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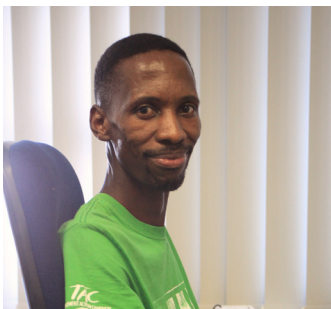


ABOUT THE CSSR



The **Centre for Social Science Research (CSSR)** is an interdisciplinary research centre at the University of Cape Town dedicated to conducting and building capacity for systematic, policy-relevant social science research in South Africa, the region, and across Africa.

The CSSR presently consists of three research units – the Sustainable Societies Research Unit (SSU), the Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU) and the AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU) – as well as individual researchers and a small directorate. The heads of the three research units report on their units' research activities through the Director of the CSSR to the Dean of Humanities. The CSSR is governed by a Management Committee, which in 2013 comprised Profs Jeremy Seekings, Robert Mattes and Nicoli Nattrass, Associate Professor Rajen Govender, and Drs Beatrice Conradie, Elena Moore and Pedro Wolf.



The CSSR is also guided by an Advisory Board that meets once per year, and was chaired (in 2013) by the Dean of the Humanities Faculty, Prof Paula Ensor. The other members of the Advisory Board were: Profs Don Foster (Deputy Dean of Humanities, Research), Annette Seegers (Political Studies) and Martin Wittenberg (Economics and DataFirst); Assoc. Profs David Cooper (Sociology), Floretta Boonzaier (Psychology), Ingrid Woolard (Economics and SALDRU) and Elrena van der Spuy (Criminology); and, ex officio, the directors of the CSSR and its constituent research units.

Methodologically, CSSR research is empirical, but problem-driven. While we utilise both quantitative and qualitative strategies of data collection, our work is based on systematic research designs with clear conceptualisation of variables and transparent rules for operationalising variables, selecting cases, and collecting and analysing data analysis (in contrast to ad hoc fact collection or narrative description). We attach particular importance to bridging disciplines and methods.



CSSR projects are usually team-oriented, bringing together multiple local and international researchers, and offering post-graduate students significant opportunities for hands-on training by involving them in all stages of projects. Research findings are presented and discussed at regular weekly seminars and published as CSSR Working Papers.

The CSSR works closely with UCT's DataFirst Resource Unit, which was founded as part of the CSSR before becoming a university facility. DataFirst facilitates access to an extensive digital archive of social science datasets, packaged in user-friendly forms. The CSSR works with DataFirst in providing training opportunities and support for researchers using these datasets.



The CSSR acknowledges gratefully the following for funding activities in 2013: the Andrew W Mellon Foundation; Afrobarometer through the Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana; the Centre for Development and Enterprise, SA; Professor David Howell, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, USA; Economic and Social Research Council, UK; European Union; Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal; IMGAME through the Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, UK; Institute for Security Studies, SA; Open Society Foundation of South Africa; International Development Research Centre, Canada, through Privacy International (UK); South African National Research Foundation; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) and the University of Maastricht, Netherlands; World Bank; Worldwide Universities Network through the universities of Rochester and Wisconsin, USA and Western Australia; WWF Nedbank Green Trust, SA; National Treasury, SA, through the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) at UCT; University of Cape Town through its Open UCT Initiative, the Centre for Open Learning, the faculties of Humanities and Commerce, the Harry Oppenheimer Institute for African Studies and the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jeremy Seekings

The year kicked off at full speed, with the first joint CSSR/ Afrobarometer Summer School in January and February. The year continued busily, with teaching full courses and occasional classes in various social science and humanities departments, and regular lunchtime seminars and full or multi-day workshops. CSSR researchers published a total of 10 book chapters and more than 20 journal articles during the year, as well as 17 CSSR Working Papers, thereby slightly surpassing our publication output in 2012. More than 20 graduate students received financial support through the CSSR, with the total sum dispensed in scholarships amounting to about R1 million (this figure excludes funds spent on employing students on CSSR projects). Several students (including Masters students Kevin Donovan, Anya Woolley and Chris Harrison) achieved distinctions for their dissertations. Ten CSSR Working Papers were written or coauthored by students. Our total revenues for the year came to more than R10 million, and our expenses totaled about R8 million (with the difference being carried forward for expenditure on ongoing programmes in 2014 and thereafter). Our collaborative online media site, *GroundUp*, continued to thrive, under Nathan Geffen's direction, our research with zoologists and farmers and farmworkers in the Karoo thrived, and we ran innovative experimental research on race at UCT. We provided expert testimony in court cases and to official commissions of inquiry. By the end of the year we were all exhausted.

These activities reflected the multiple concerns underpinning the CSSR's work: inter-disciplinary research, employing diverse methods (often mixed), with strong engagement with civil society and public policy-makers, and capacity-building among younger generations of social scientists.

