

Members of Council 2019



SIMON PEILE Elected to Council April 2017, Chairman since January 2018

Simon was born in Zambia in 1962. He spent a year at school in Lusaka before his family moved to Cape Town. After seven years at Western Province Prep School he moved to Bishops, where he was a boarder in Founders House from 1976 to 1979. Whilst at Bishops Simon was a Maths Olympiad finalist (top 100) in 1978 and 1979 and was in the top 30 in the science Olympiad in 1979. After school he took a gap year in the UK, first attending Charterhouse in Godalming to write A-levels and later working as a stooge at a small prep school in Pitlochry in Scotland. He graduated from UCT in 1984 with a Bachelor of Business Science degree, majoring in Actuarial Science, and qualified as a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries in Edinburgh in 1987. Simon then worked and lived for periods in London, UK and in Sydney, Australia. After six months in Australia, Simon joined an adventure travel company to work as an overland expedition leader. This required him to drive and maintain expedition vehicles for up to twelve months at a time while tackling some of the most difficult terrain that Africa could throw at him. After four trans-Africa expeditions and two around South America, and a short spell as a white-water rafting guide back in Australia, Simon returned to Cape Town. He returned to his profession, quickly rising to being the leading consultant at South Africa's largest firm of consulting actuaries. In 2003, he and his wife, Magda, also an actuary, joined forces to start an investment management company. In 2015 their company, Sygnia, was listed on the JSE and the company continues on a strong growth trajectory under Magda's leadership. Sygnia is considered a disruptor in the financial services industry and as a fintech company places a lot of focus on the use of new technologies in delivering investment products and financial services at low cost to consumers. In March 2017 Simon stepped down from some of his responsibilities at Sygnia to be able to focus time on multiple other initiatives. Simon and Magda have two sons, Alexander and Nicholas, and are in their fifteenth year of being parents at the school. Alexander matriculated from Bishops in 2016 and is reading for a Liberal Arts degree at Columbia University in New York City. Nicholas is currently in grade 12 at Bishops. Both boys excel in English, creative writing, acting, public speaking and debating and both have represented their country in public speaking and debating. Magda and Simon are enthusiastic collectors of contemporary and modern/pop art from around the world, often adding to their collection on their travels. Simon has served on the OD Union Committee, is a member of the Bishops Investment Committee and is a trustee of the Bishops Trust. He still loves to travel and can often be found in obscure parts of the world tracking down rare and unusual bird species and has a life list of over 3,900 species.



BISHOP GARTH COUNSELL Elected to Council in January 2008

Bishop Garth Counsell is the Anglican Bishop of Table Bay in the Diocese of Cape Town, a position that he has served in for thirteen years now. In this capacity he works alongside Archbishop Makgoba with responsibility for the day to day oversight of the diocese. He was first ordained in 1979 and served as a priest in the parishes of St. John's Wynberg, St George Kuils River, All Saints Bredasdorp and St. Saviour's Claremont, before being made a bishop. Garth's interests include soccer (a former player, referee and administrator), rugby and cricket, reading and listening to good music, especially smooth jazz and light classics. He serves as Chairman of the Fikelela Aids Project, The Anglican Children's Home Support Committee and as a trustee of the Lady Buxton Centre. He is married to Marion who heads up the training academy of a leading hairdressing group. They have a married daughter Megan, an old Herschelian and mother of their four year old grandson. Their

twin sons, Timothy and Matthew, matriculated from Bishops in 2008 and after graduating from UCT both work in Johannesburg in the property industry.



DAVID BURTON Elected to Council in March 2013

David is one of four brothers all schooled at Bishops from beginning to end. He matriculated in 1979 and graduated from UCT with a BA (Law) and an LLB in 1987. After legal articles he established himself in private legal practice in Cape Town and has practiced here as an attorney since 1991. His areas of professional speciality include commercial law, litigation, advertising law, intellectual property law, sports, event and sponsorship law, trusts and estate planning. He has lived almost his entire life within 500 meters of Bishops and continues to do so with his wife, Nicky and their two children, Amy and Drew. Amy is presently studying for her BA at UCT and Drew matriculates from the College in 2019. In 2002, he founded a charitable foundation – The Solstice Foundation - and currently serves as its chairperson. He operates a small wine retail business and was formerly a Charter Member and President of the Rotary Club of Pierhead. He was also a non-exec member of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board for six years. David also served a full three-year term on the OD Union Committee. Apart from family and friends, David is passionate about philanthropy, wine and all things equestrian.



