

## **Members of Council 2021**



**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 stooage 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 a British 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, listed on the JSE and the company continues on a strong growth trajectory. 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 his focus time on multiple other initiatives.

Simon and Magda have two sons, Alexander and Nicholas, who both earned thirteen-year ties at Bishops. Alexander matriculated from Bishops in 2016 and recently graduated from Columbia University in New York City, majoring in Computer Science. He is enrolled to read for an MSc in Computer Science at Columbia. Nicholas matriculated in 2018 and attends the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he is reading for a PPE.

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 approaching 4,400 species.



**DAVID BURTON** - Elected to Council in March 2013

Serving his second term on Council, 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. David also served a full three-year term on the OD Union Committee.



**THANDI MOYO** - Elected to Council in December 2014

Serving her second term on Council, Thandi continues to be very actively involved at Bishops where her two sons Zami and Landi are in Grade 11, Mallett House, and Grade 7. Thandi is also a member of the Finance Committee of Council. Thandi trained at Ernst & Young (now EY) and after leaving the auditing and accounting world, she 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 in 2007. "It has been a blessing to live in Cape Town, as I believe it is one of the most beautiful places in the world. I am eternally grateful to be here", she adds. Thandi now works for Paediatric Aids Treatment Africa (PATA), which is an International Organisation uplifting adolescents and children with HIV and AIDS. She shares that she appreciates that each day in the office is different and brings with it a new challenge. Thandi is also actively involved with Leap Science and Maths Schools and the VUSA programme – both based in Langa Township and outreach programmes for Bishops. In her spare time Thandi loves to read and her other favourite hobbies include wogging (walking and jogging) and playing golf with her husband and boys.



**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 water sport 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, Chair of Transformation Committee

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.

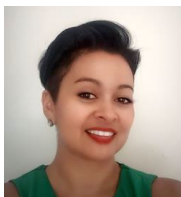
Moshe is a member of the Board of Trustees of the African Scholars Fund, a non-profit organization that assists secondary school learners in both the Eastern and Western Cape. Moshe served a three year term on the board of the National Arts Council of South Africa from 2015 to 2018, appointed by the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



**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 15, who is in Grade 9 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 start up; 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-focused Entrepreneurial Training and Development NPC, FEDs. 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, swimming, 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, Chair of Buildings & Grounds Committee

Greg has two children. Greg's son Kyle is an OD, having matriculated from School House in 2019. Greg's daughter Gina is in Grade 9 at St Cyprians.

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 continues a close association with Rabie and is Chairman of Century City Property Owners Association, a role he has fulfilled for nearly 20 years. Greg founded Stadel (Pty) Ltd in 2017 which focusses on direct property development as well as property asset management and advisory services. Greg is a Non-Executive Director of Barinor Holdings (Pty) Ltd.



**GRAHAM MOLYNEUX** - Elected to Council in May 2018, Chair of Finance & Risk Committee

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. In this role, his primary focus is on the growth of the national tax practice and he continues to serve many of his longstanding multinational clients particularly in Africa. Graham has regularly appeared as a live studio tax expert during televised broadcasts of the annual National Budget.

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 sport, participating in tennis, cycling 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 18 years and they have two children – Max, a music scholar in Grade 11 at Bishops (Birt), and Emily, a music scholar in Grade 8 at Herschel.



**KEITH RICHARDSON** - Elected to Council February 2020

Keith Richardson followed in the footsteps of both his father and uncle, starting off as a Bishops 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. He later went on to read for an MEd at Exeter University in the UK. His first teaching post was as a Latin and History teacher at Wynberg Boys' High School. He was thoroughly involved on the sports field, coaching the 1<sup>st</sup> Team hockey and cricket at Wynberg and later Plumstead High School, going on to coach Western Province 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 applied for a Vice Principal position at WBHS, followed four years later as Deputy Head. 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 with principals of state schools wrestling with unprecedented race, discipline, pastoral, governance, fiscal, finance and curricula issues. After retiring at the end of 2015, he accepted a position at the Principals Academy, an initiative started by another OD, Rick Haw (W 1966). Since retirement, he has also served on the Boards of a number of educational trusts including the Jacques Kallis Foundation, Unogwaja, Bright Start and Masicorp. During this time, he authored a book on educating boys entitled 'After the Wax Melts'. Since 2017, he has managed the annual Abe Bailey tour to the UK on behalf of the Abe Bailey Trust. In 2018, he accepted an offer to act as interim principal for 15 months at Springfield Convent. Keith is married to Pippa (daughter of Brian Torr S 1943) 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 and 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. She is also serving on the Committee of her running club as Treasurer. 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 at school in the UK and Amy in grade 9 at Herschel.