One conspicuous trend in 2013 was the steady expansion of the CSSR's research and capacity-building in parts of Africa north of the Limpopo. Thirty of the thirty-five junior researchers attending the intensive, three-week CSSR/Afrobarometer Summer School at the start of the year came from 16 other African countries. Through the Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU), the CSSR played expanded roles in the Afrobarometer network, responsible for capacity-building (including through the Summer School) and data management. The African Legislatures Project, also run out of DARU, completed its data capture and cleaning, and analysis of his new dataset continued. I myself run a new research project on the politics of welfare policy-making across much of East and Southern Africa, and Elena Moore and I are involved in a project

looking at the experiences and practices of transnational migrants from other parts of Africa in South Africa. More and more of our research students are turning their attention to Africa north of the Limpopo. This is a very welcome development.

The CSSR was strengthened in 2013 through the presence of a series of post-doctoral research fellows. Liz Gummerson, Kevin O'Neil and Collette Schulz-Herzenberg had taken up fellowships in 2012 and continued into 2013. Ed Grebe and Singumbe Muyebe began their fellowships early in the year, and Efu Prah and Stanford Mahati commenced theirs late in the year. We were sorry to say goodbye to Liz and Kevin, who returned to the USA late in the year.

This year saw more flux in the CSSR's administration. The CSSR's administration comprises a central administration together with a set of project or programme managers. For many years Libbi Downes has served as the lynchpin of the central administration, fixing the myriad problems that arise with funders and university officers, and managing smoothly and graciously successive CSSR directors and unit heads. Libbi retired in mid-year. Libbi was always apparently calm, collected and charming – and efficient, solving problems from home at the strangest times of the day or week. We miss her enormously. Dumi Hlwele returned to the CSSR as a part-time receptionist and administrator. Thobani Ncapai's position as a part-time research assistant and fieldworker became permanent. Dumi and Thobani have both worked with or in the CSSR in various capacities since 2001, as well as being active in civil society organisations. We are delighted that they are now central to our activities. Late in the year, Amy Kennedy took over from Amy Thom the part-time responsibility of editing and publishing CSSR Working Papers. Marius Coqui continues to manage the CSSR's finances with exemplary efficiency, and Liz Welsh manages the CSSR's HR activity, alongside other project-specific responsibilities. In addition to Liz, Becky Maughan-Brown, Sam Richmond, Chantal Milne and Carmen Alpin served as project managers at different points in the year. Ed Grebe continued to oversee our website.

I myself was away for parts of the year where I presented papers at a total of 15 seminars or conferences in South Africa, the USA, the UK and Germany. I am grateful to Bob Mattes, Elena Moore, Nicoli Nattrass and Beatrice Conradie for serving as Acting Director whenever necessary.

DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA RESEARCH UNIT

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Chantal Milne (*Open Society Monitoring Index*)
Samantha Richmond (*Afrobarometer Capacity Building Project*)
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Chipo Dendere (*Georgia State University*)
Zack Zimbalist (*Johns Hopkins University*)



The **Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU)** strengthens empirical social science research capacity in Africa by supporting and conducting systematic research on key aspects of the survival and quality of democracy in South Africa and the rest of the continent.

In 2013, we continued our research and training activities in the broad areas of public opinion, voting and elections, and political institutions. Our work was supported by Afrobarometer, the Mellon Foundation, the Open Society Foundation of South Africa, the Institute for Security Studies, the Centre for Political Studies at the University of Michigan, and the UCT University Research Committee and Vice-Chancellor's Fund.

DARU Projects

African Legislatures Project

African Legislatures Project (**ALP**) completed entry and cleaning of data from 17 country studies carried out over the previous five years, comprising both structured surveys of representative samples of MPs and in-depth interviews of legislative officers. Results from this data were presented by Professor Joel Barkan to audiences of African legislators at the African Legislative Summit in Nigeria and the African Executive Training Program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. He also gave presentations to experts on legislative strengthening at the United States Foreign Service Institute, the United States Agency for International Development, and the United Kingdom Department for International Development. Professors Robert Mattes and Barkan finished a paper on the linkages between public opinion, MP attitudes and constituency development funds in Africa. At UCT, Liz Welsh worked with DARU researchers Carlos Shenga, Sohyeon Kim, Maxine Rubin and Jessica Casimir, as well as Visiting Research Associates Shana Warren and Joel Barkan.