THANDI MOYO Elected to Council in December 2014

Thandi is a Certified Accountant and she trained at Ernst & Young (now EY). After leaving the auditing and accounting world, Thandi worked for several years for Save the Children UK as a Deputy Country Director. Save the Children is one of the largest relief organisations in the world and their work focuses on orphans and vulnerable people. She held this job for several years leaving when her husband, Mandla, was relocated to Cape Town. "It has been a blessing to live in Cape Town, as I believe it is one of the most beautiful places in the world" she adds. Having been a full time, stay-at-home mother to two sons until last year, Thandi now works as a Property Consultant for Pam Golding Properties. She loves the fact that she is able to help people make one of the most important decisions in their lives – buying or selling their homes. She says that each day in the office is different bringing with it a new challenge and top prize for her is the flexibility of the job which allows for her to still be there for their boys. As a result, Thandi is very actively involved at Bishops where her two sons are in Grade 7 and Grade 3. She has been a member of the Bishops Prep Parents' Association for the four years as Treasurer and as Chair. She attended Council meetings as an observer ex officio in that capacity. Thandi leads the Pre Prep Prayer Group and assists the school in many ways including as a class rep and through the tuck shop and school outreach. Her hobbies and pastimes include reading and playing tennis. She is a member of the Pinelands Women's Tennis League. These days you are likely to also see her pounding the pavements as she aims to run her first half marathon later this year. Her resolution for 2017 is to set a good example for her boys, Zami and Landi, by leading a healthy lifestyle. Mandla, her husband, is already running the Comrades Marathon this year so she says she has lots of kilometres to catch up on!



CHRIS HAW Elected to Council January 2016

Chris was at Bishops (Gray and then Founders House) from 1994 to 1999 and his family have had an association with the school since 1856. He has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cape Town and a PhD in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Oxford where he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. He is the co-founder and Chairman of the Board at SOLA Future Group, a clean energy company involved with large scale solar plants and battery storage. He is also co-founder, and first Chairman, of the South African Photovoltaic Industry Association (SAPVIA) through which Chris has successfully lobbied government for increased quotas of solar photovoltaics in South Africa. SOLA has successfully developed 290 MW of solar PV projects in South Africa, spanning 750Ha and which will generate approximately 100 billion carbon-free kWh over the contracted life of the plant. Chris is an avid sportsman. As well as a regular watersport enthusiast (kiting-surfing, surfing and paddling), Chris played rugby at first team level for UCT, Villagers and Oxford University. Chris is also a keen musician and has released two albums with local bands Chiaroscuro (2003) and The Swingsetters (2014). He is a father of two (Kvitka and Michael) and currently resides in Fernwood Estate, Newlands with his wife, Dzvinka.



PHUMZILE MOSHE APLENI Elected to Council January 2016

Moshe currently leads communications & transformation for the JSE listed Spur Corporation, based in Cape Town. Born and bred in Gugulethu, Moshe received a Hamilton Mvelase Bursary and matriculated from Bishops in 1997. He is a Trustee of the Bishops Trust, which raises funds for the school and particularly the Hamilton Mvelase Bursary Fund, a vehicle that affords previously disadvantaged boys a chance to attend the prestigious school.

Moshe is a member of the Board of Trustees of the African Scholars Fund, a non- profit organization that assists secondary school learners in both the Eastern and Western Cape. Moshe served a three year term on the board of the National Arts Council of South Africa from 2015 to 2018, appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture.

Moshe is a member of the Institute of Directors South Africa, where he has completed courses in Board Effectiveness and Corporate Governance.

