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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, February 2023–November 2023

University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg South Africa

Research Assistant to Professor Veli Mitova in the African Centre for Epistemology and the Philosophy of Science (ACEPS)

Duties: Supporting the project lead, organising conferences, colloquiums and various research activities, input research associates' publications, editing, and research work for projects, grant, and proposal writing.

Content Researcher and Writer, July 18, 2022-February 28, 2023

Top Agency LLC, Remote Work

Research and write scholarships and university related content for Scholaroo, which is a platform of Top Agency. As well as research verification for other online platforms of Top Agency, such as Wise Voter and National Today.

Duties: Research to gather up-to-date information for various websites of Top Agency. Gather and organise data and research for writing content. Search Engine Optimization research on competitors for Scholaroo. Copywriting and editing content for Scholaroo website.

Assistant Project Manager, November 2021-March 2022

SB Morgen Intelligence, Part-Time Remote Work

Assistant project manager on a research project by Purpose and Oxford Intelligence Institute on Covid-19 and Covid-19 vaccination misinformation in South Africa.

Duties: Research and administrative duties for the SBM Intel Research Team to contribute to the research analysis, including exporting chats, monitoring, writing reports and other related duties as assigned by project manager, and research leader.

Research Assistant, January 2020–December 2021

University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg South Africa

Research Assistant to Dr. Josien Reijer in the [Geography of Philosophy Project \(GoPP\)](#).

Duties: Transcribing recorded/audio interviews, translating lengthy documents and texts from isiZulu to English, aiding with administrative tasks related to the GoPP research, preparing reports.

Department Tutor, February 2019-November 2021

University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg South Africa

Tutored the following courses to first year students at the Department of Philosophy: Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Race and Racism, African Metaphysics, Philosophy of Medicine and Health and Gender and Political Philosophy.

Tutored the following courses to second year students at the Department of Philosophy: Value Theory, African Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy and Metaphysics and Epistemology.

Duties: Facilitating discussions and debates for first year tutorials, consultations with students on coursework, training and assisting students with academic writing, philosophical writing and reading. Assisting students with essay writing and editing. Marking essay assignments, grading test, and recording student grades. In this role I assist first year students with learning, writing, and studying at university level but also help them understand course content and subject.

EDUCATION

University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

Master's (Philosophy) by coursework, January 2020–December 2021

Minor Dissertation Topic: “African Indigenous Languages and Epistemic Oppression” supervised by Professor Veli Mitova and Mrs Dimpho-Takane Maponya of University of Johannesburg

Relevant Coursework for Master's by Coursework: African philosophy, Philosophy of Art, Continental Philosophy and Eastern Philosophy.

University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

Honour's degree in Philosophy, January 2019–November 2019

Research Topic: “Ubuntu: An Antirealist Meta-ethical Theory” supervised by Professor Benjamin Smart of University of Johannesburg

Relevant Coursework: Applied Ethics, Hermeneutics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language and Research Essay Module.

University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

BA Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), January 2016 – December 2018

Relevant Coursework: Politics, Philosophy, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Development Studies, English for Academic Writing.

Norkem Park High School, Johannesburg, South Africa

National Senior Certificate, 2015

School Subjects: English Home Language, Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal, Business Studies, History, Accounting, and Life Orientation.

SKILLS

Languages

- English – Bilingual proficiency
- isiZulu – Advanced proficiency
- Afrikaans - Limited working proficiency

Technical Skills

- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office Packages (MS Word, MS PowerPoint, and MS Excel).
- Advanced research writing and reporting
- Transcribing recorded/audio files from English to isiZulu.
- Translating lengthy documents from English to isiZulu.
- Strong presentation and verbal communication skills
- Transcribing minutes for a meeting.
- Administrative experiences in research
- DHET publication submissions and research management
- Assist in drafting research reports, summaries, and presentations
- Understanding of ethics in research practices involving human participants
- Website content writing, research, and editing

- Social media content marketing
- Code 08 Drivers License.
- Data Research and Management.

Soft Skills

- Excellent analytical skills
- Problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Interpersonal skills: Individual and team oriented.
- Excellent time management and organisational skills.
- Great written and oral communication skills.
- Self-motivated with strong ability to work under pressure
- Fast learner and adaptive.
- Creativity

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

Kubeka, N.Z. (17 January 2024). “Linguistic Justice as an Epistemic Reparation”. In person presentation given at the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa (PSSA) 2024 at Stellenbosch University.

Kubeka, N.Z. (09 October 2023). “Linguistic Justice as an Epistemic Reparation”. In person presentation given at the Philosophy through Indigenous Knowledge in the Global South Workshop

Kubeka, N.Z. (20 July 2023). “Linguistic Justice and Epistemic Reparations”. In-person presentation given at a WIP Workshop (ACEPS)

Tutorial course presentations (February 2019-Oct 2021) topics covered Critical Thinking and Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Race and Racism, Political Philosophy and Ethics, Philosophy of Science and Medicine, Introduction to Metaphysics and African Metaphysics.

Kubeka, N.Z. (12 Apr. 2019). “Ubuntu, an anti-realist metaethical theory”. Paper presented at the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference (PSSA 2019). Pretoria, South Africa.

Kubeka, N.Z (17 Sep.2019). “Epistemic Marginalisation in Academia”. Poster Presentation for the Epistemic Injustice Course.

Kubeka, N.Z. (19 Sep. 2019). “Ubuntu, an anti-realist metaethical theory”. Paper presented at the Postgraduate Philosophy Association conference (PPA 2019). Johannesburg, South Africa.

Kubeka, N.Z. (11 Oct. 2019). “Ubuntu, an anti-realist ethical theory”. Paper presented at the Wits and UJ Honours presentation day.

REFERENCES

Prof. Veli Mitova – Professor in Philosophy and Director of the African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science at the University of Johannesburg. I worked as a research assistant for Professor Veli in 2023.

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Ms Nicole van der Scholtz – Content Team Lead for Scholaroo at Top Agency. I worked as a content researcher and writer on her team.

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Dr. Chad Harris – Senior Lecturer and Head of Department of the Philosophy Department at the University of Johannesburg. Dr Harris lectured the Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking course to first year students in 2020 and 2021. I tutored and helped facilitate this course in my role as a tutor. Moreover, I was a postgraduate student in the MA Coursework in African Philosophy in which Dr Harris facilitated.

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Dr. Dimpho Maponyana Takane – Assistant Lecturer in the Philosophy Department at the University of Johannesburg. I tutored and helped facilitate one of her courses in my role as a tutor. She also co-supervised me for my MA research degree.

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