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*Hidden Voices, Untold Stories and
Veiled Memories*

**5th NATIONAL ORAL HISTORY
CONFERENCE**

7-10 OCTOBER 2008

**REGENT HOTEL
EAST LONDON, EASTERN CAPE**

*(Registration will start on Monday 6 October
from 16:00 to 18:00)*

**DAY 1
TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2008**

Registration
08:00 – 09:00

**SESSION 1
Conference Opening
09:00 – 10:30**

Chairperson: Prof P. Denis (University of
KwaZulu-Natal) – Chairperson OHASA

Welcome: Ms. N. Abraham-Ntantiso- MEC of
E.C. Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture

Opening: Ms N.G.W. Botha – Deputy Minister
of Arts and Culture

Keynote address
Prof J.Peires (Walter Sisulu University)
“Using Oral Traditions in the Writing of History:
a Review of the Methodology Evolved out of
International Best Practice.”

**TEA
10:30 – 10:45**

**SESSION 2
Memories of the struggle – Part 1**

Chairperson: Prof S. Mokgoatsana (University of
Limpopo)

10:45 – 12:45 (Parallel Session A)

R. Johnson (University of Sheffield)

“The individual and the sayable: the testimony of
apartheid era human rights violations”

J. Modise (St Augustine’s College)

“Kagiso: a symbol of the liberation struggle in
the West Rand”

T. Moloi (Wits University)

“The Azanian Youth in Tembisa Township”

SESSION 3

Memories of the struggle – Part 2

Chairperson: Dr P. Lekgoathi (Wits University)

10:45 – 12:45 (Parallel Session B)

T. Mothibe & M. Mushonga
(University of Lesotho)

“Lesotho’s collective memories of its role in the
liberation struggle of South Africa”

L. Ntleni (Steve Biko Foundation)

“The Ginsberg Oral History Project”

C.Twala (Free State University)

“Secrecy in the military stories by the liberation
veterans”

**LUNCH
12:45 – 13:30**

SESSION 4

Family and Gender – Part 1

Chairperson: Mr J. Modise (St Augustine
College)

13:30 – 15:00 (Parallel Session A)

R. Malibo & T. Monyane (University of
Lesotho)

“The impact of divorce on the lives of Basotho
men and women”

N. Phiri (University of Venda)

“Adolescents whose parents have a divorce
history”

S. Mokgoatsana & V. Mabuza (University of
Limpopo)

“The polemics of blood and martyrdom in
remembering Manche’s journey of salvation”

SESSION 5

Family and Gender – Part 2

Chairperson: Mr Radikobo Ntsimane
(University of KwaZulu-Natal)

13:30 – 15:00 (Parallel Session B)

A. Ramaite (University of Venda)

“Wives of labourers in Vhembe”

B. Tyhulu (Amathole District Municipality)

“The unprecedented journey of Nontetha Nkwenkwe Bungu”
C Ngwenya (University of Johannesburg)
“The history of Indian family businesses in Fordsburg”
M. Oelofse (Free State University)
“Silent voices, hidden women: the TRC’s unfinished business”

TEA
15:00 – 15:30

SESSION 6
Community Histories – Part 1
Chairperson: Mr V. Boo (Fort Hare University)
15:30 – 17:00 (Parallel Session A)

L. Evans (Sheffield University) “Untold stories of rural relocations in the Eastern Cape”
C.M. Lamla (Walter Sisulu University)
“The descendants of Mthimkuku I”
M. Mushonga (University of Lesotho)
“An Oral History of Coloureds’ Feelings of Marginality in Zimbabwe”

SESSION 7
Community Histories – Part 2
Chairperson: Dr M. Oelofse (University of the Free State)
15:30 – 17:00 (Parallel Session B)

P. Lekgoathi (Wits University)
“Succession Conflicts in Transvaal Ndebele Chieftancy in the 1700s”
W. Kuse (University of Transkei)
“The Nhlapo Commission on Traditional Disputes and Claims”
R. Ramashogi (University of Pretoria)
“The role of *letsema* in fighting community struggles”

EVENING RECEPTION
19:00 – 22:00

DAY 2
WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

SESSION 8
Guest speaker
Chairperson: Prof C. Landman (University of Pretoria)
9:00- 10: 00
Ms Pumla .Madiba
(Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious. and Linguistic Communities)
“Orality and the Conservation of Memory”

Followed by:
“The Mdantsane Oral History Project”
Presentation of a local oral history project

