



### MARITZBURG COLLEGE IS PROUD TO HOST THE 27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORY TEACHING ON 27 – 28 September 2013

#### Introduction

The conference organisers are delighted to announce that Prof Jonathan Jansen (pictured), the much-admired Rector of the University of the Free State, has agreed to deliver the conference's keynote address on Saturday, 28 September, on "Why the first year university students dread talking about the past – and what schools can do about it."



#### About the conference

The South African Society for History Teaching (SASHT) is the official mouthpiece of history teachers in South Africa, especially those at secondary schools and tertiary institutions. It is anticipated that about 150 - 200 teachers and lecturers will attend the conference, many from beyond KwaZulu-Natal.

# **Conference theme:** *Teaching and Learning History in a 21st Century African Classroom*

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- Disseminating research by historians in GET, FET and HET History curricula
- Disseminating indigenous knowledge/local history/regional History in the classroom for a better understanding/complementing of curriculum themes
- Bridging teaching, curriculum and examination constraints
- Ways of overcoming the generational disconnect
- Modern media: threats and opportunities
- Keeping History alive and relevant in a 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom

#### Overview

The year 2013 marks the 150th celebration of Maritzburg College *(right)*, KwaZulu-Natal's oldest boys' school. In a busy year, the school is hosting numerous sports and cultural



festivals, tournaments and other events, and it is especially proud to host the 27th annual conference of the SASHT as part of those festivities.

#### Programme

The organisers have received over 30 excellent abstracts for papers and workshops, and have been able to put together a stimulating, interesting and varied schedule. The *provisional* schedule (as at 16 August), subject to final changes, is as follows:

Thursday, September 26					
16:00 – 18:00	Yesterday & Today editorial meeting				
18:00 – 21:00	SASHT executive meeting and business dinner Braai for early arrivals				
Friday, S	September 27				
08:00 – 08:35	Registration				
08:35 – 09:00	Welcome, opening address, orientation				
	Venue A Venue B				
09:00 – 09:05	Start of session		Start of session		
09:05 – 09:25	P. Warnich (North West University, Potchefstroom)	From Curriculum 2005 to the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS): Assessing history teachers' assessment practices within a constructivist learning paradigm	R. Siebörger (University of Cape Town)	What should history teachers know? Assessing history students at the conclusion of the PGCE year	
09:25 – 09:45	M. Maposa (Edgewood Campus, UKZN)	An analysis of the application of indigenous knowledge on themes on postcolonial Africa in selected South African history textbooks	S. Glanvill (University of the Witwatersrand)	Using the "thinking and reading like a historian" <sup>1</sup> approach with pre-service social science educators	

09:45 - 10:05	P. Modisakeng (North West University, Potchefstroom)	The role of Open Distance Learning (ODL) in addressing issues and challenges experienced by history teachers in the North West province	B. Mackenzie (Dominican Convent School)	"Doing history" as portrayed in assessment tasks found in the <i>Early Expansion</i> and Conquest units contained in a sample of Grade 10 South African CAPS- compliant history textbooks	
10:05 – 10:25	(University of the listen to the flowers (University of the enga		Using local history to engage students in the practices of history		
10:25 – 10:40	Question Time		Question Time		
10:40 - 11:00	Tea Time				
11:00 – 11.05	Start of session		Start of session	Start of session	
11:05 – 11:40	P. Nel (Pietermaritzburg Archives Repository) Short workshop: Leafing out your family tree @ the Archives		D. Gillespie (Jeppe Girls' High)	Short workshop: E-ducational E -xcursions – Planning successful day excursions and tours	
11:40 – 12:00	J. Seroto (University of South Africa)	Iniversity of Grade 12 history textbooks:		Teaching African Studies for the 21st century: A case study	
12:00 – 12:20	M. Koekemoer (CTI Education Group) Holocaust Education – enriching Grade 9 learners socially or educationally? Analysing the discourse within textbooks		S. Singh (NARISEC)	Disseminating indigenous knowledge/ local history/ regional history in the classroom for a better understanding/ complementing of the curricula themes	
12:20 – 12:40	E. Marmer and P. Sow (Universities of Hamburg and Bonn)	African history teaching in contemporary German textbooks	G. Weldon (retired Chief History Curriculum Planner, WCED)	Post-conflict history teaching – the critical issues of understanding personal legacies and identities of the past on all of us and the way in which this influences the teaching of history, particularly resistance history and the TRC	
12:40 – 12:55	Question time		Question time		

