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Education:

PhD, Ancient Studies, Stellenbosch University, 2023- present

Proposed title: *Apuleius' Apologia and its literary inheritance: a play with the traditions of apology and autobiography*. (Advisor: Prof. Annemaré Kotzé).

MA, Ancient Studies, Stellenbosch University, 2020

Thesis: *Literary techniques and communicative aims in a selection of martyr narratives from the first three centuries C.E.* (Advisor: Prof. Annemaré Kotzé)

BAHons, cum laude, Classical Civilizations, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2016

BA, Classical Civilizations and History, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2015

Academic Employment:

Junior Lecturer, Department of Ancient Studies, Stellenbosch University 2021-present

Contract Junior Lecturer, Department of Biblical and Ancient Studies
(Classics Unit), University of South Africa (UNISA) 2018-2020

Tutor, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, University of
KwaZulu-Natal 2015-2016

Courses Taught:

As lecturer:

Stellenbosch University

Postgraduate, Honours: North Africa and the Intellectual Tradition

Undergraduate: Latin 178 (beginners Latin)

Ancient Cultures (Roman Women)

Ancient Cultures (Pompeii)

University of South Africa

Undergraduate: Ancient Roman history

Mythology in context
Roman society: myth and literature
Perspectives of Roman North Africa in antiquity
An introduction to ancient Greek grammar and syntax
(online).

As tutor:

University of KwaZulu-Natal

Undergraduate: Classical Civilizations 1A and 1B

Module Coordination:

Stellenbosch University

2022	Honours Programme North Africa and the Intellectual Tradition Roman Women
2023	Latin 178
2024	Latin 178

University of South Africa

2018-2020	Ancient Roman history Mythology in context Roman society: myth and literature Perspectives of Roman North Africa in antiquity An introduction to ancient Greek grammar and syntax (online).
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Research outputs:

Kotze, A and Kara, K. 2024. Title in progress.

Additional training / professional development:

Tutor training program, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics Tutor training programme, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2015

Online training courses for staff development, Centre for Professional Development, UNISA, 2018- 2020.

Managing yourself in Academia, Course presented by the Graduate School, Stellenbosch University, 2023

Research Open Day, Stellenbosch University, 2024

Academic community roles:

2024 – participation in planning committee for ancient studies departmental seminar series

2023 – member in the selection committee for the African Classical Network grant to Stellenbosch University

2021 – current, participation in various departmental work groups

2022, 2023 and 2024 - Assistance during Stellenbosch University Open day

2022, 2023 and 2024 – assistance with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences student registrations

Awards Received:

Stellenbosch University International Office Staff Mobility Scholarship, 2023

Stellenbosch University Department of Research and Development (DRD) travel grant, 2023

Rijksuniversiteit International Mobility Scholarship (Groningen University), 2023

William Robert Hartman Trust Bursary (University of Pretoria), 2018

Stellenbosch University Postgraduate Merit Bursary, 2017

University of KwaZulu-Natal Postgraduate Scholarship, 2016

School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics honours bursary (University of KwaZulu-Natal), 2016

NRF Honours Innovation Scholarship (University of KwaZulu-Natal), 2016

Golden Key Honour Society (University of KwaZulu-Natal), 2013

Professional affiliations:

African Classical Network (ACN), 2022 – present

National Research School in Classical Studies in the Netherlands (OIKOS), 2023 – present

International research visits:

Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands – 2023

I participated in a 3-month staff mobility trip to Groningen University.

Community Engagement:

Living Antiquities Project (Stellenbosch, 2021-2022) – I volunteered along with other staff members and students from the Department of Ancient Studies to teach Latin and Ancient cultures to learners from underprivileged communities. The project

aimed at fostering important graduate attributes in the participating students as well as to teach ancient cultures and languages in a way designed to bridge the cultural differences between participating learners, students and staff.

Ditsong Assist Museum Project (Pretoria, 2019) – Collaborated with other staff from UNISA to compile a digital friendly catalogue of Jan Smuts' personal library. I was apart of the team which undertook to examine all of the Classical works in the library along with any notes and/ or inscriptions which were found within the collection. The project is still ongoing with current members of staff from UNISA.

GetOn Skills Development Centre (Pretoria, 2018) – I volunteered along with other staff members from UNISA to assist in building a library collection for the GetOn Skills centre, which provides training to disadvantaged youth in Pretoria. The purpose of the GetOn Skills centre is to provide a number of accredited skill development programmes to previously disadvantaged people.

Scouts South Africa (2015-2022) – Active member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. As Assistant Pack Scouter, I organize weekly meetings for kids aged 7-10 yrs, focusing on social, mental and physical development through play.

References:

Professor Annemaré Kotzé (Academic mentor, and MA and PhD advisor)

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