

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL

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Married to Mpho Ndebele (M.A) since 1971. Have three grown children.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., English, American Literature and Creative Writing, University of Denver, USA 1983
M.A., English Literature, Cambridge University, UK 1975
B.A., English and Philosophy, (First Class) University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. Lesotho, 1973
Matriculation: St Christopher's High School in Luyengo, Swaziland, 1966.

ACADEMIC CAREER

Fellow, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. 2011 -
Research Fellow, Archive and Public Culture Research Initiative Project, University of Cape Town 2009 -
2008 - 2009 Senior Scholar-in-Residence, Bard College. USA
2000 - 2008: Vice-Chancellor & Principal, University of Cape Town.
1998 - 2000 Scholar-in-Residence at the Ford Foundation, New York
1993 - 1998 Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of the North
1992 - 1993 Vice-Rector, University of the Western Cape
1991 - 1991 Chair and Head of Department, African Literature,
University of Witwatersrand
1988 -1990 Pro Vice-Chancellor, National University of Lesotho
1987 -1988 Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, National University of Lesotho
1985 – 1986 Visiting Fellowship, Yale University: Southern African Research Programme
1984 - 1987 Head of the Department, National University of Lesotho

Promoted to full professorship at the National University of Lesotho in 1988

PUBLICATIONS - BOOKS

The Cry of Winnie Mandela (New Edition) Picador Africa, 2013
Fine Lines from the Box: further thoughts about our Country, Umuzi, 2007
The Cry of Winnie Mandela, David Philips, 2003
Death of a Son, Viva Books 1996
Sarah, Rings, and I, Viva Books 1993
Rediscovery of the Ordinary: Essays on South African Literature and Culture, COSAW 1991. Reissued by UKZN Press 2006
Bonolo and the Peach Tree, Raven Press, 1991
Fools and Other Stories, Raven Press, 1983. Reissued by Picador, 2006.
Fools made into a feature film. Adapted by Bhekisizwe Petersen and Ramadan Suleman, Directed by Ramadan Suleiman, 1997

HONORARY DOCTORATES

University of Pretoria RSA 2013
Durban University of Technology RSA 2012
University of the Witwatersrand, RSA 2010
University of Stellenbosch, RSA 2008
University of Michigan, USA 2008
University of Cambridge, UK 2006
University College London, UK 2006
Wesleyan University, USA, 2005
Denver University, USA, 2005
University of Natal, RSA, 1999
Chicago State University, USA 1996
Free university of Amsterdam, Netherlands 1995
Soka University, Japan, 1994

OTHER AWARDS AND HONOURS

Lifetime Literary Achievement Award 2015
Chancellor University of Johannesburg 2012 to date
National Research Foundation National Research Foundation (NRF) President's Award for Lifetime Achievement, 2009
Honorary Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, 2008
Fellow of the University of Cape Town 2003
President's Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Literature and University Administration: Lincoln University, 1994
The Fiftieth Anniversary Distinguished Service Award by the National University of Lesotho in recognition of his outstanding achievements as an alumnus of the University, 1995

LITERARY AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Literary Award for Oeuvre: South African Literary Awards 2014
k. Sello Duiker Memorial Literary Award: for *Fine Lines from the Box*, 2008
Academy of English of South Africa Gold Medal for Distinguished service to English 2005

Thomas Pringle Award for “Turkish Tales: Thoughts of South African Literature” 1986
The Noma award for the best book published in Africa, “*Fools and other Stories*, 1983
Mofolo-Plomer Award, *Fools and Other Stories*, 1984
SANLAM prize for outstanding fiction, “*Fools and other Stories*, 1984

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AS MEMBER

Monash South Africa Advisory Board 2014 –
Deloitte SA 2013 –
Association of African Universities 2006 -2009
Alan Gray Foundation 2008 -
Executive Committee Academy of Sciences of South Africa 2008 - 2013
Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2003 -
Nelson Mandela Foundation 1998 -
Love Life, National Advisory Board 2001-2010
Higher Education South Africa (As Vice-chancellor and Principal of UCT) 2005– 2008
South African Broadcasting Corporation Board, 1993 - 1996

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AS LEADER

Chair: Nelson Mandela Foundation 2013 –
Chair: Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2013 –
Chair: Cape Town Partnership 2012 –
Chair : MTN Foundation 2009 –
President: UBLS Association 2010-
President and Chair of the Board, Association of African Universities, 2006-2009
Founding Chair: Southern African Regional Universities’ Association (SARUA) 2005 – 2008
Chair: South African Universities’ Vice-Chancellor’s Association (SAUVCA), 2002 -2005
Chair: Institute for Democracy in South Africa, Idasa, 2004 to date
Chair: Human Sciences Research Council, 1995 - 1998
President, Congress of South African Writers, 1987 - 1997

PUBLIC SERVICE

Chair: Ministerial Task Team on The Use of Indigenous Languages in the Higher Education Institutions in South Africa, 2006
Chair: Ministerial Panel on the Teaching of History in South African Schools, 2001 - 2002
Chair: Ministerial Broadcasting Policy Task Team, 1997

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Chair of the Jury to Select Africa’s 100 Best Books for the 20th Century, 2001
Chair: National Arts Initiative, 1992
Panel of Judges for the Commonwealth Literature Prize for Africa 1989
Member of the South African Academy of Science 1995
Member of the International Association of University Professors of English 1991
Member of the English Academy of Southern Africa (since 1991)

PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Corporate Governance Course: *Effectiveness and Accountability in the Boardroom*.

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University December 1 -5, 2008

Attended the 18th Annual Pegasus Conference on Systems Thinking, Boston, USA,
November 17 -19, 2008

Co-Chair: African University Leader's Forum, Accra, Ghana, November 22- 25, 2008

World Economic Forum (Davos): UCT Representative, 2006- 2008.

CONSULTING

Artscape, Cape Town, January 2011- August 2011 to July 2012. Indigenous Arts Project

Council External Review, Durban University of Technology, South Africa,
November 2009 – May 2010