Afrobarometer Capacity-Building Project

Organized by Liz Welsh, DARU began the year by holding the first joint Afrobarometer/CSSR Summer School, bringing over 30 African researchers to campus for four weeks in January and February. Later in the year, under the leadership of project manager Samantha Richmond, DARU forged closer linkages with Afrobarometer, taking on additional capacity building and data management activities, the latter bringing Afrobarometer data manager Carmen Alpin to a new position in DARU by the end of the year. In terms of research, Mattes and Richmond completed an analysis of 20 years of South African public opinion data on attitudes of young people for the South African government's 20 Year Review. Mattes also published various chapters in edited volumes on perceptions of electoral integrity, citizenship and voting behavior. DARU researchers also took part in the release of new results from Afrobarometer Round 5, which was carried out in 35 African countries in 2012 and 2013. Richmond and Alpin produced a report on corruption in Africa. Mattes helped produce a report on trends in lived poverty in Africa, and subsequently briefed a gathering of civil society and news media in Johannesburg. Both reports received extensive coverage from major international news media. At the end of the year, Mattes presented the data on lived poverty at the World Bank and also gave a talk at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



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Comparative National Elections Project

Led by post-doctoral fellow, Collette Schulz-Herzenberg, DARU received a grant from the Institute for Security Studies for a new Comparative National Elections Project (CNEP) post-election survey in Kenya, which was then carried out with the cooperation of the [Institute for Development Studies](#) at the University of Nairobi. Schulz-Herzenberg worked with DARU researcher Dean Horwitz to develop a website portal for access to South African election studies dating back to 1994. Mattes finished a chapter for the forthcoming CNEP volume of new research that examines how voter definitions of democracy interact with their perception of electoral integrity and experiences with election campaigns to shape their attitudes toward democracy. And Schulz-Herzenberg completed her study of the implications of changing social networks for South African voting behavior and presented it to the South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) as well as a professional conference in Venice.

Civic Education and Democracy

Under the direction of Samantha Richmond and Post Doctoral Fellow Kevin O'Neil, Jamy Felton and Sihle Nontshokweni finalized entry and cleaning of data from the 2012 Cape Areas Survey of a representative sample of 2,500 Grade 11 learners, 88 teachers and 1,002 parents across the greater Cape Town metropolitan areas.

Along with CSSR Research Associates Richard Niemi (University of Rochester) and David Denmark (University of Western Australia), Mattes presented a paper based on this data at the [European Consortium for Political Research](#) in Bordeaux in September, and O'Neil presented a paper to the annual SAAPS conference at the University of Western Cape.

Open Society Monitoring Index

Led by project manager Chantal Milne, and researcher Erica Penfold, DARU worked with researchers at UCT's Department of Political Studies and Governance and Rights Unit, and the [Institute for Security Studies](#) to begin work on the third round of the Open Society Monitoring Index (OSMI), which provides both an in depth qualitative as well as systematic quantitative assessment of the state of openness in South Africa.

In Memoriam: Joel Barkan

Joel Barkan tragically passed away on 10 January 2014. Joel's scholarship linked the first generation of American scholars who applied the new methods of political science to the systematic study of Africa's newly independent states. At the time of his death, he was working with us to complete the ALP, a comparative study that used direct observation, key informant interviews, and mass and elite surveys. This project represented the culmination of his life's work. During his distinguished career, Joel established important relationships with university-based scholars in East and Southern Africa. He was awarded fellowships including the National Endowment for Democracy, [Centre for the Study of Developing Societies](#) (New Delhi), and the Centre for Social Science Research at the University of Cape Town.

As the preeminent American authority on Kenyan politics, his advice was sought by government officials and elected representatives on both sides of the Atlantic.

For us, Joel was a colleague, mentor and friend. We will miss him deeply.

Robert Mattes Shaheen Mozaffar
University of Cape Town Bridgewater State University

DARU Research

Political Institutions	
African Legislatures Project	- "Why Constituency Development Funds In Africa? Representation Vs. Constituency Service?" (<i>Joel Barkan and Robert Mattes</i>)
Open Society Monitoring Index	- The South Africa Open Society Index, Round 3 (<i>Milne</i>)
Public Opinion	
Afrobarometer Capacity Building Project	- Lived Poverty in Africa (<i>Mattes, with Carolyn Logan and Boniface Dulani</i>) - Governments Falter In Fight To Curb Corruption (<i>Richmond and Alpin</i>) - Youth and Democratic Citizenship In Post-Apartheid South Africa (<i>Mattes and Richmond</i>) - Popular Perceptions of Electoral Integrity in Africa (<i>Mattes</i>) - Asocial Cohesion: Political Community and Social Capital in Africa's Democratizing Societies (<i>Mattes</i>) - Does Ethnicity Determine Support for the Governing Party? (<i>Mattes, with Pippa Norris</i>) - Uncritical Citizenship in a Low-Information Society: Mozambicans in Comparative Perspective (<i>Mattes and Shenga</i>) - Quality Matters: Electoral Outcomes and Democratic Health in Africa (<i>Mattes, with Ari Greenberg</i>) - Systematic, Quantitative Political Science in South Africa: The Road Less Travelled (<i>Mattes</i>)
Civic Education and Democracy	- Learning Democracy? Civic Education in South Africa's First Post-Apartheid Generation (<i>Denemark, Mattes and Niemi</i>) - The role of South African Schools in Creating Democratic Citizens: Evidence from Cape Town 11th graders (<i>O'Neil</i>)
Voting and Elections	
Comparative National Elections Project	- Parties, Elections, Voters and Democracy (<i>Mattes, with William Liddle, Tianjian Shi and Yun-han Chu</i>) - The Implications of Social Context Partisan Homogeneity for Voting Behavior: Survey Evidence from South Africa (<i>Schulz-Herzenberg</i>)

