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### Academic Qualifications

BA (UNISA) 1995  
BA (HONS) Archaeology WITS 1997  
MA Archaeology WITS 2003  
PHD Archaeology (Proposal stage) - UJ

### Employment History

*1991 – 30 September 2006*

**National Cultural History Museum (now Ditsong Museum of Cultural History)**

February 1991 to October 1994: Assistant in Collections Management Department.

1994 to 1998: Assistant Museum Scientist in the Research Department (Archaeology).

1998 to September 2006: Museum Scientist (Researcher: Archaeology) in the same department. Was the Curator of the Archaeology Collection at the Museum during this time period.

Anton resigned in September 2006 to conduct Cultural Heritage Consultancy work and research on a full-time basis.

## **Publications**

I have so-far published 30 articles in scientific and popular journals on archaeology and history, and have also been the author and co-author of nearly 550 unpublished reports on Heritage & Archaeological Impact Assessments, as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> phase Grave Exhumations and Archaeological Excavations and research work (including a number of Land Claims related projects over the last few years). I have also contributed a chapter on Archaeology in a book on the geology and history of the Vredefort Dome, compiled by the Geology Department of WITS University. This book was published and launched in conjunction with the proclamation of the Dome as the newest SA World Heritage Site during July/August 2005.

A complete list of publications will be given at the end of this document. A detailed list of unpublished reports can be provided if required.

## **CRM Accreditations (Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists)**

Principal Investigator for graves  
Principal Investigator for Iron Age and Colonial Period Archaeology  
Field Director for Stone Age

Professional Member of ASAPA (Association of Southern African Professional Archaeologists) and the South African Society of Cultural History (SASCH)  
Registered at Amafa (Kwa-Zulu Natal Heritage Authority) as CRM Practitioner

## **References**

Dr. Johnny van Schalkwyk – Head of Anthropology & Archaeology, Ditsong Museum of Cultural History – 076 790 6777

Prof. Marlize Lombard – UJ Anthropology and Development Studies – (011) 559 2859

### **Archaeological Excavations & Grave Relocation Projects – 1991 to 2012**

1. UNISA First Year Archaeology Field School – Emamweni & Goergap (Iron Age & Stone Age). 1991/2 - 2 weeks
2. UNISA Biblical Archaeology 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Field School – Tel Hazor. 1992/3 - 3 weeks
3. 1913-house Historical-Archaeological Excavations. Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum (with Anton van Vollenhoven). 2 weeks. Date: 1994/5.
- 4 Melrose House Historical-Archaeological Excavations (NCHM). 1 week. Date: 1995
5. Pioneer House Silverton Edwardian House Historical-Archaeological Excavation (with Anton van Vollenhoven). 1 week. Date: 1996.
6. Makgabeng/Blouberg Early Iron Age Excavations (with Dr.Johnny van Schalkwyk). 2 weeks. 1996?
7. Pienaarspoort British Fortification Historical-Archaeological Excavations (Honours Archaeology Project). Various weeks. 1995/6.
8. Hatherley Late Iron Age Excavations (NCHM). 1 week. 1995/6
9. Minnaarstreet Historical Midden Excavation (NCHM). 1 week. Date: 1997
10. Leloreng Late Iron Age Excavations (NCHM). 2 weeks. Date:
11. Askoppies (Vredefort Dome) Late Iron Age Excavations (M.A.Archaeology). Various weeks. 2000-2003.
12. Medunsa Late Iron Age Excavations (with Frank Teichert). Various weeks. 1997-2003?
13. Kroondal Iron Age Excavations (NCHM). 1 week. Date: ?
14. Steinaecker's Horse Historical-Archaeological Excavations (NCHM & Archaetnos). Kruger National Park. Various sites (2 weeks per year). 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005-2011.

15. Albasini Ruins (Archaetnos). Kruger National Park. 2 weeks. 2004.
16. Loskopdam Stone Age Archaeology (NCHM/PAST). 2002; 2004-2006. 6 weeks in total.
17. Bandelierkop/Capricorn Toll Plaza Iron Age Excavations (Archaetnos). 1 week. Date: 1998
18. De Gladdeklipklop (NCHM) Iron Age Excavations. 3 weeks. Dates: ?
19. Rietfontein (Kriel Colliery) Iron Age Excavations (NCHM). 2 weeks. Date: 2004/5.
20. Silver Lakes Late Iron Burial Excavation (NCHM). Date: 2003
21. Greylingstad Graves Exhumation (NCHM) with Frank Teichert. Date:?
22. Marikana Graves Exhumation (NCHM) with Frank Teichert. Date:?
23. Kromdraai/Landau Colliery Graves (NCHM) with Frank Teichert. Date: ?
24. Ogies/Klipspruit Colliery Graves (NCHM) with Frank Teichert. Date: ?
25. Khutala and Optimum Colliery Graves (Archaetnos). Dates: 2004
26. Annlin Graves (Archaetnos). Date: 2004/5
27. Hoekfontein Late Iron Age Excavations (NCHM): 2 weeks. 1999/2000
28. Nandoni Dam Iron Age Excavations (NCHM). 1 week. 1999/2000
29. Letsitele Iron Age Excavations (NCHM). 1 week. 1999/2000.