He has been in the marketing and communications industry for the last 7 years, starting as the first Marketing Manager for Gugulethu Square Shopping Centre from 2010 to 2012. He was the Project Manager leading the street renaming project in Gugulethu on behalf of the City of Cape Town and the ground-breaking Name Your Hood project. This initiative was a first for a South African township. Subsequent to that, Moshe was selected amongst a panel of experts to assist with the renaming process within the Naming Committee of the City of Cape Town. From 2015 to August 2017, Moshe worked at Independent Media head office as the communications officer for the group, and then the marketing and brand officer for the Cape Times.

In 2017, Moshe completed the Management Development Programme (MDP) at the University of Stellenbosch - Executive Development Business School. He has recently completed the Advanced BEE Manager's course with BEESA in 2019 and gained extensive experience in Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment.

He is married to Matomelo and they have a two-year-old son Neo Ngwanya.



NAJMA SHAIKH Elected to Council January 2016

Dr. Najma Shaikh is an Infectious Disease Epidemiologist and has worked extensively in the public health sector in South Africa. She completed her MPH in Epidemiology at Columbia University in New York City, as a post-doctoral Fogarty Fellow in 1994. She was awarded the Oliver Tambo Fellowship for public health leadership and has a graduate diploma in Health Management from the University of Cape Town. She previously worked as a Senior Specialist in the HIV/AIDS Directorate of the Western Cape Department of Health, and also headed the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of the Western Cape Department of Health. Dr Shaikh has worked as an academic, researcher and health manager during the course of her career. Currently, she is the Epidemiologist for Kheth'Impilo – a national NGO that provides HIV prevention, treatment, care and support on behalf of the South African government. Her projects currently encompass the areas of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for adolescents and marginalised communities using existing platforms for social innovation. She is married to Professor Haroon Bhorat, and they have three children, Taahir (19) – who matriculated from Bishops in 2016 and is currently studying at UCT - and twin daughters Aliya and Samiya (14). Najma is passionate about modern art and social innovation.



SAMANTHA PETERSEN Elected to Council in November 2017

Samantha has been actively involved at Bishops since her son joined the Pre-prep in 2012. Firstly as a class rep for three years, then as Chairperson of the Prep Parents' Association - a position that she held from February 2015; the Carnival Coordinator for five years whilst heading up the PA and Chairperson of the Bishops Trust from 2017 to 2019.

She studied journalism through the Peninsula Technikon, public relations through the Public Relations Institute of South Africa (PRISA Certificate) and worked in and for corporate South Africa for more than twenty years. Today, she is a full-time mother to her son, Kasavan Moonsamy, aged 13, who is in Grade 8 (2020) at Bishops. After completing matric at a local government school in Cape Town in 1988, Samantha joined First National Bank and quickly moved up the ranks to Investment Consultant and Head of Sales. The PR world beckoned after five years and Samantha joined TWS Communications (Simeka), one of SA's largest PR companies. Armed with a wealth of experience and a network of prominent clients, Samantha started her own Communications agency in 1997 - one of the first young black woman owned agencies in the city. Her focus was on government relations, financial communications, change management and cultural diversity training programs (for corporate SA, local and national government.) Samantha was profiled in a number of daily and weekly newspapers and magazines for her ambitious approach to the public relations industry, her success as a young black entrepreneur and role model. She also had a regular morning time slot on P4 Radio as the financial news presenter with Aiden Thomas.

Samantha has been involved in a number of organisations over the past twenty five years - including Head of Events for Investec Asset Management, including stakeholder relations; Head of Marketing for a tech startup; Head of Marketing and Events for an Indian-based non-governmental organization focusing on sanitation in rural communities; CEO for a South African NGO focusing on financial literacy training and currently the MD of her own Communications Company and a Women's focused Entrepreneurial Training and Development NPC.

Samantha is a world traveller, strong communicator, networker and philanthropist. She is passionate about her country, educating and motivating our youth and women and being a strong and confident role model for her son. She loves life, entertaining, reading, travelling and walking and is interested in

wellness and a more holistic approach to health, vegetarianism and general well-being.



GREG DEANS Elected to Council in May 2018

Greg has two children. Kyle is a Grade 12 student in School House. His main interest was in rowing whilst he has a keen interest in history, art and music (he plays the drum set, bass and lead guitar).

