



Annual Report

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Glen Mpani, Masters student; Delegates at DARU/NORAD workshop; Joao Pereira and Bob Mattes at graduation; Delegates at DARU/NORAD workshop; UCT's Stigma Rally, L to R: Nicoli Natrass, Max Price (VC), Hlubi Mboya (TV celebrity), Martin Hall (DVC), Thandabantu Nhlapo (DVC); Thobani Ncapai and Bulelwa Nokwe indicate two research sites in Khayelitsha.



The Centre for Social Science (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.

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). After a reasonable period, collected data are turned into public access data sets and deposited with the DataFirst Resource Centre.

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 Centre for Social Science Research is made up of the following units:

- The AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)
- The Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU) and
- The Social Surveys Unit (SSU)

## CSSR DIRECTORATE

The CSSR Directorate is the administrative hub for the units making up the CSSR. It manages the finances, edits and produces working papers, organises meetings, and provides an organisational focal point for the CSSR. Robert Mattes is the CSSR Director, Kathy Forbes is the Administrative Officer, and further assistance this year has been provided by Libbi Downes (Finance Manager), Ncedeka Mbune (Reception and Administration) and Jessica King (Publications Editor).

## CSSR ADVISORY BOARD

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# Director's Report

Professor  
**Robert Mattes**



With the renewed core support of the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the CSSR continued research in 2008 that spanned the broad areas of democratisation, development, governance, HIV/AIDS and poverty in both South Africa and across the continent. We took some major strides forward this year; most of these “big steps” were the result of many “small” incremental steps, patiently taken since our founding in 2001.

The best illustration of this is our work with post-graduate students. One of the rationales for the founding of the CSSR in 2001 was to produce a new generation of social scientists through “hands-on” training via active participation in project design, data collection and analysis. The substantial funds invested in bursaries, and the long, hard hours invested in supervision and joint work have finally started to pay off over the past two years. Adding to the doctorates earned by Vezi Ndlovu and Rene Brandt in 2007, 2008 saw five more students deposit their Ph.D theses: Ariane De Lannoy (Sociology), Joao Pereira, Cherrel Africa and Collette Schulz-Herzenberg (Political Studies) and Brendan Maughan-Brown (Economics). Brendan won a UCT Research Associateship, and was co-winner of the Economics Department's award for best doctorate.

Our Masters students also continued to perform at the highest level with Lauren Kahn (Psychology), Mary Kinney (Political Studies) and Peter Schwardmann (Economics) getting distinctions for their theses. In total, we have now provided financial support to over sixty UCT post-graduate students since 2002, with almost forty of them having graduated.

Our research received ever-increasing levels of accolades and visibility this year. Nicoli Nattrass won the Al Venter/Altron/University Vice-Chancellors' 2008 award for her book, *The Moral Economy of AIDS*

(Cambridge University Press). The CSSR wielded a very strong presence at the XVII International AIDS Conference held in Mexico City in August. In addition to Nattrass, seven CSSR students presented research (Eduard Grebe, Colin Almeleh, Brendan Maughan-Brown, Ariane De Lannoy, Beth Mills, Timothy Mah, and Hannah Lane). Per Strand also presented research to the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa in December. And Bob Mattes gave presentations to the Review Committee for the Assessment of the South African Parliament and to a Wilton Park Conference on the effectiveness of parliaments.

2008 was also a year of research milestones: we published our 200th Working Paper, our 100th article in a refereed journal, our 50th chapter in an edited volume, and completed the 5th edited collection of our own research. In addition, Jo Wreford published her book, *Working with Spirit: Experiencing Izangoma Healing in Contemporary South Africa* (Bergahn Books).

Substantively the AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU), Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU) and Social Surveys Unit (SSU) continued cross-cutting research on HIV/AIDS, with different projects focusing on political leadership, foreign aid, stigma, household composition, HIV prevention and treatment, and policy

towards children affected by HIV/AIDS.

