



DEPARTMENT OF DUTCH AND SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES





MULTICULTURAL STUDIES
HELP PREPARE STUDENTS
FOR THE
GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

GREETINGS IN 11 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF SOUTH AFRICA

Afrikaans – Goeiemiddag

English – Good Afternoon

IsiXhosa – Molweni

IsiZulu - Sanibonani

IsiNdebele – Salibonani

Sepedi – Thobelang

Sesotho – Dumelang

Setswana – Dumelang

SiSwati – Sawubona

Tshivenda – Dimasiyari

Xitsonga- Avuxeni



WHO WE ARE

HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

LITERATURE, GEOGRAPHY, CULTURE



Professor Jerzy Koch

Professor Koch is a people's person and will always find time for his students even if they just want to chat (especially then).

He might try to sneak in a question about your homework assignment, in which case change the subject to:

- a) food
- b) travel
- c) hm... try *Pokemon Go* and see what happens ;)

WHO WE ARE

LITERATURE, CULTURAL
STUDIES, HISTORY OF SA

Professor Zajas is a problem-solver. He has a simple solution to the most complicated issues - and usually it's "study harder, read more".

(You might not believe it, but it has worked for 99% of our students.)

This no-nonsense approach seems to also be working for when Professor Zajas shops. If he likes a T-shirt, he will simply buy a few of the same line, just in different colors 😊



Professor Paweł Zajas

WHO WE ARE

AFRIKAANS, CULTURAL STUDIES, LITERATURE

A film enthusiast, a poetry lover and a philosopher – Karen definitely has a soft spot for words. She will discuss any movie with you and prove that there is a psychological theory behind every single one of them. Feel free to challenge her. So far, many have tried and failed ;)

Karen's philosophical side manifests by free-flowing digressions that can come in handy when you want to avoid discussing test results.



Karen Kuhn

WHO WE ARE

CULTURAL STUDIES,
LITERATURE,
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Behind Dr Drwal's (or drWal's) lovely smile there is a critical mind; she targets books, not people, so you're all good.

You can ask her how women and times change or discuss topics like complicated relationships between (Victorian) gentlemen and (Boer/Afrikaner) women or, if you like, equally complicated issues of conflict and propaganda.

That is, when she's not already talking about heavy metal guitarists and jazz pianists.



G. Drwal

COLLEAGUES



R. de Louw, PhD



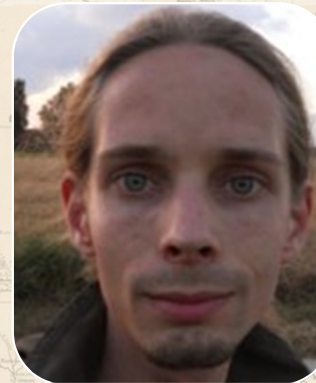
A. Sikora-Sabat, PhD



K. Wiercińska, PhD



N. Saeys



B. v/d Ham



G. Ryssen



M. Wenderski

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES

...IN A NUTSHELL

SOME*

JUST ENOUGH

PLENTY

*just kidding, you will want to study more than "some" 😊



ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES

South African Studies started as an elective MA specialization in the then School of English in 2004, and became a full BA specialization in 2006. In 2016 it has been restored to its specialization position within the BA program at the Faculty of English*.

It is a three-year program examining the complexities of South Africa from linguistic, literary, and historical perspectives, adding to the standard courses in English and the humanities.

- ONE OF THE ELEVEN
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF
SOUTH AFRICA -
HAS ITS ROOTS IN
17TH CENTURY

DUTCH

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES - CURRICULUM



BLY CALM
&
LEES
AFRIKAANS

The cultural diversity of the South[ern] African society, its fascinating and sad histories, dynamic politics and its vibrant literatures (two Nobel Prizes to boot) inform the content of the curriculum.

Students learn Afrikaans as a Foreign Language and when the opportunity arises are also introduced to one of the Bantu languages.

South African Literature, History, Cultural Studies and Reconciliation Studies add diversity and interest to our curriculum.

A man and a woman are standing in an office environment. The man on the left is wearing a light blue and white striped button-down shirt and a dark belt. The woman on the right is wearing a grey blazer over a light-colored collared shirt and is smiling broadly while holding a blue folder. The background is a blurred office space with other people.

ACQUIRE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

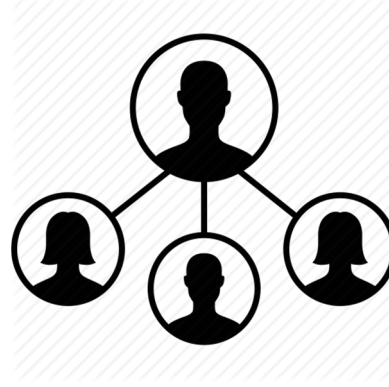
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SKILLS YOU LEARN



**TIME
MANAGEMENT**



NETWORKING



TEAM WORK



BUDGETING



COMMUNICATION



**PROJECT
MANAGEMENT**

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SKILLS YOU LEARN



- ✓ setting up & meeting deadlines
- ✓ student work + extra-curricular activities
- ✓ multitasking
- ✓ work organization
- ✓ planning
- ✓ proactive thinking



