

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Tertiary

- 2011 Continued Professional Development Course in Urban Conservation Management (University of Cape Town) Part I and Part II
- 2010 M.Sc. with Distinction in Archaeology (University of Cape Town)
Title: *Palaeoecology of the KBS member of the Koobi Fora Formation: Implications for Pleistocene Hominin Behaviour.*
- 2007 B.Sc. Honours in Archaeology (University of Cape Town)
Title: *The Lost Tribes of the Peninsula: An Investigation into the historical distribution of Chacma baboons (*Papio ursinus*) at the Cape Peninsula, South Africa.*
Koobi Fora Field School, Rutgers University (U.S.A.)/ National Museums of Kenya
- 2006 B.Sc. Archaeology (University of Cape Town)
B.Sc. Environmental and Geographic Science (University of Cape Town)

Secondary

- 1999-2003 Rustenburg High School for Girls
Firsts in English, Afrikaans, Mathematics HG, Biology HG, History HG, Entrepreneurship.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Environmental and Heritage Management:

- **Director: Heritage for CTS heritage and member of OpenHeritage NPC.**

July 2016 to present

I am a member of the senior management of the company. I am responsible for project management and quality control on all of our heritage-related projects. I provide specialist heritage expertise when required and assist with the drafting of management plans, NIDs, heritage impact assessments and other specialist heritage reports. I liaise with clients, authorities and other specialists to ensure the highest quality product from CTS Heritage. I manage the budgets and financial compliance for all our projects and for the business in general. I also manage the staff in the Heritage Directorate.

I have been involved in developing the online map for the National Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route with DAC, contributing to the Stellenbosch Municipal Heritage Survey (SMHS) among other large-scale projects. The SMHS won an award in 2019. In addition to the SMHS, I have also worked on Municipal Inventories in terms of section 30 of the NHRA within the City of

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Cape Town as well as in Saldanha Bay Municipality and Greyton. I have also assisted in drafting the World Heritage Nomination for the “Origins of Modern Humans” serial nomination. In addition, between 2016 and 2020 I have completed over 100 Heritage Impact Assessments, Archaeological Impact Assessments and Heritage Screening Assessments across South Africa.

Through OpenHeritage, I have been intimately involved with the development, and successful implementation of a digital heritage objects management system for the National Museum in Kenya as well as Tristan da Cunha. We are in the process of rolling out the same system to the new Lesotho National Museum.

- ***Assistant Director for Policy, Research and Planning at Heritage Western Cape (HWC).***

August 2014 to June 2016

As a member of the management structure of HWC, I was responsible for the drafting of new heritage related policy, the grading and declaration of Provincial Heritage Sites, the development of Conservation Management Plans, facilitating the development of inventories of heritage resources through local authorities as well as managing the development of the Western Cape’s Heritage Information Management System (HIMS). I was also responsible for managing the project to nominate the Modern Human Origins proposed World Heritage Site.

In this position, on behalf of HWC I engaged with DEADP regarding the development of a Standard Operation Procedure in terms of section 38(8) of the NHRA. Furthermore, I engaged with the CoCT and other Local Authorities in terms of the process around the delegation of powers in terms of the NHRA.

I performed the role of Acting Deputy Director for HWC from April to December 2015, including financial management responsibilities, staff management responsibilities, problem solving and the training of new staff.

- ***Heritage Officer for Palaeontology and for the Mpumalanga Province at the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).***

January 2013 to June 2014

Responsibilities in this position included managing palaeontological permit applications in terms of Section 35 of the NHRA and development applications in terms of Section 38 of the NHRA. Projects included the development of a National Palaeotechnic Report identifying significant palaeontological deposits throughout SA, as well as developing professional relationships between SAHRA and the Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA) and the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA). During this time, I was part of the team that developed the digitised National Palaeontological Sensitivity Map, the first of its kind in the world.

- ***Heritage Officer for Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites at Heritage Western Cape (HWC).***

September 2010 to December 2012

HWC is a Public Entity that forms part of the Heritage Resource Management Component of the Provincial Governments’ Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS). Projects included the declaration of Pinnacle Point and the West Coast Fossil Park as Provincial Heritage Sites (PHSs), the management of the development of the Baboon Point PHS Conservation Management Plan as well as an educational outreach program as part of the DCAS MOD Centre Project.