The SSU, ASRU and DARU continued work on various aspects of poverty, with different groups of researchers examining the impacts of democratisation and AIDS, and others assessing the workings of public and private welfare systems

And DARU and SSU worked on various aspect of democratisation, with a great deal of work focusing on the results of survey research on subjects such as identity, perceptions of justice and support for democracy. DARU also continued its work on African legislatures and legislators.

Finally, SSU began an exciting new initiative on violence, with researchers examining both everyday violence and the xenophobic violence of May 2008.

Besides the renewed support of the Mellon Foundation, CSSR also developed new linkages with a range of research partners in 2008, including the Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET), the Health, Economics and AIDS Research Division (HEARD) at the University of KwaZulu/Natal, the Heinrich Böll Foundation, the Open Society Foundation of South Africa (OSF) and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). We look forward to working with them and all other partners and donors in 2009 and beyond.



# AIDS & Society

Director  
**Nicoli Natrass**

(international HAART rollout, AIDS denialism)



## Deputy Director

Elizabeth Mills (health citizenship and attitudes to AIDS science)

## Other Researchers

**Colin Almeleh** (HIV disclosure); **Rene Brandt** (HIV and mothering); **Celeste Coetzee** (socio-economic impact of HAART); **Alizanne Collier** (mining companies, AIDS and development); **Amer Mikail** Dastgir (male circumcision in Swaziland); **Harriet Deacon** (circumcision); **Eduard Grebe** (AIDS activism and AIDS leadership); **Feri Gwata** (male circumcision); **Hanne Haricharan** (stigma); **Fidelis Hove** (AIDS in Zimbabwe); **Dianna Kane** (poverty); **Hannah Lane** (HIV testing among youth); **Rachel Li** (adolescents on ARVs); **Brendan Maughan-Brown** (HIV stigma, disability grant); **Kerry Mauchline** (comparative AIDS policy); **Sumaya Mall** (HAART patients & traditional healing); **Busisiwe Magazi** (TB/HIV co-infection and stigma); **Letsema Mbayi** (male circumcision in Botswana); **Elizabeth Mills** (health citizenship and attitudes to AIDS science); **Boipuso Modise** (cultural aspects of male circumcision); **Penny Morrell** (AIDS and farming in the Western Cape); **Vezi Ndlovu** (HIV & reproductive decisions); **Tafara Ngwara** (male circumcision and AIDS in Zimbabwe); **Michael Parusel** (determinants of HIV in Malawi and Zimbabwe); **Peter Schwardmann** (international access to ARVs); **Heather Keeletsang Warren** (determinants of HIV in Botswana and Lesotho); **Jo Thobeka Wreford** (traditional healers); **Lindiwe Zwane** (male circumcision in Swaziland).

## Research Assistants and Administrators

Ncedeka Mbune, Thobani Ncapai, Bulelwe Nokwe, Kathy Forbes, Libbi Downes, Jessica King (working papers).

## Visiting Researchers and Fellows

**Nathan Geffen** (Treatment Action Campaign), **Atheendar Venkataramani** (Yale University), **Jim Bjorkman**, **Marina de Paoli** (Fafo), **Arne Backer Grønningsæter** (Fafo), **Lauren Paramoer** (New School, New York), **Mary Upton** (Open University, London), **Ted Powers** (CUNY), **Elan Abrell** (CUNY), **Timothy Mah** (Harvard), **Kaja Tretjak** (CUNY), **Matthew Wilhelm-Solomon** (Oxford University).

# Research Unit

**ASRU supports inter-disciplinary quantitative and qualitative research into the social and economic impact of AIDS. We initially focussed on South Africa but subsequently developed substantial research interests in comparative and cross-country analysis of AIDS policy, and of treatment and prevention in the hyper-epidemic countries of Southern Africa.**

We have been assisted in this transformation by support from the Health Economics and AIDS Research Division (HEARD) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. During 2008 HEARD and ASRU developed a joint project on male circumcision and the social drivers of HIV.

ASRU also has collaborative projects with researchers at Yale University, the University of Gothenburg, the University of Sussex (IDS), the University of Cambridge, the Institute for Social Studies (the Hague) and the Institute for Applied International Studies (Fafo, Norway).