#### **Archaetnos Projects 2005-2012**

30. Steenkoolspruit/Kleinkopje Graves Exhumation: 2005
31. Blesbokfontein Graves (Optimum Collieries): 2005
32. Goedehoop Colliery Graves: 2006
33. Apel Early Iron Age Excavations. 1 week: 2006
34. The Rest (Nelspruit) Graves: 2007
- 35: Doornrug Colliery Graves: 2007

36. Kleinkopje Graves (Ingwe Colliery): 2007
37. Brynterion Historical-Archaeological Excavations: 2007
38. Zwartkops Historical-Archaeological Excavations: 2007
39. Zeerust Historical Graves: 2007
40. Mmakau Late Iron Age Excavations and Reconstruction: 2007/8 (6 months)
41. Douglas Colliery Late Iron, Historical Excavations & rebuilding: 2008
42. Douglas Colliery Graves Exhumation: 2008
43. Happyland Early Iron Age Excavations: 2008
44. Klipgat Police Station Iron Age Burials: 2008
45. Norwesco Colliery (Delmas) Graves: 2008
46. Wemmershuis (Belfast) Historical Graves: 2008
47. Koni Stone Walled Site Excavations (Lydenburg): 2009
48. Klippan Colliery Graves: 2009
49. Paardekraal Historical Mine Graves: 2009
50. Hatherley (Nelmapius Ext 22) Late Iron Age Excavations: 2009
51. Siyabuswa Graves: 2009
52. Optimum Colliery Graves: 2009
53. Vuna Colliery Graves: 2009
54. Dorstfontein Colliery Graves: 2009 & 2010
55. Goedgevonden Colliery Graves: 2009-2012
56. Mafube Colliery Graves: 2009; 2011 & 2012
57. Praktiseer (Burgersfort) Early Iron Age: 2010
58. NBC Glisa (Belfast) Graves: 2010

59. Skychrome (Marikana) Late Iron Age Assessment: 2010
  60. Erasmuskasteel Late Iron Age Burial: 2010
  61. Sylvania Lannex Stone Age Mapping & Sampling: 2010
  62. Hatherley (Wildebeestfontein Powerline) Late Iron Age Excavations: 2011
  63. Kleinfontein Colliery Graves: 2011
  64. Zaaiwater Graves (Tweefontein Colliery): 2011
  65. Crown Mines Historical Graves: 2011
  66. Crown Mines Historical Midden Excavations: 2011
  67. Wemmershuis (Belfast) Coach House Historical-Archaeological Excavations: 2011
  68. Pampoennek Blockhouse Historical-Archaeological Excavations: 2011
  69. Kenhardt/Klein Zwart Bast Stone Age Mapping & Sampling: 2012
  70. Ikwezi Doornkop Colliery (Dannhauser) Stone Age Mapping & Sampling: 2012
  71. Kennedy's Vale (Steelpoort) Graves: 2012
  72. Bethlehem Graves: 2012
  73. Secunda (Holgatsfontein) Graves: 2012
  74. Paling 434 (Postmasburg) Historical Graves: 2012
  75. Fairview Mine (Barberton) Iron Age Excavations: 2012
  76. Lanseria Graves: 2012
  77. Paling 434 (Postmasburg) Historical-Archaeological Excavations: 2012
  78. Paling 434 (Postmasburg) Stone Age Mapping & Sampling: 2012
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79. Booyendal Iron Age Burial: 2012

- 80. Bergville Blockhouse Historical-Archaeological Excavations: 2012
- 81. Braamhoek/Ingula Graves (with J.van der Walt): 2012
- 82. Midrand (Waterval Estate) Graves: 2012
- 83. Lafarge Quarry (Polokwane) Iron Age Burials Rescue and Excavations: 2012

**A total of 40 Grave Exhumation, Relocation and Investigation Projects, 6 Stone Age, 27 Iron Age & 19 Historical-Archaeological Excavation projects are represented.**

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