SUMMER SCHOOL

The **2013 CSSR/Afrobarometer Summer School** was the first summer school organised jointly by the CSSR and the Afrobarometer network. The Afrobarometer -- a continent-wide study of public opinion on political issues, founded more than ten years ago by Robert Mattes together with Mike Bratton and Emanuel Gyimah-Boadi -- has run summer schools in the past, for young researchers involved in Afrobarometer data collection in different countries. The CSSR has also run short courses for government, NGOs and young researchers. This year, we combined the two into what we hope will become a regular, institutionalised forum for building social science research among young African researchers. The School was three and a half weeks long, shoehorned in between the New Year and the return of UCT students in orientation period.

A total of 35 young researchers attended from South Africa and 16 other African countries from across the continent. Some of the participants were funded through a grant from the UCT Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund. In addition, some of our own UCT students participated: The Summer School is a formally accredited UCT course, taken at either the Honours or Masters levels depending on whether the introductory or advanced stream is taken. Participants must complete a 10-page paper (or, if registered for the UCT masters-level course, a fuller 20-page research paper), demonstrating that they can formulate a good research question, design their research appropriately, analyse data using appropriate techniques, and interpret the data clearly and correctly.

Participants learn the basics of analysing quantitative data on social and political attitudes and behaviour. We are strong believers that these kinds of skills need to be learned in an applied context, so we also run classes on substantive themes such as democratisation and public policy-making in Africa. Every participant has to present and write a mini-research project in which they apply these skills to a problem of their choice. Some of the projects were really very good.

The participants also enjoy the opportunity to engage with other young researchers and to visit Cape Town. They were impressed with our facilities, including our residences (Graca Machel and Varietas, thanks to the kind help of the student housing office), classrooms and computing facilities.

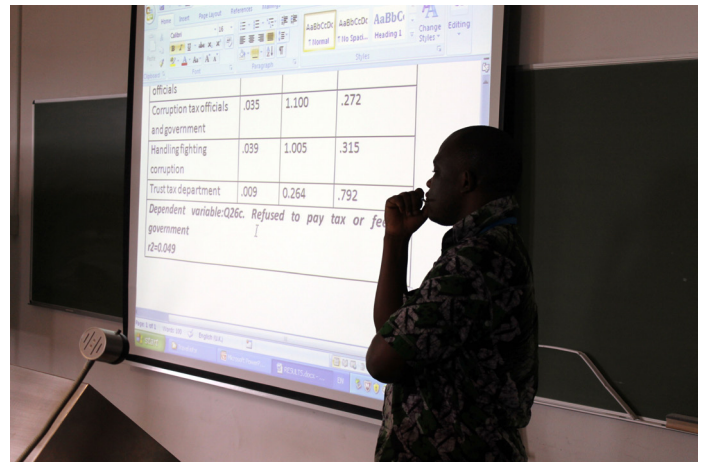


Photo: A participant presenting his research paper

Most of the School was taught by a team from the CSSR, but we were supplemented by scholars from elsewhere, including Joel Barkan from the USA, Dulani Boniface from Malawi, and Danielle Resnick (currently at the University of Helsinki). UCT relies on outside expertise because the university continues to lack depth in the analysis of African politics and society using quantitative data.



Photo: Dr. Pedro Wolf

Following South Africa's lead, most of Africa is now awash in quantitative data, primarily from sample surveys. Unfortunately few countries have the social scientists to analyse these data, so most of the analysis is done in the US or Europe, with African researchers serving as data collectors in a rather colonial model. Initiatives like our Summer School build capacity in Africa to analyse African data, and thus empower African scholars to make a stronger contribution to addressing African problems such as fragile democracy and uneven development. The second CSSR/Afrobarometer Summer School kicks off in early January 2014.