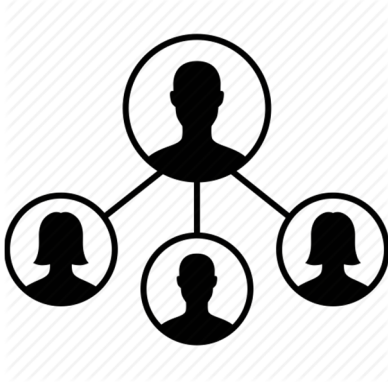
- ✓ finding sponsors
- ✓ gaining funds
- ✓ planning budget for 3rd year trip to South Africa



- ✓ initiating student projects
- ✓ working in teams
- ✓ understanding team potential
- ✓ cooperating across levels, geographies & cultures
- ✓ allocating tasks to team members

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SKILLS YOU LEARN



- ✓ hanging out
- ✓ connecting with people from collaborating institutions
- ✓ building lasting relationships with students & lecturers
- ✓ creating a network of meaningful connections for future cooperation

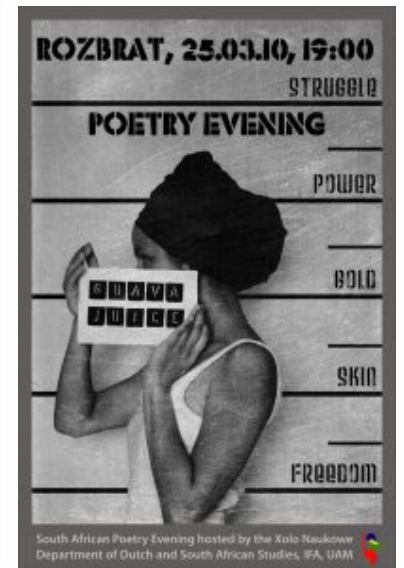


- ✓ communicating across cultures
- ✓ using a variety of tools for effective communication e.g. visual graphics for events
- ✓ co-creating the department's Facebook page and/or Instagram, Twitter



- ✓ leading student projects from end to end
- ✓ communicating with academic supervisors
- ✓ budgeting
- ✓ work planning
- ✓ setting up reasonable deadlines
- ✓ celebrating success

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES - STUDENTS



The specialization develops the students' critical and reflective thinking via exposure to various perspectives on the South African reality.

Internationally relevant issues are introduced within a specific cultural and historical context, inviting the students to develop their own opinions and worldviews.

Every year our third-year students embark on a tour to South Africa. The 2016 Chasing the Horizon Tour that took place in Feb'16 was amongst others sponsored by SA companies in Poland

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES - STUDENTS

1 GROUP

IN ALL OF POLAND

OF **BRIGHT-MINDED**
STUDENTS

BURDENED WITH

GLORIOUS PURPOSE

THEY SET OUT TO

EXPLORE

THE CHANGING FACE OF

South Africa



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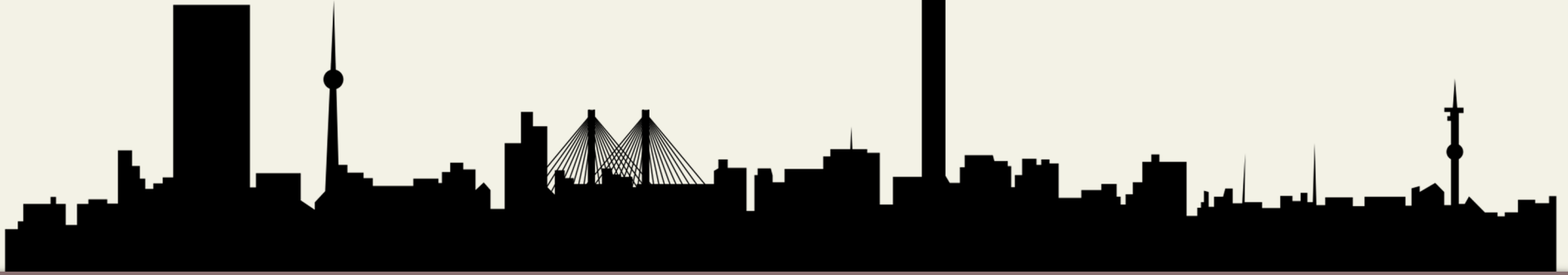


"We want our
students to get
engaged

&

co-create
this experience
with us"

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDIES + COLLABORATIONS



The Department collaborates with the South African Embassy situated in Warsaw and also with the SA Consul who is based in Poznań

Together they arrange various events like The South African Week in May in celebration of democracy in the country

The Department and *Africa Connect* arranged a lecture regarding intercultural dialogue

Our third-year students involved in *Afrykamera* film festival in Poznań

Department collaborates with numerous Afrikaans Departments in South Africa, often hosting guest lectures from academics and writers

Collaboration with Cultural Societies in South Africa (A.T.K.V. & Afriforum)

And many more...

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skills for growth



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