ASRU was funded in 2008 by the Ford Foundation, SANPAD, HEARD, Fafo, Yale University, AIDS2031 and the British High Commission.



**ABOVE** Elizabeth Mills, Marina de Paoli, and Arne Backer Grønningsæter, with their poster at the XVII International AIDS Conference, Mexico City

# Research projects

## Antiretroviral Treatment (ART)

Adolescents on ARVs (Rachel Li); labour-market participation of people on ART (Celeste Coetzee); leadership and ART (Nicoli Nattrass, Peter Schwardmann, Eduard Grebe); AIDS activism and ARVs (Eduard Grebe); ARVs and disability (Nicoli Nattrass, Brendan Maughan-Brown, Atheendar Venkataramani, Marina de Paoli and Arne Backer Grønningsæter).

## HIV stigma

Qualitative and quantitative research into the determinants of stigmatising attitudes, and the experience of stigma amongst the stigmatised – including disclosure (Brendan Maughan-Brown, Hanne Haricharan, Busisiwe Magazi, Colin Almeleh, Elizabeth Mills).

## Modelling the AIDS epidemic

Modelling the Southern African AIDS epidemic and exploring the determinants of HIV infection including male circumcision (Heather Keeletsang Warren, Michael Parusel, Fidelis Hove, Tafara Ngwara).

## Circumcision in the hyper-epidemic countries

Policy on and demand for male circumcision in Swaziland (Lindiwe Zwane, Amer Mikail Dastgir); male circumcision in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Malawi (Michael Parusel, Fidelis Hove, Feri Gwata, Letsema Mbayi, Boipuso Modise, Harriet Deacon).

## HIV, sexual behaviour and gender

The challenges posed by motherhood for HIV-positive women (Rene Brandt, Dianna Kane); reproductive decision-making (Vezi Ndlovu); concurrent sexual partnerships (Timothy Mah); sex and stigma (Elizabeth Mills); gender dimensions of HIV and treatment (Dianna Kane, Nicoli Nattrass); macroeconomic determinants of risky sexual behaviour (Peter Schwardmann).

## Health citizenship

AIDS governance and activism (Eduard Grebe, Nicoli Nattrass, Alizanne Collier); new challenges in the era of ARV provision and its impact on gender and health citizenship among HIV-positive activists (Elizabeth Mills).

## Traditional medicine in the era of AIDS

Qualitative research on the demand for traditional healing and on fostering better understanding of the use of biomedical and alternative healing strategies (Jo Wreford and Sumaya Mall). This research also explores collaboration between biomedicine and traditional healing (Jo Wreford).

## Public Health Systems and AIDS

AIDS and health systems in Western Cape agriculture (Penny Morrell); attitudes of health care practitioners (Sumaya Mall); social dynamics of health across three clinics in Khayelitsha (Busisiwe Magazi and Elizabeth Mills).



**LEFT** Eduard Grebe presents his paper at the XVII International AIDS Conference, Mexico City **RIGHT** Brendan Maughan-Brown holding his Research Associateship award.