12:55 – 13:50	Lunch and tour of the school, including visit to the school museum			
13:50 – 13:55	Start of session		Start of session	
13:55 – 14:15	M. Ndlovu Why indigenous (University of knowledge in the 21 <sup>st</sup> South Africa) century? A de-colonial turn		P. Murray (Diocesan College, Cape Town)	The role of fiction in history teaching
14:15 – 14:35	B. Moreeng (Free State University) Post-colonial discourse: An option for post-apartheid history teaching in South Africa?		J. Engelbrecht (Thomas More, Kloof)	Heritage to History: A take on Grade 10 local History documentaries
14:35 – 14:55	S. Bester (North West University, Vaal Triangle) The challenges in using and integrating multimedia by Grade 4, 5 and 6 history teachers of the schools in the townships and rural areas in and around the Klerksdorp, Rustenburg and Vryburg districts		N. Sibawu (University of Venda)	Understanding the impact of resistance songs in debunking the stigma attached to history during the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
14:55 – 15:10	Question time		Question time	
15:10 – 15:30	Tea Time			
15:30 – 16:30	Two-hour Workshop: P. Denis and P. Dlamini (Sinomlando oral history unit, UKZN)	Voices from the past: The practice of oral history	One-hour workshop: C. Bertram (UKZN, Pietermaritzburg campus)	Designing source-based questions: Thinking about cognitive demand and difficulty
16:30 – 17:30			One-hour workshop: K.A. Garcia (Brescia House School, Johannesburg)	Protest music of the 1960s in the classroom
17:30 – 18:30	SASHT AGM			
18:30 for 19:00	Cocktail Party			

Saturday, September 28				
07:45 – 07:50	Start of session		Start of Session	
07:50 – 08:10	R. van Diemel (Faculty of Military Science, University of Stellenbosch)	"An all too familiar voice" – Re-examining Josiah T Gumede's contribution to colonial and post Union history in Natal, 1904 – 1946	M.J. Mthethwa (Free State University)	Responding to the challenges of transition into the intermediate phase – A case study of the teaching and learning of history in Grade 4

08:10 – 08:30	E. van Eeden (North West University, Vaal Triangle) Assessing the colonial historiography of South Africa and its presence in the Further and Higher Education and Training environment		K.A. Garcia (Brescia House School, Johannesburg)	The US sixties in historical perspective – new interpretations of major events in the era.
08:30 – 08:50	M.C. Kgari- Masondo (UKZN, Edgewood campus) Masondo (ukzn, Edgewood campus) Mreusable past: Teaching socio-environmental history in South African high schools from an indigenous perspective		E. Goring	What are we ashamed about in our history?
08:50 – 09:10	G. Nxumalo (Edgewood) Young African women and the <i>umhlanga</i> ceremony: A case study in historical consciousness.		P. Haupt (Settlers High School, Cape Town)	Connecting the dots: History teaching in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century classroom – juggling reason, technology and multi-media in the world of the young technophile.
09:10 – 09:30	L. le Roux Views held by future history educators on "historical pride".		C. Gordon and J. Cloete (North West University, Potchefstroom)	The use of cell phones in the teaching of history.
09:30 – 09:50	K. Morgan (University of the Witwatersrand) Learning empathy through school history textbooks? A case study		J. Grobler (University of Pretoria)	Using historical Facebook pages to teach history.
09:50 – 10:10	Question time Question time			
10:10 – 10:20	Comfort break			
10:20 – 11:20	Guest Speaker: Dan Wylie (Dean of English, Rhodes University) – Shaka: Teaching a history of uncertainties			
11:20 – 11:35	Tea time			
11:35 – 12:20	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Jonathan D. Jansen (Rector: Free State University) – Why first year university students dread talking about the past – and what schools can do about it.			
12:20 – 13:10	Wrap up of Conference, farewells and official photograph taken			
13:10 – 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 – 16:00	Guided tour of historic Pietermaritzburg: "Pietermaritzburg: trekker <i>dorp</i> , outpost of empire and struggle centre"			

#### **Conference registration**

Lecturers and teachers of History, researchers, and any other academics from the GET, FET and HET levels are invited to register for the 2013 SASHT conference, which (as indicated in the table below) this year will offer various registration options, to cater for the needs of locally-based delegates (**Standard / Day Visitor**), attendees

who have outside accommodation (**Out-of-Town Premium**), as well as delegates who would prefer an all-in-one package that would enable them to make use of the school's own reasonably-priced, clean and safe accommodation (**Stayover**).