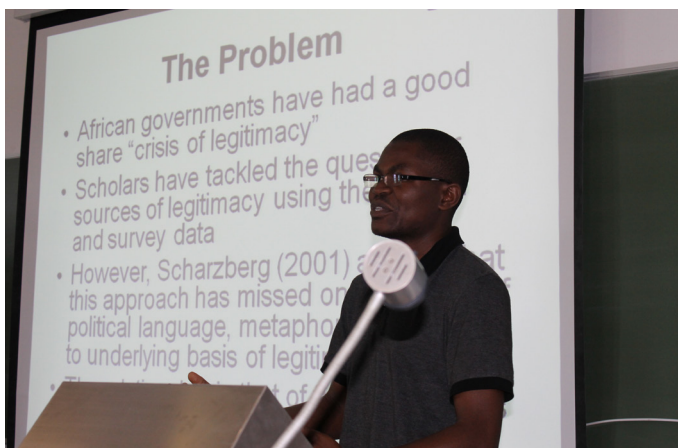


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AIDS AND SOCIETY RESEARCH UNIT



Director: Nicoli Nattrass

The **AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)** turned ten in 2012. Born at a time when South African AIDS policy was fraught by stigma, denial and bad policy making, ASRU initially focussed on policy-relevant dimensions of the South African AIDS epidemic, especially with regard to AIDS treatment. ASRU researchers produced five books, sixty-four academic journal articles and fifteen book chapters. Ten ASRU researchers graduated with PhDs and eight graduated with master's degrees. In addition, ASRU supported a range of outreach projects, from the famous 'body map' AIDS awareness art, to the design and distribution of 'the body visual', an anatomically correct, but simple tool for teaching people in clinics about the human body.

Since South African AIDS policy improved dramatically in the post-Mbeki era, ASRU inevitably altered its focus. Over the past few years, we have concentrated on completing projects and on exploring health through a broader, political-economic lens. ASRU's key social engagement is now through *GroundUp*.

In 2013, ASRU continued its productive collaboration with the Health Economics and Research Division (**HEARD**) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal to fund PhD students working in AIDS-related areas. Scholarship recipients were Annabelle Wienand, working on AIDS photography in South Africa, and Gabrielle Kelly working on the disability grant. Annabelle

was close to completing her thesis at the end of 2012, and we expect her to graduate in June 2014. Gabby has finalised her proposal and started field work. She also contributes health- and welfare-related stories and investigative reports to *GroundUp*.

Nicoli Nattrass continued her work on AIDS and health policy, focussing specifically on the international agenda. She participated in an international study (co-ordinated by Sakiko Fukuda-Parr of the New School and Alicia Yamin of Harvard) of the millennium development goals (MDGs). Nicoli conducted the analysis of MDG 6 (AIDS, TB and Malaria). The papers for this project 'The Power of Numbers: A Critical Review of MDG Targets and Indicators from the Perspectives of Human Development and Human Rights' are available here: <http://fxb.harvard.edu/working-paper-series/>. Revised versions of the papers will be published in 2014 in the *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*. Nicoli also acted as a moderator for the UN Development Agenda preparatory process involving online discussion about health policy post 2015. Information and outputs from this project are available here: www.worldwewant2015.org/health.

Colin Almeleh, who joined ASRU as a volunteer and subsequently became ASRU's outreach manager and deputy director, graduated with a PhD in June 2013 for his thesis 'HIV Disclosure in 'Public' and Personal Spaces: A Mixed Methods Study of People Living with HIV in Khayelitsha, South Africa'.



GroundUp is an online news publication that reports social justice issues from Cape Town's townships and immigrant communities. Started in April 2012, it is a joint project of the University of Cape Town's Centre for Social Science Research (CSSR), the **Community Media Trust** and social movements. The project is managed by Nathan Geffen. GroundUp publishes on its website (www.groundup.org.za) under a Creative Commons License to encourage the mainstream media to reprint its stories, and several GroundUp stories have made it into the mainstream press, including a lead story in the Cape Times on corruption at a traffic station in Khayelitsha. One article was republished

in the Guardian newspaper in the UK. GroundUp seeks to use the media to effect improvements in service delivery, governance and social justice generally. When we uncovered corruption at the Department of Home Affairs, the department investigated it. When we reported that the streetlights in Khayelitsha were broken, the City fixed them. It seems likely that coverage of asbestosis linked to the Athlone Power Station is contributing to the likelihood of compensation. The project also trains young journalists from disadvantaged backgrounds, most of whom have come through social movements.

During 2013 GroundUp published almost 500 news and opinion pieces, about 30 cartoons and ten photo essays. The website was visited by about 100,000 unique visitors. GroundUp brings together three key pillars of civil society: a university, social movements and the media. Together, they produce research-based journalism for social justice. The CSSR brings to the table graduate students – as well as visiting students from the USA – with skills in research, fact-checking and editing, funded through CSSR scholarships. Our students work with the community journalists. Graduate students edited special issues of GroundUp on topics such as social grants and the labour market. The CSSR's participation in GroundUp is funded in part through a grant from the **Open Society Foundation**.

SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES UNIT



Director: Beatrice Conradie

Karoo Predator Project: A holistic response to jackal predation on the farmlands of the Central Karoo

The Karoo Predator Project operates on the premise that people are part of the ecosystem and that effective mitigation of human-wildlife conflict depends on understanding landholders' circumstances and decisions.