Greg is an avid cyclist, both in the mountains and on the road. Greg has a long history in endurance sports after a relatively successful period of being a water polo and rugby player. Greg enjoys travel and considers himself a history "nut". Greg is hugely appreciative of the enormous role that education has to play in South Africa. He has served as a Trustee of the Marconi Beam Schools Trust (Rabie's CSI project) and is now deeply involved in underprivileged Early Childhood Development (ECD) via a Swiss funded entity, Sinebome Trust. Greg is an old boy of St Albans College and a graduate of Wits University and UCT GSB. He has lectured at UCT and GSB in recent years.

Greg joined the Rabie Property Group in June 2004 and was responsible for new business, planning and marketing which expanded into the Group's diversification into Leisure and Internet

Communication Technology businesses. Greg was active in the establishment of the Century City Conference Centre and Hotel as well as the last mile, high speed access network business Century City Connect. Greg was previously Managing Director of Century City Ltd, the previous developer of Century City to which he was seconded by its then major shareholder BoE. At the time Greg was Regional General Manager of the Bank's Corporate Property Finance division. During the early 1990s Greg ran his own development company in Gauteng after working as a contract surveyor and contracts manager involved in turnkey projects and international negotiations for Basil Read where he also served as Regional General Manager. He joined NBS Devco Transvaal as Regional Director in

1994 rising rapidly through the ranks and in 1996 was appointed Managing Director of NBS Devco, which later became BoE Property Ventures. With both national and international experience in the property industry, Greg has a great deal of experience in the Township Establishment process, which is a key component to the development of Century City. With a background in and an exposure to Investment Banking it was a natural fit for Greg to lead the Rabie diversification into the Leisure/Hospitality and Internet Communications Technology Industries. Greg vacated his executive functions at Rabie in July 2016 to pursue a 12 month sabbatical whilst still consulting to the company. Greg founded Stadel (Pty) Ltd in 2017 which focusses on direct property development as well as property asset management and advisory services.



GRAHAM MOLYNEUX Elected to Council in May 2018

Graham was educated at Bishops in his formative years (1977-1979) and thereafter at Rondebosch (1980-1989). He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting from UCT, before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte in Cape Town in 1997. He is also a qualified Chartered Tax Adviser (UK) and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Tax Law from UCT. After completing his articles with Deloitte in Cape Town, Graham spent 8 years in London, during which time he worked in the finance teams of Deutsche Bank and Barclays Capital, and thereafter he joined Deloitte LLP, where he specialised in

Mergers & Acquisitions taxation. He returned to Cape Town in August 2005 transferring with Deloitte, where he remained for a further 3 years. He joined EY as a tax partner in February 2009 specialising in corporate international tax and tax strategy. During his 9-year tenure at EY, Graham played various roles including leading the Cape Town tax practice for a number of years, involvement in listed company audits, and assuming accountability for the tax services delivered to many of EY's largest multinational tax clients across Africa. In March 2018, Graham joined Mazars in Cape Town as a tax partner. Graham is a regular presenter, panellist and master of ceremonies at external seminars and conferences, and he appeared in 2015 and 2017 as the live studio tax expert during the SABC broadcast of the Budget Speech. Graham was appointed Chairman of the Finance & Risk Committee in May 2018 and he also serves on the Remuneration Committee. Graham's primary passion is music. He delights in [playing](#) the piano (he holds a Grade 8 ABRSM) and he is an experienced singer, having sung in a variety of chamber choirs, a capella groups, musicals, operas and bands in some magnificent venues around the world, including the Anglican Cathedrals of St Paul's, Worcester and Liverpool, the Royal Albert Hall, as well as local venues such as the Artscape Opera House and Grahamstown. He currently sings with True Voices in their monthly evensong service at Bishops. Graham is also very keen on sports, participating in tennis, squash and golf. He is a keen supporter of Bishops rugby and can often be found on the touchlines of the Piley Rees on a Saturday morning. He enjoys good food and wine, and British comedy. Graham has been married to Lindy for 16 years and they have two children – Max, a music scholar in Grade 9 in Birt, and Emily, who is in Grade 6 at Oakhurst Primary.