TEA
10:30 – 10:45

SESSION 9
Oral History Methodology
Chairperson: Prof P. Denis (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
10:45 – 12:45

M. Blayi (Sikhulule High School, East London)
“Oral history: the challenges of education”
K. Ngodwana (Fort Hare University)
“Using orature in second language classrooms”
I. Ladeira (University of Cape Town) & N. Bidwell (James Cook University, Australia)
“Digital storytelling design learning from non-digital narratives: Two case studies in South Africa”
M. Chawane (University of Johannesburg)
“Participant observation: the case study of Rastafarianism in Daveyton”
Benedict Carton (George Mason University, Washington DC)
“Subject protection and official surveillance in oral history”

LUNCH
12:45 – 13:30

SESSION 10
Illness and Healing
Chairperson: Prof N. Musevane (University of Venda)
13:30 – 15:00 (Parallel Session B)
C. Landman (University of South Africa)
“Illness and healing among farm workers in the Hoedspruit area”
R. Ntsimane (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

“Leadership patterns in the running of mission hospitals”

S. Joshua (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
“Catholic women, HIV/AIDS and condoms in KwaZulu-Natal”

SESSION 11

Dealing with death

Chairperson: Ms R. Machaisa (St Augustine College)

13:30 – 15:00 (Parallel Session A)

R. Ngqangweni (Fort Hare University)
“Reinterpreting *ukuzila*”

P. Grootboom (Fort Hare University)
“Exhumation and reburial in Tamarha and Flagstaff”

L. Moyo (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
“The hidden voices of children: child-headed households”

TEA

15:00 – 15:30

SESSION 12

OHASA General Assembly

15:30 – 17:00

Chairperson: Prof P. Denis (OHASA)

Followed by:

Book Launch

Oral History in a Wounded Country. Interactive Interviewing in South Africa,
edited by P. Denis and R. Ntsimane
(University of KwaZulu-Natal Press)

FREE EVENING

DAY 3 THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

SESSION 13

Guest speaker

Chairperson: Prof L. Wotshela (University of Fort Hare)

9: 00 – 10:30

Prof Lungisile Ntsebeza (Univ. of Cape Town)
“Land Rights of rural women in South Africa: do they have a voice?”

Followed by:

M. Gilder (National Archives of South Africa)
“Oral history and the Preservation of World Heritage: International trends”

TEA

10:30 – 10:45

SESSION 14

Orality, literacy and indigenous music

Chairperson: Dr P. Opondo (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

10:45 – 12:45 (Parallel Session A)

R. Machaisa (St Augustine College)
“Orality and literacy: Storytelling as an approach to reveal history”

M. Modipane (University of Limpopo)
“Tracing family praise poetry in Mamabolo, Limpopo Province”

N. Musehane (University of Venda)
“Untold stories from Vhavenda communities”
N. Mughovani (University of Venda)
“Indigenous music and its role in the preservation of oral history and culture”

SESSION 15

Oral History and Heritage

Chairperson: Prof W. Kuse (University of Transkei)

10:45 – 12:45 (Parallel Session B)

J. Mataga (University of Lesotho)
“The Thaba Bosiu Historical Monument in Lesotho”

N. Mkhulisi (Voortrekker Museum, Pietermaritzburg) “KwaZulu-Natal unknown historical sites”

S. Victor (Amathole Museum, King William’s Town) “Oral history in museums”

V. Mqingwana (Walter Sisulu University)
“in search of the truth: experiences in the Chris Hani District Municipality liberation heritage route project”

LUNCH
12:45 – 13:30

SESSION 16
Urban History

Chairperson: Prof. T. Mothibe (University of
Lesotho)

13:30 – 15:00

- D. Opondo (University of Johannesburg)
“West Africans in Brixton (1995-2008)”
L. Ntenti (Steve Biko Foundation) & L.
Hadfield (Michigan State University)
“Black Consciousness in King William’s Town”
O. Okunlola (University of Johannesburg)
“Growing up white in fiestas in the 1960s and
1970s”
M. Moolman (University of Johannesburg)
“The coloured community at the cinema in the
western suburbs of Johannesburg”

TEA
15:00 – 15:15

SESSION 17
Closure

Chairperson: Prof S. Mokgoatsana (University of
Limpopo) – Deputy Chairperson OHASA

15:15 – 16:00

Evaluation and conclusion

CLOSING PARTY
19:00 – 22:00

DAY 4
FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2008

EXCURSION
8:30 – 15:00