Black-backed jackals (*Canis mesomelas*) have returned to Laingsburg district after a long absence and are now held responsible for the disappearance of up to 40% of lambs on farms (for more on the history of predator control in the Western Cape see Nicoli Nattrass and Beatrice Conradie's [CSSR Working Paper 324](#)). Laingsburg is a dry, marginal farming area where one in four farms has less than 300 ewes generating an income similar to entry-level school teachers. Losing lambs to predation is thus a very serious economic concern.

The diet, movements and responses of jackals to culling are issues of animal behavioural ecology. To answer these questions we have forged a cooperative relationship with Professor Justin O'Riain in UCT's Department of Biological Sciences. PhD student Marine Drouilly is now comparing the behaviour of jackals and caracals on farmlands, where predators are persecuted, with behaviour on nearby nature reserves. She is conducting a landscape level camera trap survey to establish mammal diversity, and is collecting and analysing jackal and caracal scats to record diet. She is hoping to track radio collared jackals to find out how individual jackals move in the landscape. One caracal was captured by a farmer (in a cage trap), rehydrated and checked by a vet, collared and released (see photo). We hope that satellite tracking of jackals will reveal how jackals respond when they encounter a 'jackal proof' fence and to what extent jackals use sheep watering points. The [WWF Nedbank Green Trust](#) is funding the collaring.

Farmers in the area have given Marine permission to catch and collar predators on their farms and to allow these collared animals to remain in the area. This level of cooperation is unusual; we think that we have as many as 80% of farmers in



Photo: Caracal collaring

the district involved in some aspect of the project. Nicoli was invited to speak to sheep farmers in Graaff Reinet while Beatrice accompanied a group of farmers and Cape Nature officials from the Knersvlakte on a trip to the Karoo.

The social side of the study includes work by Beatrice Conradie on the predator control systems and production of different farms (for example comparing traditional sheep farmers with 'lifestyle' or 'weekend' farmers) and by Inge Conradie who used journey mapping to study the livelihoods of casual agricultural workers currently working on a fencing project funded by the provincial Department of Agriculture. Our research to date has triggered a renewed interest in the department in that area. They plan to do a vegetation assessment in 2014 for the first time in forty years and will offer a subsidized sheep pregnancy scanning service to see if the decline in lamb numbers is due to breeding problems or predation.

Families and Households

Research into the changing nature of families and households in South Africa continued in 2013. Families and households are rapidly changing in South Africa. Marriage has become the

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exception rather than the rule, the proportion of children living with their biological father is in steady decline, and the proportion of all-woman, multi-generation households is rising. Remittances to distant kin have declined dramatically, paternal kin take less and less interest in children, and even close kin cannot be relied upon to provide financial or other support in times of need. Child-headed households have become a cause for public concern.

The CSSR began a collaboration with researchers from the University of Maastricht, examining the experiences and attitudes towards parenting of transnational migrants from Africa in South Africa and the Netherlands. Post-doctoral researchers Efuia Prah and Stanford Mahati began their research in late 2013, working with Elena Moore and Jeremy Seekings.

Elena Moore continued her own research into experiences of family, as well as research in association with legal scholars on practices around marriage and divorce under customary law. In August, Elena organised a day-workshop on Families, Kin and the State in South Africa. Senior researchers and students presented new work on customary marriage, the regulation of care, kinship and care, and research methodologies. Anya Woolley completed her dissertation (*cum laude*) on foster care for children in small, informal care homes.

The CSSR hopes to be able to establish soon a new interdisciplinary research unit focusing on this field. The new unit would promote conversations between economists, historians, anthropologists and sociologists, integrating quantitative and qualitative research in ways that could contribute to many areas of public policy.

Inequality and labour markets

Nicoli Natrass and Jeremy Seekings' research on the decline of the South African clothing industry attracted widespread media attention early in the year, after the publication of their third Working Paper (323) on the topic. This paper, entitled 'Job destruction in the South African clothing industry: How an unholy alliance of organized labour, the state and some firms is undermining labour-intensive growth', prompted strong reactions from the South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union (SACTWU). In an unusual turn of events, SACTWU marched on the University of Cape Town to protest against the Natrass and Seekings research (see photograph on front cover). SACTWU resorted to spin misrepresentation in a series of public statements, and declined several invitations to participate in reasoned discussion or debate. Nicoli and Jeremy responded to SACTWU in the press and in an Open Letter, available on the CSSR website. The entire debate is available here: <http://www.cssr.uct.ac.za/2013/03/controversy-over-clothing-industry>. Jeremy presented seminars on the research at UCT and Stellenbosch. Nicoli presented it at a press conference in Johannesburg and a seminar at Harvard. Other CSSR research into labour market issues included Kezia Lilenstein's ongoing research (with Jeremy Seekings) into reservation wages among young people in Cape Town, and a new project on the effects of unemployment on mental health involving Adaiah Lilenstein and Jeremy Seekings. Jeremy

presented a critique of the National Development Plan at a plenary session of the 26th Annual Labour Law Conference in Sandton.