# Highlights of 2008



**ABOVE** Eduard Grebe with Noerine Kaleeba, AIDS activist, in Uganda

- The development of ASRU's collaboration with HEARD (at the University of KwaZulu-Natal) into a fully fledged research partnership. It will support student research on the Southern African hyper-epidemic and will fund a further wave of the Cape Area Panel Study in 2009 and 2010.
- Eduard Grebe went on a successful research trip to Uganda as part of a World Bank-supported international collaboration on leadership, elites and coalitions.
- Jo Wreford published her book *Working with Spirit: Experiencing Izangoma Healing in Contemporary South Africa* (Berghahn Books: Oxford/New York, 2008).
- Nicoli Nattrass was awarded the Bill Venter / Altron Literary Award for her book *The Moral Economy of AIDS in South Africa*.
- Brendan Maughan-Brown graduated with a Ph.D (and co-won the prize for the best doctorate in Economics at UCT). He was also awarded a UCT research fellowship.
- Bulelwa Nokwe and Thobani Ncapai developed their qualitative research skills through the Social Dynamics of Health Care Project in Khayelitsha (funded by the British High Commission).
- ASRU held a successful HIV-Stigma Symposium to highlight new trends emerging in this field.
- Nondumiso Hwlele and Elizabeth Mills embarked on a collaboration to update the Bodymaps with Dr Hayley MacGregor (IDS, Sussex University) and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (Cambridge University). The original Bodymaps and new narratives form part of an exhibition entitled 'Assembling Bodies' and will be jointly published by ASRU/ IDS in 2009.
- ASRU had an impressive presence at the XVII International AIDS conference in Mexico City. Papers and posters were presented by Nicoli Nattrass, Elizabeth Mills, Arianne De Lannoy, Timothy Mah, Colin Almeleh, Brendan Maughan-Brown, Eduard Grebe and Hannah Lane. We all stayed together in a somewhat dodgy youth hostel in the historical district with a wonderful roof-top bar (and had a very good time indeed).
- Celeste Coetzee got married (to Keomo Kriel) – congratulations to both!
- Elizabeth Mills won an Oppenheimer Scholarship to commence her Ph.D at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex in 2009. She will leave ASRU in September – we will all miss her.

## Outreach projects

### Mapping Our Lives

Educational material to promote treatment literacy and adherence entailing the production of life sized 'body maps'.

### The Visual Body Map

An anatomically correct, yet simple, visual aid for teaching human biology, with accompanying manual. Designed for use in clinics, HIV-positive support groups and schools. We provide these materials on the web and on request.

### Treatment advocacy through art

A collaborative project with David Krut Publishing to raise AIDS awareness and support for HAART by distributing high-quality prints of body maps (the proceeds of which are divided equally between those who painted them, and the AIDS outreach program).

### Fostering collaborations between biomedicine and traditional healers

Jo Wreford has been working with HOPE Cape Town (HIV Outreach Program and Education) to train Traditional Health Practitioners about HIV.

# Social Surveys Unit

Director  
Jeremy Seekings



The SSU continued to work on three major and other minor projects, all entailing the combination of (a) the analysis of survey data collected in the past and (b) the collection and analysis of new data.

## 1. Growing Up in Cape Town

The combination of quantitative and qualitative research on childhood and adolescence has constituted one of the SSU's primary activities since 2001.

During 2008, a book manuscript was completed on *Growing up in the New South Africa: Childhood and adolescence in post-apartheid Cape Town*. The manuscript was co-authored by Rachel Bray and Jeremy Seekings together with three postgraduate students: Imke Gooskens, Lauren Kahn and Sue Moses. It combines detailed qualitative and quantitative research. Lauren Kahn also received a distinction for her Masters thesis (in Social Psychology) on *Sexual subjects: A feminist post-structuralist analysis of female adolescent sexual subjectivity and agency*.

A related project was conducted in collaboration with Professor Katherine Newman of the Sociology Department at Princeton University. Fifty in-depth, qualitative interviews were conducted in late 2007 and early 2008 with adolescents across Cape Town, focusing on the evolution of their aspirations and expectations, their experiences of school, their entry into the labour market, their perceptions of opportunities, and their attitudes towards and experiences of health. This project was managed by Ariane De Lannoy, who also completed her Ph.D thesis on *Educational decision-making in an era of AIDS* (part of which she presented at the Mexican AIDS

conference in August). The interviews will be combined with quantitative data from the Cape Area Panel Study – four waves of which were conducted between 2002 and 2006 – in a forthcoming study.

Eric Schollar continued his research on the evaluation of educational reforms, and Jan Schenk continued his research on youth culture in South Africa and Brazil.

## 2. AIDS, household dynamics and food security

A study was completed on the effects of AIDS on household composition, and the effects of this on poverty and food security. This research – funded through a grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation – examined how people make decisions about where and with whom to live, and how these decisions are affected by AIDS-related morbidity and mortality. A series of working papers (by Jeremy Seekings, Arianne De Lannoy and Rachel Bray, as well as by David Neves and Andries du Toit from PLAAS, at the University of the Western Cape) were completed, and edited versions will be published in book form (together with several additional papers). Some of the research was presented at a workshop in Cape Town in early 2008.

