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Dr Hamilton Mphidi



Currently the Director of the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) at the University of Johannesburg. With over 20 years' experience in innovation and technology transfer, Dr Mphidi held various positions from institutions such as Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), University of Pretoria (UP) and entities such as Sasol, Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC) and the U.S. Embassy. He holds a PhD in Information Science from the School of Information Technology, University of Pretoria and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Finland.

He serves on several innovation bodies, including Southern African Research & Innovation Management Association (SARIMA), National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) 's Technical Committee on National Science, Technology and Innovation Information Portal (NSTIIP) and he previously served at Board of South African Library for the Blind. His field of expertise include Innovation management, intellectual property, technology entrepreneurship, information management, information and incubation support and law and corporate governance. He is also a Convenor of the Gauteng Technology Transfer Forum.

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Damilare Oyedele

Co-Founder and Chief Executive of Library Aid Africa, is a Librarypreneur with over a decade of experience in the library ecosystem in Africa and the global library field. He focuses on leveraging digital technology and community engagement approaches to transforming libraries into key drivers of sustainable development. His work spans capacity building, innovative design, data-driven advocacy, policy, and research, enhancing libraries to contribute meaningfully to education, innovation, and inclusive communities. Under his leadership, Library Aid Africa has reached over 22 African countries, working collaboratively with in-country library partners.



Over the years, Damilare has been actively engaged in implementing programmes to improve library usage, strengthen advocacy for libraries, enhance the capacity of young library professionals, and build multi-stakeholder partnerships and collaborations. These efforts have highlighted the strategic need for a more dynamic approach to promoting libraries and the contributions they can make to society.

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Dr Amogelang Molaudzi

Dr. Molaudzi began his career in 2019 at the University of Limpopo, working in the e-learning department and Limpopo CoLab as a Facilitator. In this role, he conducted computer literacy training for first-year and final-year students, as well as basic computer skills training for unemployed youth and educators.

In 2020, he was appointed as a Junior Lecturer in the Programme of Information Studies at the University of Limpopo, teaching first-year students. Since 2021, he has also served as a Part-time Lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal's College of Health Sciences, where he lectures both first year and postgraduate students.

Additionally, he worked as an Information Management and System Administrator at The Mvula Trust, Limpopo branch. Currently, Dr. Molaudzi holds a senior lecturer position and serves as programme coordinator at the University of Limpopo in the Programme of Information Studies. Since August 2021, he has been lecturing, coordinating practicum programmes for undergraduates, and supervising postgraduate students.



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Dr PP Ntshuntshe-Matshaya

Dr Pateka Ntshuntshe-Matshaya is a Chief Executive Officer for the South African Library for the Blind that has 284 mini libraries across the nine (9) provinces. She hails from leading six university libraries (WSU, UWC, Limpopo, Free State, Eastern Cape Technikon) as a Director and an Executive Director with 41 years of library practice, with 30 years of them in senior management positions.

She holds a PhD in library science (UWC) focusing on library quality measurement and assessment criteria, Masters degree (UNITRA) in library user education assessment and Honours (UKZN) in library lending dynamics and fine-free week.



Dr P, as she is casually known, has mentored and coached numerous library leaders and directors while also presenting over 20 conference papers using a blended approach that includes case studies and empirical studies at both national and international conferences. She served as a Chairperson and a Secretary of CHELSA, chaired the EC Library Regional Council, SALB Board for 2 months and various structures for DSAC (the CEO's forum, the Social Cohesion Round Table, DSAC Publishing hub panelist, Editorial Board for the LIASA journal and the member of the Museums, Heritage and Libraries workstream on audience development).

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Sibongiseni Mrwashu

Sibongiseni Mrwashu is an accomplished academic librarian and advocate for digital scholarship with expertise in research services, legal information, and open knowledge. She graduated from the University of Cape Town in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science, Atmospheric Science, and Oceanography, followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Science in 2014, and has completed an LLB degree.

Her professional experience includes work at the Southern African Legal Information Institution (SAFLII), an online legal library dedicated to open access and digital information sharing.

She has also served as a librarian for the City of Cape Town, where she developed leadership and community engagement skills. In 2018, she joined Stellenbosch University as a Law Librarian. Currently, as Senior Librarian for Research Services and Digital Scholarship, projects related to research visibility, bibliometrics, open access, and data management, contributing significantly to digital innovation in academic libraries. Her professional achievements include winning the Early Career Librarian Competition at the 2019 SANLiC Conference, presenting at both the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) and the International Conference on Information Literacy (ICIL), and being the LIASA Librarian of the Year 2024/2025.