- ***Heritage Officer for the Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit of the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) as part of a three month contract.***

January 2010 to March 2010

Field Work Experience:

2016-present	Various archaeological and heritage field assessments for specialist archaeological assessments and heritage impact assessments
2010-2016	Various archaeological and heritage field assessments on behalf of HWC and SAHRA
2008-2009	Field Assistant, Dr. D. Braun, Elandsfontein Excavation Locality, University of Cape Town (UCT)
	Field Assistant, Dr. D. Braun, Koobi Fora Research Project (Kenya), Rutgers University, New Jersey
2006	Field Assistant, Damiana Ravasi (PhD), Zoology Department, University of Cape Town.
2005	Research Assistant, Dr. Becky Ackerman, Archaeology Department, University of Cape Town
2004	Field Assistant, Prestwich Place Excavation Locality, Archaeology Contracts Office, UCT

Teaching Positions:

2020	Guest Lecturer, Introduction to South African Heritage Legislation, UCT MPhil: Conservation of the Built Environment
	Guest Lecturer, Introduction to South African Heritage Legislation, Rhodes University: Post Graduate Diploma in Heritage
2019	Guest Lecturer, Introduction to South African Heritage Legislation, UCT MPhil: Conservation of the Built Environment
2017	Guest Lecturer, South African Heritage Legislation, George Washington University Heritage Management Field School
2016	Guest Lecturer, South African Heritage Legislation, Archaeology Honours Course, University of Cape Town
2015	Guest Lecturer, South African Heritage Legislation, Archaeology Honours Course, University of Cape Town
2014	Guest Lecturer, South African Heritage Legislation, Archaeology Honours Course, University of Cape Town
2013	Guest Lecturer, South African Heritage Legislation, Archaeology Honours Course, University of Cape Town
2010	Teaching Assistant, Langebaanweg Field School, Arizona State University
2009	Demonstrator, Archaeology in Practice, University of Cape Town (AGE3013H)
	Demonstrator, Introduction to Geography, Earth and Environmental Science, University of Cape Town (GEO1009F)
	Teaching Assistant, Koobi Fora Field School (Kenya), Rutgers University, New Jersey
	Lecturer, Introduction to Geography, Earth and Environmental Science: Supplementary Course, University of Cape Town (EGS1004S)
	Demonstrator, Elandsfontein Honours Field School, University of Cape Town (AGE4000W)
2008	Demonstrator, Introduction to Geography, Earth and Environmental Science, University of Cape Town (ERT1000F)

Conferences and Papers

- 2019 ASAPA, Kimerley, RSA: *"Interactive Online Mapping: Using innovative technologies to communicate the significance and relevance of archaeological sites"*
- 2017 ASAPA, Pretoria, RSA: *"Using Heritage Data to Guide Responsible Development: Tools to ensure high quality recording of heritage sites"*
ICAHM, Bagomoyo, Tanzania: *"OpenHeritage: Development and implementation of national heritage management systems - Lessons from South Africa, Namibia and Kenya"*
- 2016 ICAHM, Salalah, Oman: *"Straight to the (Baboon) Point: A look at the Conservation of Archaeological Landscapes in South Africa using Baboon Point as a Case Study"*
- 2015 Leakey Foundation, Sonoma County, San Francisco, USA: *"Straight to the (Baboon) Point: A look at the Conservation of Archaeological Landscapes in South Africa using Baboon Point as a Case Study"*
- 2012 PSSA, Johannesburg, RSA: *"SAHRIS Palaeosensitivity Map - Methodology and Implementation"*

Other

In 2013 I was asked to join the panel of judges for the Ministerial awards for Heritage in the Western Cape. From 2013 to 2014, I was a member of the Heritage Western Cape Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Committee and I currently sit on the Heritage Western Cape Inventories, Gradings and Interpretations Committee, and have been since 2016.

In November 2013, I was awarded a bursary from the Department of Arts and Culture to complete a Masters in Philosophy in Conservation of the Built Environment through the UCT Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment in 2014 and 2015. I was in the process of finalising this degree in 2017, however the birth of my son has halted my progress.

I am a paid up member of the Association for Southern African Professional Archaeologists (ASAPA), the Association of Professional Heritage Practitioners (APHP) and I have been a member of the Executive Council of APHP since 2014.

In June 2017, I was selected as Chair of APHP, a position that I currently hold. I am a member of the Palaeontological Society of South Africa (PSSA) and ICOMOS South Africa, for which I am Vice-President of the Board. I am also a member of the International Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM), a committee of UNESCO.

I am an active participant in a not-for-profit company called OpenHeritage which is dedicated to opening access to heritage resources through digital innovation. To this end, we have been involved in a number of projects including Wikipedias Training with Africa Centre, the development and implementation of a Collections Management System for the National Museums of Kenya and the development of a digital Inventory of the Vernacular Architecture of the Eastern Cape.

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