## 3. Violence

The SSU began research into aspects of violence in Cape Town, with a grant from the European Union as part of a multi-centre study of the micro-foundations of violent conflict. Our particular focus is on what we called 'everyday violence' in South Africa. Whilst South Africa's transition to democracy was eventually achieved with much lower levels of violence than in many other comparable cases, post-apartheid South Africa has seen very high rates of everyday violence, in the streets and at home. It is calculated that, in any year, between 1 in 25 and 1 in 40 adult men (aged 15-40) commits a very violent crime (murder, rape, armed robbery; this does not include common assault or attempted murder). It has been reported recently that more than one in four men admit to beating their partners. More than two out of three adolescents reports having witnessed someone being hurt or attacked in the neighbourhood, and one in two say that they know people in their neighbourhood who have committed criminal acts such as robbery and assault.

Our research began in early 2008 with a series of about fifty in-depth interviews conducted in selected neighbourhoods in or around Khayelitsha, on people's experiences of violence. These interviews were conducted by our fieldworkers Thobani Ncapai and Bulelwa Nokwe, and were managed by Lauren Kahn (who began to analyse the material). The unanticipated occurrence of xenophobic violence in parts of Cape Town in May 2008 prompted a change of focus. In the second half of 2008, Adam Cooper studied why such violence occurred in Dunoon (in northern Cape Town) – whilst in some other, apparently similar neighbourhoods (such as Imizamo Yetho in Hout Bay) there was no similar violence. This new qualitative research is being combined with the analysis of data from existing surveys (many of which, as is often the case, remain under-analysed) and data from the forthcoming 2009 Cape Area Study (see below). We anticipate that these various strands of research will be combined in a volume to be completed in 2009.

## 4. Other research

Whilst most of the SSU's research is conducted in metropolitan Cape Town, the SSU hosts some research in rural parts of the Western Cape and elsewhere, on social and economic change. Beatrice Conradie continued her research on farms in the Robertson and Worcester areas. Jeremy Seekings also continues to conduct research on the comparative history of welfare state-building, and on public policy and distribution in contemporary South Africa.

## 5. Future plans

The SSU's primary activity in early 2009 will be to run another survey across Cape Town. The survey will pick up on themes examined through both the Cape Area Study series and the Cape Area Panel Study (CAPS). The sample will comprise as many of the CAPS respondents as we can afford to locate and interview. It will gather information on the core series within CAPS (especially around schooling and entry into the labour market), as well as HIV/AIDS-related issues, and a variety of aspects of social attitudes, norms and values.



# Democracy in Africa

Director  
**Robert Matles**



**Project Managers:** **Kimberly Smiddy** (African Legislatures Project), **Per Strand** (AIDS, Democracy and Governance Project)

**Ph. D. Scholars:** Cherrel Africa, Elisabete Azevedo, Keene Boikhutso, Collette Schultz-Herzenberg, Joao Pereira

**MA Scholars:** Danga Mughogho, Mary Kinney, Leah Shearman, Dadisai Taderera

**Research Assistants:** Jacqueline Borel-Saladin, Mary Kinney, Erica Penfold, Alexandra Searle, Jean Scrimgeour, Dadisai Taderera

**Visiting Research Fellows:** **Joel Barkan** (University of Iowa/Centre for Strategic and International Studies), **Staffan Lindberg** (University of Florida) and **Shaheen Mozaffar** (Bridgewater State University)

**Research Associates:** **Elisabete Azevedo** (Mozambique), **Monica Koep** (Namibia), **Fred Matiangi** (Kenya), **Takawira Musavengana** (Namibia) and **Shana Warren** (Zambia)

## Research Unit

**The Democracy in Africa Research Unit 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 2008, we continued our research and training activities in four broad areas: public opinion, voting and elections, political institutions, and the political consequences of HIV/AIDS. Our work this year was supported by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET), the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS (JLICA), the Heinrich Böll Foundation (HBF), the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD), the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation (RBF), the Swedish Agency for International Development (SIDA), the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and UNAIDS.