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Ronel Mouton

Ronel Mouton is the Deputy Director of the Regional Organisation in the Western Cape Library Service, which looks after the professional support, training and liaising with Public Libraries in the Western Cape.

She has written the Norms and Standards for the Western Cape in collaboration with Library Managers, as well as the Inter Library Loan Policy, the Library Membership Guidelines, the Guidelines for Satellite and Depot Libraries, The ICT Guidelines for Public Libraries, Standard Operating Procedures for Regional Libraries etc. She has been working in the Western Cape Library Service for 28 years after a start in a Public Library in the Cape.

She has been facilitating online Library Manager meetings to inform, discuss and motivate Managers of Library Services in the 25 Municipalities for 5 years, and believes in the connecting of role players to get more done with less, and to be encouraged with innovation and fresh ideas.



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Dr Mashilo Modiba

Dr Mashilo Modiba is a Senior Lecturer at the University of South Africa (UNISA), in the Department of Information Science. His doctoral research focused on "Utilising Artificial Intelligence Technology for the Management of Records at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in South Africa."

Dr. Modiba's expertise extends to various facets of Information Science, such as archives, records management, and library services. As an active participant in academic and professional circles, Dr. Modiba has contributed significantly to the advancement of knowledge and practices within his field.

He was privileged to be a resident at the Faberllul Olot Residency on Artificial Intelligence and Archives in April 2023, hosted in Spain in Olot and Girona. With a passion for sharing knowledge, Dr. Modiba frequently participates as a guest speaker in workshops, seminars, symposiums, and conferences on emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud Computing, Blockchain, Big data technology in the context of LIS. He is recognised internationally, having presented papers in various countries including Hong Kong, Rome, Gaborone, Olot, Girona, Louisiana, and Abu Dhabi. Beyond academic pursuits, he is also an author, having penned the motivational book titled, "From Agony to Glory – A Journey of Perseverance" and "Battles that Elicit My Inner Power".

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Pierre Malan

Director Client Services at Sabinet, with over 33 years at the institution, I have built extensive experience across various facets of the organisation and the broader information industry. I began my journey as an IT and Network Specialist and have since been involved in diverse areas of Sabinet's operations. In my current role, I oversee all customer-facing functions, including sales, support, training, and implementation, ensuring that our clients receive seamless and impactful service delivery.

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Bronwyn Rassmann

Bronwyn Rassmann has been a valued member of EBSCO Information Services team for the past 17 years, currently serving as the Director of Software-as-a-Service Innovation. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Marketing Management from the University of Johannesburg. Throughout her tenure, Bronwyn has been instrumental in driving advancements in discovery systems, library systems and content accessibility across the African market. Her deep market insight and innovative approach have consistently driven impactful solutions across the industry.

Outside of her professional work, Bronwyn is a mom to two gorgeous children. She enjoys running, reading, and design.

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Raymond Chepkwony

Raymond Chepkwony is an Information and Knowledge Management Professional with over 10 years' experience in libraries, digital repositories, and e-content platforms. He serves as Principal Librarian – Virtual Library at the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS), where he leads policy development, digital content acquisition, and knowledge-sharing initiatives. Beyond his institutional work, Raymond is an active Wikimedian, contributing to global campaigns such as 1Lib1Ref, Months of African Cinema, and serving as a Wikipedian in Residence on misinformation.

His passion lies in bridging traditional library services with open digital platforms to enhance access, reliability, and integrity of knowledge.

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Purity Kavuri

Purity Kavuri is an accomplished information professional with over 25 years of experience in library and information services. She holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) and a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science (BLIS). Purity is a passionate advocate for innovation and digital transformation in libraries. She is recognised as a trailblazer in Kenya and beyond. She is an alumna of the INELI Sub-Saharan Africa (INELI SSAf) leadership programme and currently serves as a member of both the IFLA Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Committee and the IFLA National Libraries (NATLIB) Professional Section Standing Committee.

At present, Purity heads the WebCat and Publishing Department at the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS), where she leads initiatives in bibliographic control, digital publishing, and the integration of emerging technologies in library operations. Her professional journey reflects a strong commitment to advancing access to information, promoting innovation, and shaping the future of libraries in the digital era.