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CONTACT DETAILS

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Race : African

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Professional Summary

I am a dedicated and versatile professional with experience in academic tutoring and administrative support. Proven ability to assist students in achieving academic success through personal guidance and subject expertise. Skilled in managing office tasks, coordinating schedules, and maintaining efficient workflow in administrative roles. Recognized for strong communication skills, a proactive attitude, and a commitment to excellence. Adaptable, dependable, and consistently focused on delivering high-quality results in both educational and administrative settings.

As an academic Philosophy tutor at the University of Johannesburg, I tutored a range of undergraduate courses within the Department of Philosophy. These included *Introduction to Philosophy* for first-year students, *Accountancy and Business Ethics*, *Engineering Ethics*, and *Moral Philosophy*. In addition, I also tutored *Teaching Studies 3A* for third-year students in the Faculty of Education.

Area of Specialization

- African Traditional Medicine
- Philosophy of Medicine (esp. health and disease debates and nature of medicine)
- Philosophy of Public Health (esp. the concept of health and disease within public health, the metaphysics and ethics of public health, and the decolonization of public health)

Area of Competency

- Social and Political Philosophy (esp. theories of justice)
 - African Philosophy (esp. metaphysics and value theories)
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EDUCATION

Feb 2026

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Philosophy, *University of Johannesburg*

Status: In progress

Supervisor: Prof. Benjamin Smart

Feb 2023 – Oct 2025

Master of Arts in Philosophy (CW), Philosophy, *University of Johannesburg*

Status: Completed with Distinction (Cum Laude)

Coursework: Philosophy: Research Essay; Philosophy of Science; Select Topic - Identity Politics; Applied Ethics; Continental Philosophy

Minor dissertation title: Towards a Southern African-centered Account of Mental Disorders

Supervisor: Prof. Benjamin Smart

Co-Supervisor: Prof. Chadwin Harris

Feb 2022 – Dec 2022

Bachelor of Arts Honours (BA Hons.), Philosophy, *University of Johannesburg*

Status: Completed

Coursework: Research Essay: Philosophy; African Philosophy; Philosophy of Arts; Metaphysics; Select Author

Research essay title: The South African Freedom Charter is a liberal egalitarian document

Supervisor: Prof. Hennie Lötter

Feb 2018 – Dec 2020

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Politics, Philosophy & Economics, *University of South Africa*

Status: Completed

EXPERIENCE

July 2025 – Present

Research Assistant (part-time), *Centre for Philosophy of Epidemiology, Medicine, and Public Health, University of Johannesburg*

Responsibilities:

I regularly search for the latest publications by Research Associates (RAs) online, initiate and maintain email correspondence with them to request their work, and follow up when necessary. Once received, I upload their publications to the University of Johannesburg's OROSS portal to ensure accurate and up-to-date publication records.

June 2022 – June 2025

Student/Administrative Assistant (part-time), *University of Johannesburg*

Responsibilities:

I provided office support through data entry, record-keeping, printing, copying, and scanning documents, as well as assisting undergraduate and postgraduate students with their queries. I also handled incoming calls, directed them appropriately, and maintained an organized filing system. Other administrative duties involved organizing office supplies, along with performing additional tasks as assigned by the line manager and office manager.

Feb 2025 – May 2025

Education Studies 3A Tutor (part-time), *University of Johannesburg*

Responsibilities:

I assisted students (Faculty of Education) with course content, provided feedback on tutorial assessments, facilitated discussion sessions, and graded assigned assessments. Posted relevant announcements on Blackboard and Moodle online learning platforms, and supported the lecturer with administrative tasks, including attendance tracking.

Feb 2022 – June 2024

Academic Philosophy Tutor (part-time), *University of Johannesburg*

Responsibilities:

I assisted students (Department of Philosophy) with course content, provided feedback on tutorial assessments, facilitated discussion sessions, and graded assigned assessments. Posted relevant announcements on Blackboard and Moodle online learning platforms, and supported the lecturer with administrative tasks, including attendance tracking.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FUNDING

National Research Foundation General Doctoral Scholarship (2026 – 2028).

University of Johannesburg M&D Merit Bursary (<75%) (2026).

University of Johannesburg Postgraduate Supervisor-Linked Bursary (2022 – 2024).

University of Johannesburg International Tutor Training Program Certification (Levels 2 and 3).

Certification for serving with distinction as a tutor (2022 – 2024).

Certification for serving with distinction as a student/administrative assistant (2022 – 2024)

University of Johannesburg Honours Bursary (2022)

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

- **Peer reviewer:** Phronimon, UNISA Press Journals.
 - **Reviewer for rating applications:** National Research Foundation (NRF), Republic of South Africa.
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATION

- The Centre for Philosophy of Epidemiology, Medicine, and Public Health (CPEMPH), University of Johannesburg

PUBLICATIONS

- Hlengwa, N. 2026. A Southern African-centred account of mental disorder. *Inkanyiso* 18(1), a202. <https://doi.org/10.4102/ink.v18i1.202>
- Hlengwa, N. 2026. The nature, goal, and core business of African Traditional Medicine: An account for a Southern African context. *Philosophy of Medicine* (In press).

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

04/2026 – Nominated respondent to Professor Benjamin Smart’s book: “The Philosophy of Public Health: A Capacities Approach.” African Centre for Epidemiology and Philosophy of Science (ACEPS). University of Johannesburg [In-person].

09/2024 – Invited Talk: “The Southern African-centered Account of Mental Disorders.” African Centre for Epidemiology and Philosophy of Science (ACEPS) Reflection Series: Health in African Philosophy. University of Johannesburg [Hybrid].

SKILLS

Tutoring	Critical thinking	Written and Verbal
Communication	Office and Telephone etiquette	Initiative
Organizing	Problem-solving	Mentoring
Microsoft Office	Computer literacy	Research
Administration	Presentation	Assisting
Moodle	Marking	Computer literacy
Attention to detail	Interpersonal skills	

REFERENCES

Available upon request