Research also continued into aspects of class. Sam Telzak returned to UCT to continue his research into perceptions of class, opportunity and social mobility. His earlier research was published as Working Papers. Jeremy Seekings was prompted into a defence of the class analysis of South Africa presented in his and Nicoli Natrass's 2005 book on Class, Race and Inequality. He presented a paper on 'In defence of the underclass' at Harvard.

Race in South Africa

One of the more difficult challenges facing social scientists in post-apartheid South Africa is the measurement of inter-'racial' relations. Self-reported experiences, observation of actual inter-racial interactions and experimental research (including 'survey experiments' involving the use of vignettes in surveys) have all provided insights. In 2013 we used a new method – the 'imitation game' – developed by sociologist Harry Collins and colleagues at Cardiff University in the UK.



Photo: UCT students playing the imitation game

The imitation game provides a quantifiable and comparable measure of everyday cultural difference. In its most basic form, each Imitation Game involves three participants linked

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anonymously through computers. One participant (the ‘judge’) and a second participant (the ‘non-pretender’) are members of one social group (racial group, in our research). The third participant (the ‘pretender’) is not, but pretends to be, a member of this group. The judge knows that one of the other players is a member of the same group, and the other is not, but the judge does not know which is which. The objective of the game is to establish whether pretenders succeed in fooling judges or whether judges are able to distinguish pretenders from non-pretenders. The game involves judges asking questions of the other two participants in order to identify which is the pretender and which is the non-pretender.

Becky Maughan-Brown managed a series of imitation games at UCT, involving more than one thousand students. The data will allow an empirical test of W.E.B. du Bois’s classic hypothesis about the ‘double consciousness’ of subordinate racial groups in a racially-divided society.

Welfare policy in Africa

‘Welfare’ policy is a major issue not only in South Africa – where many poor households depend on pensions or grants – but increasingly across much of Africa. International organisations, donors from the global North, and African political parties and civil society organisations have been pressing for expanded cash transfers as a mechanism to reduce poverty (and, for political parties, to win votes and legitimacy). The CSSR continues to conduct a range of research on diverse aspects of welfare programmes in South African and elsewhere.

Kevin Donovan worked on a project funded by [Privacy International](#), on the use of biometric technologies in South Africa and Kenya. Gabby Kelly began her research into South Africa’s disability grants. Jeremy Seekings, Ed Grebe, Erica Penfold, Singumbe Muyeba and Dirk Haarmann began research into the politics of welfare-policy-making in countries across East and Southern Africa, funded by the British [Economic and Social Research Council](#). The CSSR’s research will expand across East and Southern Africa during 2014. Jeremy, Ed and Erica taught two 6-lecture modules on welfare policy-making in Africa, as part of the 2013 CSSR/Afrobarometer Summer School.

In May, Kevin Donovan organised a workshop on Social Protection, in the CSSR. The workshop was attended by officials from Statistics South Africa as well as researchers from universities across South Africa and elsewhere in Africa. Jeremy Seekings presented papers on welfare policy-making in Africa at Oxford and the University of East Anglia in the UK.

Other SSU research

The CSSR, together with UCT’s [Safety and Violence Initiative](#), organised a 2-day workshop in March on alcohol and violence in South Africa. Presentations drew on medical, ethnographic and survey research, as well as interventions. Questions about alcohol use were included in the 6th telephonic wave of the Cape Area Panel Study, which commenced at the end of the year.

Post-doc Liz Gummerson co-authored a preliminary paper on the effectiveness of the Tanzanian government’s promotion of medical male circumcision and a second paper on gender and household income and expenditure in South Africa. She supervised the fieldwork for a study of a nutritional intervention in the forestry industry.

Chris Harrison investigated demand for green electricity in upper middle class Cape Town in his masters, graduating *cum laude*.

Two projects focussed on urban agriculture. Rehana Odendaal and Jeeten Morar, both undergraduates, worked with Beatrice to evaluate the implementation of a homestead gardens project in Mitchells Plain (see [CSSR Working Paper 332](#)). The gardens were funded and are supported by the Rocklands Urban Abundance Centre (www.seed.org.za) and the research project was facilitated by UCT’s Knowledge Co-op (www.knowledgeco-op.uct.ac.za). Amy Thom’s research focussed on the commercialisation of produce from community food gardens through organic vegetable box subscription schemes. She found that there was a lively demand for such produce if community gardens could produce of acceptable quality and variety at competitive prices (see [CSSR Working Papers 310 and 316](#)).