KEITH RICHARDSON - Appointed to Council February 2020

Keith Richardson followed in the footsteps of his father and uncle and started off his Bishops career as a Std One boy in 1959, matriculating ten years later from Ogilvie.

After doing his military service in the SA Navy, he progressed to UCT where he completed his BA and Senior Teachers' Diploma majoring in English and History.

He later went on to Exeter University in the UK where he read for a master's degree in Education. His first teaching post was at Wynberg Boys' High School where he was appointed as a History teacher only to be told after he had accepted the post that he was also the senior Latin teacher. His overriding initial fear was that Brian de Kock would let his pupils know what his Latin results were at school! Thirty years later he was still teaching Matric Latin so clearly no-one saw through him. He was thoroughly involved on the sports field where he coached hockey and cricket at first team level at Wynberg and later Plumstead High School - where he also taught Latin. He went on to coach Western Province at u18 level at both sports. He served for ten years as a SA Schools hockey selector which included the privilege of attending the Barcelona Olympics as a member of the SA Hockey Coaching squad. It was while he was at Plumstead that he was approached by Wynberg to apply for a Vice Principal position to be followed four years later by the Deputyship. After acting as Principal for six months in 1998, he was subsequently appointed as the 13th Headmaster of Wynberg - a position he served in for seventeen years which proved to be a watershed time for education in the 'new' South Africa as principals of state schools wrestled with unprecedented race, discipline, pastoral, governance, fiscal, finance and curricula issues. During this time, he authored a book on educating boys entitled 'After the Wax Melts'.

After retiring at the end of 2015, he accepted a position at the Principals Academy, an initiative started by another OD, Rick Haw (1966). This programme offered coaching and mentoring to Cape Town principals who volunteered for this course which included a leadership component run by UCT's Graduate School of Business. Since retirement, he has served on the Boards of a number of educational trusts including the Jacques Kallis Foundation, Unogwaja, Bright Start and Masicorp. Since 2017, he has managed the annual Abe Bailey tour to the UK on behalf of the Abe Bailey Trust. In 2018, he unexpectedly received a call to act as interim principal for 15 months at Springfield Convent - a position he accepted with alacrity as it offered such different challenges. Keith is married to Pippa (nee Torr) and their son, Alberto, was a member of the Bishops post Matric class in 2008.



LYNN DAVIS - Elected to Council July 2020

Lynn began her career with a Higher Diploma in Education in Commerce, qualifying as a teacher in Accounting, Business Economics and Economics at Senior Secondary School level. She later obtained a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of the Western Cape and then completed her BCom Honours at UNISA.

This was followed by a Certificate in Theory of Accounting and a Post Graduate Diploma in Auditing also at UNISA before completing her Articles and qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst and Young (EY) Cape Town.

After completing her Articles, she left EY to join the Oceana Fishing Group's Internal Audit Division and then later became the Group Accountant. During her three years at Oceana she was also elected by her colleagues to serve as a Trustee on the Pension Fund. After leaving Oceana Fishing, Lynn joined Santam Limited as Head of Internal Audit where she spent 6 and a half years and spearheaded the rollout of risk-based audits. During her time at Santam she was again elected as a Trustee on the Santam Pension Fund and chaired the newly formed Transformation Committee.

In November 2007 Lynn was head-hunted by Dubai World Africa (UAE) as the Financial Manager to set up their Finance Department in Cape town for all their newly acquired Investments in South Africa and East Africa (Rwanda, Comoros, Zanzibar). With the experience of finance and internal audit she immediately immersed herself in all their investments including retail, hotels, game reserves. She spent 10 years at Dubai World Africa and took them through the various successive phases and asset restructures, through to exit.

She served as a Non-executive Director of Afrifresh between 2014 and 2016 and during that time also set up their Audit Committee. Since 2018 she has served as a Non-executive Director of Inchcape Fishing.

She now has a more philanthropic role serving as the Finance Director for a NPO called Brave Rock Girl, launched 10 years ago on the premise that she and the founder wanted to contribute to the growth and development of young underprivileged girls from backgrounds such as Lynn's own. In the early days, this meant going back to where she grew up to mentor these young girls.