**KENNETH LUKUKO** - Elected to Council in December 2020

Kenneth is a Senior Project Leader in the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, based in Cape Town.

Kenneth was among the first group of pupils from Cape Town's townships to be awarded scholarships to Bishops in 1983. With Bishops being one of the very few multi-racial schools at the time, this good fortune came with having to contend with the volatile socio-political tensions of South Africa in the 1980s. Kenneth distinguished himself in athletics and fencing and represented Bishops at provincial and national championships in these codes. He also represented the school in several youth leadership programmes on the future of the country.

While studying architecture and the social sciences, majoring in politics in the 1990s, he devoted many years to youth activism and the local economic development of small traders in Langa, Gugulethu and Nyanga. A key achievement from this was when these traders were awarded full ownership of their commercial properties by the City of Cape Town. Kenneth also helped organize these traders to testify at a session of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission [TRC] in Langa, Cape Town.

In 2004 he became a dialogue leader in a series of community reconciliation dialogues hosted by the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation [IJR], an off-shoot of the TRC. In 2006 he joined the IJR as project leader in its Reconciliation and Social Reconstruction Programme. His footprint at the IJR grew to include research and policy work on race relations and transitional justice in post-conflict societies. He has travelled and worked in the above programmes in countries like South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe. Kenneth also led the South African leg of an international peacebuilding research programme run by the IJR and the Universities of Manchester [UK] and George Mason [USA]. The project included Zimbabwe, Uganda, Colombia, the USA and the UK and featured policy makers from various departments and tiers of the South African government.

He has served on the Steering Committee of South Africa's National Action Plan to combat Racism, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances [an outcome of the Durban Declaration of the United Nations World Conference Against Racism and Related Intolerances]. He continues to contribute to this as well as civil society programmes that contribute to social cohesion. As a Senior Project Leader, he applies much of his sociological expertise in the IJR's dialogue leadership programme in the agriculture sector.

Apart from keeping an interest in the above social changes, Kenneth remains a keen follower of fencing and athletics in South Africa and abroad.



**BOBBY COUVES** - Observer: Chairperson, College Parents' Association

Bobby was educated in Cape Town at Bergvliet Primary and Bergvliet High Schools. He obtained a Bachelor of Commerce and then qualified as a Chartered Management Accountant while working at Lloyds of London. He spent 5 years working as a Business Strategist in the reinsurance industry in London before returning to Cape Town in 2002. He currently works as a Business and Tax advisor focussing on small to medium sized entities. He is also a crypto enthusiast and trades arbitrage as a new-found hobby. Bobby is passionate about making a difference in South Africa and serving the marginalised and poor. He is a director and trustee of numerous NPO's including Beautiful Gate, Media Village, The Dignity Campaign and serves on the FinCom of Jubilee Community Church. He comes from a musical family and plays the Trombone, Euphonium and loves to sing. His love for music has rubbed off onto all his children. He is a keen golfing member of Clovelly Country Club. Bobby and Sara were married in 2000 and they have 4 children, Jonty in Grade 11, Mallett House, Esther in Grade 10 at Herschel and twin boys Matt and Ben in Grade 7 at Sweet Valley Primary School. Bobby has been a member of the College PA since 2019 and attends College Council meetings as an observer in his capacity as chairperson of the College Parents' Association.



**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 Diocese's 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 was 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 6 at the Prep.

In a year of pandemic and lockdown, Delene has served on COVID advisory committees both locally and internationally mainly focused on how to reduce the high incidence of hunger, homelessness, and gender-based violence during the lock down. She is also part of an international working group dealing with disaster relief planning in a time of a pandemic.

She has been a panellist at WHO seminars on faith-based organisations and mass gatherings and the vaccine roll out.





**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.