Photo: Rocklands Resource Abundance Centre, Homestead gardens, Rocklands, Mitchell’s Plain

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

February	Tuesday 19 Tuesday 26	Nicoli Natrass and Jeremy Seekings (<i>CSSR</i>): “Wage-setting in the clothing industry” Ed Grebe (<i>CSSR</i>): Methods Workshop: Panel analysis using CAPS
March	Friday 1- Saturday 2 Tuesday 5 Friday 8 Tuesday 19	Workshop: Alcohol and violence in South Africa (organised with Safety and Violence Initiative) Martin Wittenberg (<i>Economics/DataFirst</i>): “Fat tales of SA’s income distribution” Workshop: Staffan Lindberg (<i>Gothenburg and Florida universities</i>) Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem): Global Standards, Local Knowledge Collette Schulz Herzenberg (<i>CSSR</i>): “Impact of social networks on voter behaviour”
April	Tuesday 16 Tuesday 23 Tuesday 30	Elizabeth Gummerson (<i>CSSR</i>): “Is the relationship between HIV risk and educational attainment changing?” Rajen Govender (<i>CSSR</i>): Methods Workshop: Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with latent variables Laura Evans (History): “Making and meaning of homeland spaces: A social history of resettlement in the Ciskei”
May	Tuesday 7 Tuesday 14 Tuesday 21 Monday 27- 28	Jeremy Seekings (<i>CSSR</i>): “Deserving and undeserving poor: Assessments of claims made on kin and state” Jane Battersby-Lennard (<i>African Centre for Cities</i>): “Food security in Cape Town” Andrew Kerr (<i>DataFirst</i>): “Tax(i)ing the poor: Transport and labour market outcomes in South Africa” Workshop: Social Protection
August	Tuesday 6 Wednesday 14 Tuesday 27	Nicoli Natrass and Beatrice Conradie (<i>CSSR</i>): “Jackal Narratives and Predator Control in the Karoo” Workshop: Families, kin and the state in South Africa. Beatrice Conradie (<i>CSSR</i>): “Economies of scale, predation rates and the profitability of small stock farming in Laingsburg, Central Karoo South Africa” Abigail Britton (Economics): “Productivity of seasonal farmers”
September	Tuesday 10	
October	Tuesday 1 Tuesday 15 Tuesday 22 Tuesday 29	Singumbe Muyeba (<i>CSSR</i>): “Shack dwellers to homeowners: Effects of subsidized low-income housing in Cape Town, South Africa” Annabelle Wienand (<i>CSSR</i>): “An alternative way of seeing: Challenging photographic stereotypes of HIV/AIDS in South Africa” Phillippa Kerr (PhD student in the School of Applied Human Sciences, <i>UKZN</i>): “Reading the Western Cape farm workers’ strike as part of a series of developing intergroup interactions” Fiona Ngarachu (PhD candidate, <i>University of Southampton</i>): “Understanding young people’s political attitudes through narrative: An analysis of student’s letters to the President”
November	Tuesday 5	Stella Nyanzi (<i>Makerere Institute of Social Research</i>): “Teaching Resistance, Emancipation and Liberation: Thinking through Women’s Participation in Uganda’s 2011 Elections

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320	Bailey and Conradie	The Effect of Predator Culling on Livestock Losses: Caracal Control in Cooper Hunting Club, 1976 – 1981
321	Seekings	Democracy, Poverty and Inclusive Growth in South Africa since 1994
322	Schwendeman	Gendered Educational Participation and Attainment in South Africa
323	Natrass and Seekings	Job destruction in the South African clothing industry: How an unholy alliance of organised labour, the state and some firms is undermining labour-intensive growth
324	Natrass and Conradie	Jackal Narratives and Predator Control in the Karoo, South Africa
325	Natrass	MDG6: AIDS and the Moral Economy of International Health Policy
326	Telzak	Trouble ahead, trouble behind: perceptions of mobility in Mount Frere, Eastern Cape, and Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal
327	Seekings and Moore	Kin, Market and State in the Provision of Care in South Africa
328	Seekings	The Social and Political Implications of Demographic Change in Post-Apartheid South Africa
329	Schulz Herzenberg	The implications of social context partisan homogeneity for voting behavior: survey evidence from South Africa
330	Kelly	Regulating access to the disability grant in South Africa, 1990-2013
331	Conradie and Landman	A comparison of the performance under field conditions of woolled and mutton sheep flocks in a low rainfall region of South Africa
332	Odendaal, Morar and Conradie	A cost benefit analysis of a technology bundle aimed at improving the resilience of urban households in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain
333	Donovan	Infrastructuring Aid: The Practice of Materializing Social Protection in Northern Kenya
334	Newham and Conradie	A Critical Review of South Africa’s Carbon Tax Policy Paper: Recommendations for the Implementation of an offset Mechanism
335	Donovan	The Biometric Imaginary: Standardization and Objectivity in Post-Apartheid Welfare

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