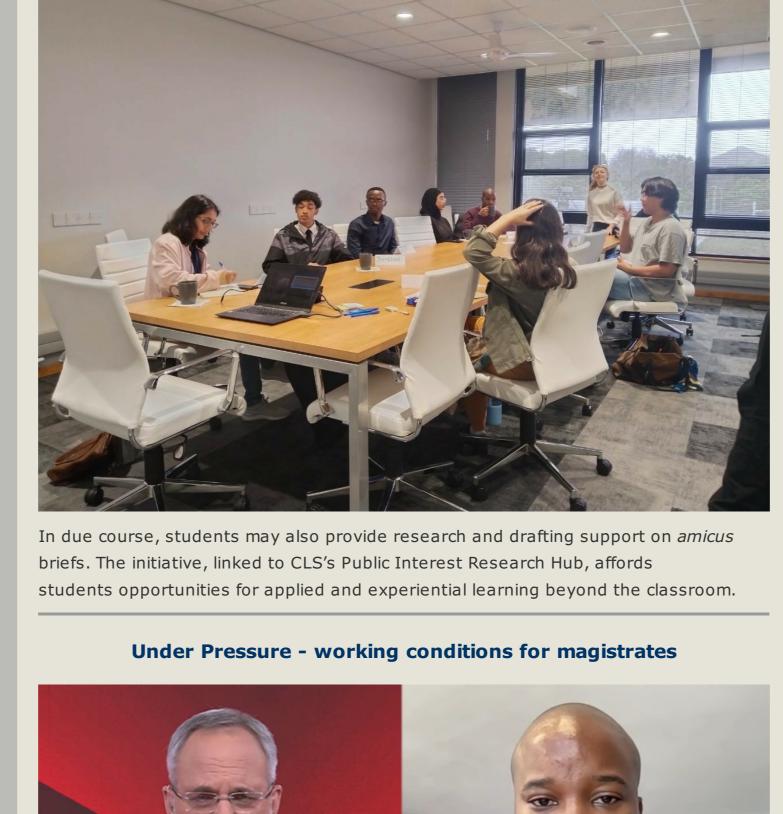
law scholars who presented on the

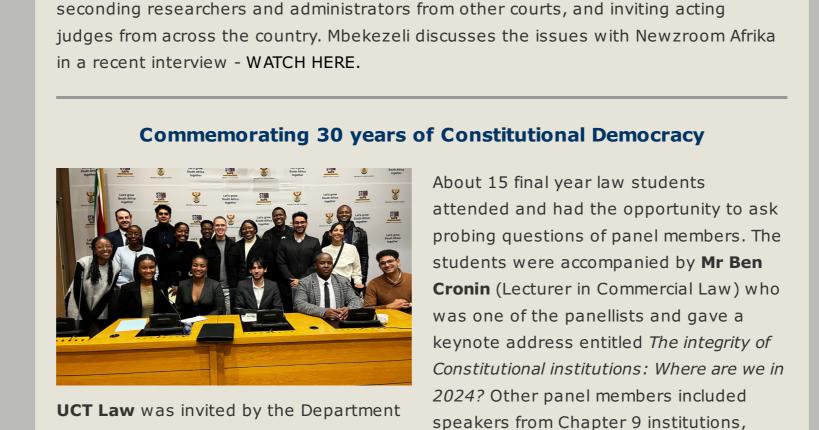
achieved in their jurisdictions. Prof du

Toit presented a paper on the

maintenance claims by surviving

Forced heirship, freedom of testation and family protection in the law of succession **Prof Francois du Toit** has just returned from Spain where he participated in an international conference on 9 & 10 May titled Forced heirship, freedom of testation and family protection in the law of succession. The conference was organised by the Faculty of Law of the University of Seville as part of a law reform project in relation to the Spanish Civil Code's directives on the financial protection of family members upon the death of a parent or spouse. The conference brought





officials from the Department of Justice,

and Prof Thuli Madonsela (Stellenbosch

Got something to share? Have thoughts on what we should include in

Faculty Fortnight?

University).

**REMINDER | FACULTY WEBSITE SURVEY** 

Share your thoughts on the Faculty's websites – you have a few more days to do so!

Speak now, or .... Don't miss this opportunity! RESPOND HERE

**ANNOUNCEMENT & NOTES** 

The survey closes 20 May – so now is the time to share your frustrations with (or

of Justice to attend a student dialogue at

Parliament focused on commemorating 30

admiration for....?) the Faculty's web presence.

FACULTY DROP-BOX | REMINDER

years of Constitutional Democracy.

In January 2024 the DGRU published the Under Pressure research report based on a

survey of 230 magistrates nationwide on their working conditions. Unsurprisingly,

salary and benefits – and the timing of the payment of salaries – were the topical

over their salary and working conditions. Mbekezeli Benjamin spoke to Newzroom

issues that came out of the report. Magistrates are now threatening to go on strike

Afrika about the issues underlying the strike, including what came out of the DGRU's

INSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESSES OF THE ELECTORAL COURT

Mbekezeli Benjamin recently wrote an article (Mail & Guardian, 3 May 2024) on the

administrative support, and a struggle to recruit and retain judges with electoral law expertise. In his article, Mbekezeli proposes solutions to these weaknesses, including

institutional weaknesses of the Electoral Court, a crucial institution ahead of the

elections later this month. These weaknesses include a lack of research and

In the interests of inclusivity and being able to share any concerns you may have about the Faculty, the Transformation Committee runs a Vula site on which you can share these concerns. If you are new and are not on this Vula site, please email Benjamin.cronin@uct.ac.za and you will be added. Generally, what the TC is looking for via this channel is feedback of a more general or structural nature on matters relating to inclusivity/transformation which the TC can work on going forward as part of its

operations. Share your thoughts - visit the INCLUSIVITY DROPBOX on vula.

Please send your news & ideas to gaby.ritchie@uct.ac.za we'd really like to hear from you.

