



**SECOND SA POSITIVE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME**

**28 October 2013 – 1 November 2013**



Enabling optimal expression of individual,  
social and institutional potential

**Proceedings – Second South African Positive Social Sciences Symposium**  
**Proceedings – Monday, 28 October 2013**



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**07:45 – 09:00**

Registration and Refreshments

**Venue:** Foyer, Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre) and Garden Restaurant)

**09:00 – 11:00**

**Chairperson:** *Prof. S. Rothmann, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**09:00 – 09:10**

Opening

*Prof. L. Du Plessis, Vice-Rector, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**09:10 – 09:20**

Music: NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus) Choir

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**09:20 – 09:30**

Introducing the Second SA Positive Social Sciences Symposium

*Prof. S. Rothmann, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**09:30 – 10:15**

**Keynote Address:** Bright stories from dark places: Celebrating glimpses of resilience in young people's lives.

*Prof. Robbie Gilligan, Professor of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland*

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**10:15 – 10:45**

**Keynote Address:** Perceptions of Positive Youth Functioning: Lessons From the Dynamics of Context and Well-Being

*Prof. Itumeleng Khumalo, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**10:45 – 11:15**

*Coffee / Tea*

**Venue:** Garden Restaurant (Quest Conference Centre)

**11:15 – 11:45**

**Plenary Session:** Developing Psychological Maturity In Young Leaders

*Dr Danie du Toit, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**11:45 – 12:15**

**Plenary Session:** Development of Young Leaders: A Coaching Approach

*Prof. Marius Stander, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**12:15 – 13:00**

**Plenary Session:** Total Rewards Strategy for a Multigenerational Workforce

*Prof. Mark Bussin, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Business and Pay Solutions, Johannesburg, South Africa*

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**13:00 – 14:00**

**Lunch**

**Venue:** Garden Restaurant (Quest Conference Centre)

**14:00 – 14:45**

**Chairperson:** Prof. Nicolene Barkhuizen, *Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Mafikeng Campus), South Africa*

**14:00 – 14:45**

**Keynote Address:** Employability of the Youth: A New Mind and Skills Set: From Job Creation to Work Creation

*Dr Marius Meyer, CEO, South African Board for People Practices*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**Chairperson:**

Dr A. Fouche

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**Chairperson:**

Dr E. Botha

**Venue:** Conference 3 (Quest Conference Centre)

**14:45 – 15:15**

Family Psychosocial Well-being: A Model for South African Families  
*V. Koen, School of Nursing, NWU (Potchefstroom Campus), South Africa*

**14:45 – 15:15**

The Psychological Contract: Implications for the Employment Relationship  
*E. Diedericks, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**15:15 – 15:45**

An Outlook on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Risks as Viewed by Social Work Clients  
*A. Fouche, Y. Steyn & E. Truter, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**15:15 – 15:45**

Reflecting on the Gordian Knot of Learner Accountability  
*E. de Waal, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*



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*Coffee / Tea*

**Venue:** Garden Restaurant (Quest Conference Centre)

**16:15 – 16:45**

A Positive Psychology Intervention for Women Who Have Experienced Childhood Sexual Abuse: Emerging Research Questions

*H. Walker-Williams & A. Fouche, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**16:15 – 16:45**

Unsung Heroes: Religious Coping of Grandmothers Who Foster Children

*K. van der Merwe, C. Bekker, G. Kruger, L. Rasoaisi & T. Jefferis, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**16:15 – 18:00**

**Chairperson:** Prof. Nicolene Barkhuizen, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Mafikeng Campus), South Africa

**Plenary Session:**

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**16:45 – 17:15**

**Plenary Session:** "It's All in the Eye of the Beholder: Intergenerational Experiences from the Perspective of Young Adults in South Africa  
*Prof. V. Roos, Ms U. Nagel & Dr J.R. Hoffman, African Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research, NWU, Potchefstroom Campus, South Africa*

