

Catherine Tara Willis-Smith

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Education

MASTER OF LAWS | UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN | 2019 – 2021

- LLM by coursework and minor dissertation

BACHELOR OF LAWS | UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN | 2015 – 2018

- LLB obtained *magna cum laude*
- Academic Honours: Dean's Merit List, Class Medal (Initial Spanish A), Class Medal (Corporation Law)

Academic Work Experience

University of Cape Town

LECTURER | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW | JANUARY 2026 – PRESENT

- Lecturing and convening Criminal Law to intermediate (third) year LLB students
- Lecturing Administrative Law to final year LLB students
- Consulting with LLB students
- Setting and marking of tests, assignments and exams
- Supervision of LLM student dissertations

AD HOC LECTURER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW | JULY – DECEMBER 2025

- Lecturing Administrative Law to final year LLB students
- Consulting with final year LLB students
- Setting and marking of assignments and exams

Stellenbosch University

JUNIOR LECTURER FOR THE LAW OF CONTRACT | DEPARTMENT OF PRIVATE LAW | JANUARY 2024 – JUNE 2025

- Lecturing Private Law 372 and Law of Contract 378
- Consulting with LLB students
- Setting and marking of tests and exams

University of Cape Town

POSTGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW | 2022 – 2023

- Consulting with Masters' students regarding their dissertations, hosting seminars and facilitating writing circles
- Guest lecturing Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, and Administrative Justice and Open Government (2023)
- Adjudicating moot competitions

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2022 – 2023

- *Acta Juridica* 2023
- Birzeit University Project

ASSISTANT AND FACILITATOR | 2022

- Inaugural Criminal Justice Winter School hosted by the University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW | 2019 – 2021

- Administrative Law
- Constitutional Law
- Law of Evidence

TUTOR | FACULTY OF LAW | 2018

- Law Faculty Writing Centre
- Legal Writing Project

Publications

- Justin Winchester and Catherine Willis-Smith 'Footing the (wage) bill: Reasoning, remedies and *National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union v Minister of Public Service and Administration* (CC)' (2024) 141(1) *SALJ* 169-200.
- Khomotso Moshikaro and Catherine Willis-Smith 'The dignity and justice of common purpose in criminal law' (2024) 141(4) *SALJ* 771-803.

Conferences

CONFERENCES | 2022 – PRESENT

- Regional Teaching and Learning Conference (University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, and Stellenbosch University) – co-presented on the topic 'Engaging boredom in the classroom': 11 September 2025
- Regional Teaching and Learning Conference (University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, and Stellenbosch University): 12 September 2024
- The Right to Privacy in Private Law Conference hosted by the University of Cape Town in partnership with the Australian National University College of Law: 1-3 May 2024

- Regional Teaching and Learning Conference (University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, and Stellenbosch University): 28 September 2023
- Regional Teaching and Learning Conference (University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, and Stellenbosch University) – presented on the challenges and opportunities of online learning as a teaching assistant: 8 September 2022

Service Experience

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE | BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY | 2026

VOLUNTEER TEACHER | BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY | 2023 – 2024

- Teaching primary school learners about animal sentience and care, and the importance of purchasing products which are cruelty-free