Lynn is a keen runner and still runs competitively in her age category. In 2020 she won the ladies marathon at the Western Province Championships in her age category. She has completed four Comrades Marathons, eight Two Oceans Ultra Marathons and several marathons. Lynn also assists with the development of running for the young girls at Brave Rock Girl.

Lynn is married to Andy whom she met in 1995 when he came to South Africa on an Exchange from the EY London office. They have two children; Luke is in grade 10 in Mallet House and Amy in grade 8 at Herschel. Luke was awarded Full Colours for Athletics this year (2020).



SUE BEAUMONT Observer: Chairperson, College Parents' Association (since January 2019)

Sue Beaumont studied at UCT and has a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Industrial Psychology and French. She has spent all her working life in the communication industry including 5 years working for a public relations firm, 3 years at Old Mutual and in 1999 started her own consultancy, The Really Useful Communication Co. Her focus is predominantly in financial services making financial information accessible to a wide range of audiences – because life is hard enough! She is married to James and has two sons at Bishops (Gr 12 and Gr 9 in School House). She has been a member of the College Parents' Association since 2016 and Chairperson since January 2019. She attends Council meetings in an observer capacity.

**DELENE MARK** Observer: Chairperson, Prep Parents' Association (since January 2019)

Delene was born in Durban and attended primary and secondary school at a public school until matric in 1988. She completed her Bachelor of Music degree at UCT in 1995, Post Graduate Diploma in Organisation and Management from UCT in 1998 and her master's in social science (majoring in social policy and management) from UCT in 2008. After her undergraduate degree, Delene started working as a campus organiser for the Anglican Students Federation within the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and later joined the Diocese of Cape Town in 1999 as a co-ordinator of the Dioceses social development programmes. Delene helped create HOPE Africa, a non-profit organisation for the Anglican Church, of which she was appointed CEO in 2001. Delene facilitates work in Angola, Mozambique, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa.

Delene is a trustee of the Anglican Alliance for Relief, Development and Advocacy, which operates throughout the World Wide Anglican Communion based in the UK, she is also the Chairperson for the Institute for Healing of Memories and a standing committee member on the Council for Anglican Provinces in Africa.

In 2006, Delene became the first lay person to become an honorary provincial Canon of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, making her also the youngest Canon and first woman Canon at the time. Delene was awarded the order of the Holy Nativity award in the Diocese of Natal, which is given to lay people who have done excellent work on peace and justice in society.

Delene has also lectured part-time at UCT in the Social Development Department on Organisational Theory and Project Management.

Delene is married to Damon Salie since 2007 and they have one son Iqsaan, who is in grade 4 at the Prep.

**WILBUR VAN NIEKERK** Observer: Chairperson, ODU (since March 2020). Wilbur van Niekerk is a CCMA Commissioner, which he has been since 2012. His role as a Commissioner has included the arbitration and mediation of employment law and labour disputes, and the facilitation of training and workplace interventions.

For the period 2017 to 2019 Wilbur was seconded to the CCMA Director's Office in a role which encompassed diverse elements, including legal research, and speaking engagements at national and international conferences. During 2018 he was appointed as Project Lead for the readiness of the CCMA to implement its jurisdiction of disputes in terms of the National Minimum Wage Act. In 2019 he was appointed to the CCMA Strategy Development Steering Committee and he performed relief duties as Acting Executive: Governance & Strategy.

Prior to the CCMA, Wilbur was in private practice as a Business Consultant and Business Coach for 10 years, consulting to the private sector and to various government programmes and departments. Prior to that he held various positions within Retail Operations Management for 10 years. Since 2001 Wilbur has held various leadership and governance roles on committees and boards within the social sector, including NGOs, Churches and Schools, and within the CCMA as Deputy President of the Commission Staff Association, as well as various representative committees within the CCMA. He is an active Rotarian as a member of the Rotary Club of Table Bay. Professional memberships are currently held at the South African Society for Labour Law (SASLAW), the African Labour Law Society (ALLS), the Institute of Business Advisors of South Africa (IBASA), and the Institute of Directors of Southern Africa (IODSA). Wilbur holds a Master's Degree (LLM) in Labour Law from UCT, and during 2019 conducted pre-proposal research towards embarking on a PhD degree in dispute resolution.