## DARU Projects

### **African Legislatures Project**

This collaborative research project (with Bridgewater State University in the US) took a major leap forward in 2008. A grant from DFID enabled us to complete fieldwork (consisting of both structured surveys of representative samples of MPs and in-depth interviews of legislative officers) in four African parliaments: Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. By the end of the year, a new grant from HBF had enabled us begin fieldwork in both Namibia and South Africa. The South African and Namibian studies also featured an additional survey of civil society organisations' about their experiences of interacting with their respective Parliaments.

Back at UCT, Project Manager Kimberly Smiddy and DARU research staff (Cherrel Africa, Danga Mughogho, Leah Shearman, Alexandra Searle, Jean Scrimgeour and Erica Penfold) worked with Visiting Research Fellows Shaheen Mozaffar and Joel Barkan to input the data coming back from our national research associates in the field, as well as pore over African constitutions and code legislative powers.

We also began to report initial results from this research. Along with Mozaffar and Barkan, Bob Mattes gave a presentation to a DFID / World Bank-sponsored Wilton Park Conference on Enhancing the Effectiveness of Parliaments. Mattes and Kimberly Smiddy completed an analysis for PACT Zambia of trends in the evaluations of both citizens and MPs in Zambia of the performance of the National Assembly between 2004 and 2007. Mattes also presented data on South Africans' public evaluations of parliament to the Panel for the Assessment of the South African Parliament.

### **Afrobarometer Capacity-Building Project**

Having run two full, four-week Afrobarometer Summer Schools at UCT in January and February of both 2006 and 2007, we ran a shorter, "mini" Summer School in December of this year to train Afrobarometer country investigators from Southern Africa in the production and presentation of Briefing Papers on new results. Mattes also worked with Idasa researchers to design the questionnaire for the most recent South Africa Afrobarometer that went into field in late 2008. Having turned out the first two Masters theses by African



## POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS African Legislatures Project

An Evaluation of the Zambia's National Assembly Reform Program (Mattes, Smiddy); The Effectiveness of Parliaments in Africa: Initial Results (Mattes, Smiddy, Mozaffar, Barkan); The Impact of Electoral Competitiveness and MP Constituency Representation (Shearman); Legislative Capacity in Malawi (Smiddy); Legislative Capacity in Mozambique (Azevedo); Legislative Capacity in Zambia (Warren)

## PUBLIC OPINION Afrobarometer Capacity Building Project

The Impact of Democratisation on Poverty Reduction in Africa (Mattes); The Nature and Impact of Social Identities in Botswana (Boikhutso) ; Public opinion and Presidential Term Limits in Africa (Mughogho)

## Higher Education and Democracy in Africa

The Impact of Formal Education, and Especially Higher Education, on Democratic Citizenship in Africa? (Mattes, Mughogho)

## VOTING AND ELECTIONS Comparative National Elections Project

The Linkages between Partisanship and Popular Conceptions of Democracy, and Demand and Supply of Democracy (Mattes); The Determinants of Partisan Identification in Mozambique (Pereira); The Changing Nature of Partisan Coalitions and the Determinants of Partisan Evaluations in South Africa since 1994 (Herzenberg); The "Quality" of South Africa's 2004 Election Campaign and its Impact on the Overall Quality of Democracy (Africa)

## POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF HIV/AIDS The Impact of AIDS on Democracy

The Impact of HIV/AIDS on Local Government Institutional Capacity in South Africa (Strand, Kinney)

## HIV/AIDS Governance

The Political Determinants of Successful Policy towards Children Affected by AIDS (Strand, Kinney, Mattes); National Compliance with the UNGAUSS Framework in Reporting on National Responses to HIV/AIDS (Strand); The Impact of HIV-related Foreign Aid (Kinney)

scholars anywhere on Afrobarometer data in 2007 (Glen Mpani and Carlos Shenga), 2008 saw the first two Doctoral dissertations by African scholars using this invaluable data source, written by DARU Ph.D fellows Joao Pereira and Cherrel Africa.