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**17:15 – 18:00**

**Keynote Address:** Social Capital Resource Effects on the Work Participation of Refugees: Results and Implications of a Systemic Mixed Studies Review

*Prof. Elias Mpofu, University of Sydney, Australia*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**18:00**

**Symposium Function - Venue:** Garden Restaurant (Quest Conference Centre)



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**07:45 – 08:15**

*Coffee/ Tea*

**Venue:** Garden Restaurant (Quest Conference Centre)

**08:15 – 10:45**

**Chairperson:** Prof. I. Khumalo, *Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**08:15 – 09:00**

**Keynote Address:** Positive psychology in education: The joy of learning as a precondition for academic performance  
Prof. Hans Henrik Knoop, *Positive Psychology Research Unit, Danish School of Education, University of Aarhus, Denmark*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**09:00 – 09:45**

**Plenary Session:** Can I see your matric certificate please? Exploring the positive narrative of a high school dropout  
*Jean Pelser, Cambridge University, United Kingdom*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**09:45 – 10:45**

**Keynote Address:** The Triumph and Prosperity of Education in Africa  
Prof. Tuntufye Mwamwenda, *Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa*

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**Session 1: Father-A-Nation: Vision and Mission**

*Craig Wilkinson, Founder and Executive Director, Father-A-Nation*

**Session 2: Integrating Research and Community Psychology**

*Dr Karen van der Merwe, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**Session 3: Ethical Aspects: The Non-negotiable Foundation of Research and Community Engagement**

*Leonie van Zyl, School of Behavioural Sciences, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

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**Session 4: Defeating the Odds: Becoming the Fathers We Never Had**

*Marinda Henning, Chantel Pretorius, Shanaé Theunissen, School of Behavioural Sciences, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

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**Session 5: Ethnodrama: Dramatizing Research Findings**

*Keitu Tsematse and Elaine Koekemoer, School of Behavioural Sciences, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

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**Session 6: Future Research Presentation and Discussion**

*Marinda Henning and Divan Bouwer, School of Behavioural Sciences, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

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**Plenary Session:** Khazimula: A Resilience-Strategy to Promote Thriving Youth  
*T. Jefferis, A. van Rensburg, D. Khambule, D. Bouwer & Prof. L. Theron*  
**Venue:** Voyager 1 (Quest Conference Centre)

**13:00 – 14:00**

*Lunch*  
**Venue:** Garden Restaurant (Quest Conference Centre)

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**Chairperson:**

Prof. L. Theron

**Venue:** Conference 3 (Quest Conference Centre)

**14:00 – 14:30**

Well-being of Students in a Higher Education Institution: A Structural Model

*K.R.F. Mokgele, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**14:00 – 14:30**

The Relationship between Services and Resilience

*A. van Rensburg, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**14:30 – 15:00**

Psychological Meaningfulness and Work Engagement of Secondary School Educators in Namibia

*M. Janik, Department of Human Sciences, University of Namibia*

**14:30 – 15:00**

The Role of Emotional Intelligence in the Middle Adolescent Maths Achievement

*P. Erasmus, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Mafikeng), South Africa*



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Drivers of Work Engagement of Staff Members of A Higher Education Institution In  
Namibia

*L. Marques, Department of Human Sciences, University of Namibia*

**15:00 – 15:30**

Sources of Life Meaning Among South African University Students

*W. Nell, Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle Campus), South Africa*

**15:30 – 16:00**

An Investigation into the Self-Perceived Mental Health of Industrial and Organisational  
Psychologists in South Africa

*L. van Zyl, E. Coetzee (Department of Industrial and Organisational Psychology, UNISA,  
South Africa) & M.W. Stander (Optentia Research Focus Area, NWU (Vaal Triangle  
Campus), South Africa)*

**15:30 – 16:00**

Qualitative Research on Resilience in Selected Groups of Students of the Pedagogical  
Faculty of Palacky University in the Czech Republic

*Zuzana Hrnčířková, Faculty of Education, Palacky University, Czech Republic*

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*Refreshments*

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