Mattes put Afrobarometer data to use in several different studies published in 2008, looking at how South Africans relate to local government, and the linkages between democratisation and poverty reduction across Africa.

### Comparative National Elections Project

In 2008, Jacqueline Borel-Saladin continued our efforts to create a single cross-national data set out of the various national data sets previously collected by CNEP. Mattes presented an analysis of trends in voter attitudes to the Parliamentary Caucus of the Democratic Alliance, and Collette Schultz-Herzenberg handed in her Ph.D dissertation examining trends in South African voter behavior from 1994 to 2004. As noted above, Pereira received his Ph.D for his analysis of voter behavior in Mozambique, and Africa received hers for an assessment of the quality of South Africa's 2004 election.

### AIDS, Democracy and Governance

ADG continued research on three main projects on (1) the impact of AIDS on the quality of democracy in South Africa, (2) the political determinants of national assistance to children affected by HIV/AIDS, and (3) the quality of national reporting to the UNGASS process by countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. In late 2008, the project received a new grant from SIDA to start research on political leadership and HIV/AIDS.

Project Manager Per Strand gave a talk on the new political leadership project to the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) in Senegal, and presented the study on policy outcomes for children affected by HIV/AIDS to a JLICA Conference in Dublin. He also published the results later in the year (with Mary Kinney, and Mattes) and gave other presentations on project research to UNAIDS in Johannesburg, HEARD in Durban and SIDA in Lusaka.

Mary Kinney completed her Masters thesis on the impacts of HIV-related foreign aid, and received her degree with distinction.

On the training side, we hosted a Rockefeller Brothers Foundation conference that reviewed RBF's work in building research capacity amongst its grantees both in terms of research methodology and advocacy skills. Strand also worked with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation to assist them with their analysis of the institutional capacity of the Lesotho Mounted Police Services.

### Higher Education and Democracy in Africa

In 2008, DARU began this project as part of the larger Higher Education and Research Advocacy Network for Africa (HERANA), a consortium coordinated by the Centre for Higher Education Transformation and funded by the US-based Partnership for Higher Education in Africa. Mattes and Mughogho completed a report on the impact of formal education broadly, and higher education specifically, on democratic citizenship in Africa, and also presented a paper based on this research to the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association in Boston in August.

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**Lesley Doyal, Bristol**

HIV-positive African migrants in the UK

**Mark Tessler, Michigan**

Attitudes towards politics and Islam in the Arab world

**Brendan Maughan-Brown, CSSR**

Changes in HIV-related stigma over time

**Robert Mattes, CSSR**

The material and political bases of lived poverty in Africa: Insights from the Afrobarometer

**Mandisa Mballi, Oxford**

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**Tinashe Chidanyika, CSSR**

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**Mary Kinney, CSSR**

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**Glen Mpani, CSSR**

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**Hannah Lane, UCT**

Factors influencing the decision to voluntarily test for HIV: Considering the threats of being HIV-positive

**Lauren Kahn, CSSR**

Sexual decision-making amongst adolescent girls: Critiquing the rational choice paradigm

**Collette Herzenberg, CSSR/Institute for Security Studies**

A lethal cocktail: Corruption and HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in South Africa

**Timothy Mah, Harvard / CSSR**

Concurrent sexual partnership and HIV prevention in South Africa

**Lorraine van Blerk, Reading**

Street children's life paths and family relations in Cape Town

**Daniel Schneider, Princeton**

Why do people join burial societies?

**Joanne Wreford, CSSR**

Blaming and shaming: Medical myths, traditional health practitioners, and HIV/AIDS in South Africa

**Nicoli Nattrass, CSSR**

The (political) economies of antiretroviral treatment in developing countries

**Hanne Jansen Haricharan, School of Public Health**

Death, deviance and despair: HIV in a marginalized South African community

**Per Strand, CSSR**

Politics and policy outcomes on children affected by AIDS in Africa

**Elizabeth Mills, CSSR**

Ties that bind: Catalysts and consequences of HIV-disclosure in households

**Brendan Maughan-Brown, CSSR and Atheendar Venkataramari, Yale**

Disability grants and individual and household welfare among HAART patients in South Africa

**Eric Pelser, Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention**

Young people and violence

**Collette Herzenberg, CSSR/Institute for Security Studies**

The enduring impact of race on electoral behaviour in South Africa

**Ingrid Woolard, Economics (SALDRU)**

The National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS)

**Adam Cooper, CSSR**

Xenophobic violence in Cape Town

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**UK DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID)/AFRICAN LEGISLATURES PROJECT CONFERENCE**

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**LEFT** CSSR lunch December 2008. **MIDDLE** Celeste and Keomo's wedding. **RIGHT** Danga and Beth arguing as usual.

# CSSR Profile

## 2008

### Director Nicoli Nattrass



#### **AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)**

The AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU) supports research into the social and economic dimensions of AIDS in South and Southern Africa. Special emphasis is placed on exploring the interface between qualitative and quantitative research. Focus areas include: AIDS policy in South Africa, AIDS-stigma, sexual relationships in the age of AIDS, the social and economic factors driving HIV infection, disclosure (of HIV-status to others), the interface between traditional medicine and biomedicine, the international treatment rollout, global health citizenship and leadership, AIDS treatment activism and the impact of providing antiretroviral treatment on individuals and households.

### Director Robert Mattes



#### **Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU)**

DARU supports students and scholars who conduct systematic research in the following four areas: public opinion and political culture in Africa and its role in democratisation and consolidation; elections and voting in Africa; the development of legislative institutions; and the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on democratization in southern Africa. DARU has also developed close working relationships with projects such as the Afrobarometer (a cross-national survey of public opinion in twenty African countries) and the Comparative National Elections Project, which conducts post-election surveys over twenty countries across the world.

### Director Jeremy Seekings



#### **Social Surveys Unit (SSU)**

The Social Surveys Unit (SSU) promotes critical analysis of the methodology, ethics and results of South African social science research. The SSU seeks to integrate quantitative and qualitative research. Our core activities include the overlapping Cape Area Study and Cape Area Panel Study. The Cape Area Study comprises a series of surveys of social, economic and political aspects of life in Cape Town. The Cape Area Panel Study is an ongoing study of young people in Cape Town as they move from school into the worlds of work, unemployment, adulthood and parenthood. Linked to the panel study is an ethnographic study of childhood and adolescence in post-apartheid Cape Town. The SSU also conducts research into inequality, diversity and social policy.



# Our mission statement

The Centre for Social Science (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 the Social Surveys Unit, Democracy in Africa Research Unit, and AIDS and Society Research Unit, as well as a small Directorate. Unit Heads report on their research activities through the CSSR Director to the Dean of Humanities. The CSSR is also assisted by an Advisory Board that meets twice-yearly. We also continue to work closely with UCT's DataFirst Resource Unit (which was started as part of CSSR), an extensive digital archive of social science databases.

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). After a

reasonable period, collected data are turned into public access data sets and deposited with the DataFirst Resource Centre. 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*.

Substantively, the CSSR conducts research in the broad areas of democratisation, development, poverty and public health. The *Social Surveys Unit (SSU)* conducts research on a range of social dynamics using survey data (especially the Cape Area Panel Survey, and the Cape Area Survey) and related qualitative data. The *Democracy in Africa Research Unit (DARU)* conducts research on a range of issues around democratisation in South and Southern Africa, using public opinion data but also creating new systematic data bases on elections, legislatures and local government. Finally, the *AIDS and Society Research Unit (ASRU)* conducts research on the social impacts of HIV/AIDS, including issues of parenting, disclosure, sexual behavior and public welfare, again using both survey and qualitative data.

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Nicoli Natrass in Mexico City; Brendan Maughan-Brown, Ph.D. graduate; Ariane De Lannoy at XVII International AIDS Conference; Cherrel Africa, Ph.D. graduate; Members of CSSR at XVII International AIDS Conference; Shaheen Mozaffar and Bob Mattes, deep in research discussion.