#### Conference options and costs

The followin	Standard rate	
Standard	Attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, tea-time snacks, with packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R750
Day Visitor	Attendance at all the workshops and paper presentations on the Friday (including the cocktail party) OR the Saturday (including Prof Jansen's address), packed lunch and tea-time snacks:	R450
Out-of- Town Premium	Welcome braai at the Old Boys' Club on Thursday night, full English breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings, attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R1 200
Stayover	Two nights' accommodation (Thursday and Friday) in single room in College House, plus all Out-of-Town Premium options:	R1 600

#### About the host school, maritzburg college

Founded in 1863, Maritzburg College is a state (ex-Model C) all-boys high school for 1 180 pupils, of whom nearly 400 are boarders. Situated on the same 25-hectare estate in Pietermaritzburg that it has occupied since 1888, it has over the last 150 years established itself as a leading South African high school. Amongst its former scholars it can count numerous senators, generals and admirals, 10 judges, arguably South Africa's pre-eminent English author (Alan Paton, who also taught at the school), 23 Rhodes Scholars and 235 international sportsmen.

#### Facilities

The school offers a wide array of facilities suitable for a conference such as this one, including the historic Victoria Hall, which was completed in 1899 and used by the British Army as a military hospital during the first 10 months of the South African War; the Olivier Cultural Centre, which was the main venue for the successful 2012 International Boys Schools' Coalition Conference attended by over 250 delegates; renovated classrooms that each have internet and projector facilities; its new Leadership Development Centre; and a popular Old Boys' Club for any of the conference's more social needs.

#### Down-time / tour of historic pietermaritzburg

As can be seen above, some of the registration options include an invitation to the welcome braai to be held in the early evening of Thursday 26 September, on the eve of the conference, which commences on the following morning. Delegates are encouraged to elect a registration option that will allow them to attend this socialising/networking opportunity, in a relaxed environment overlooking the school's main sports-field, Goldstone's. On the last day of the conference, wellknown local historian and SASHT stalwart, Simon Haw, will lead a guided, bussed tour themed **"Pietermaritzburg: trekker** *dorp*, **outpost of empire and struggle centre"**, at an extra cost of R100 per person.



January 1900: Sick and wounded British soldiers recuperating outside the school's Victoria Hall, which will be the primary venue of the 2013 SASHT conference.

A number of other options are available to attendees during their down-time in the KZN Midlands. For example –

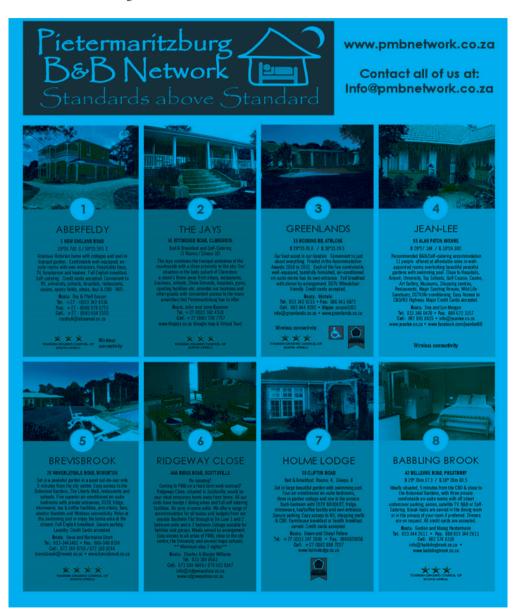
- Karkloof Canopy Tours: This is a very popular tourist destination on the Midlands Meander, on the Karkloof road beyond Howick, about 40 km from Maritzburg College. Breeze along the treetops of the Karkloof forest on a zip-line 100m above ground! Go to http://www.karkloofcanopytour. co.za/
- The popular Liberty Midlands Mall is only about 10 km away and offers shops, restaurants and movies.



• **Maritzburg College Museum:** Lastly, for the more inquisitive, the school's newlyopened museum (*see photo right, as opened by past Headmaster Mr DR Jury*) – the beginnings of which, incidentally, featured in a workshop presented at the 2010 SASHT conference in Clarens – will be open on both days of the conference. Entrance is free and visitors are welcome.

#### Accommodation in Pietermaritzburg

Herewith please find information about some of the many B&Bs at which to stay in Pietermaritzburg.



#### Exclusions

The registration fees detailed above exclude the following -

- travelling fees to and from Pietermaritzburg
- airport transfers
- accommodation unless specified above, in which case all such arrangements must be done by yourself
- conference tour
- additional items (such as the Karkloof Canopy Tour)

#### Payment of conference fees

Registration payments must be done as soon as possible in order to make use of the Early Bird rates. All payments are to be made into the following Maritzburg College bank account:

Account Holder:	Maritzburg College
Bank:	First National Bank
Account No:	5093 559 5139
Branch Name:	Liberty Midlands Mall
Reference (imperative):	SASHT + [your name] or simply
	HT999Z + [your name]
Branch Name:	Liberty Midlands Mall <b>SASHT + [your name]</b> or simply

In all cases, kindly e-mail or fax your completed registration form with proof of payment to Maritzburg College, as per the instructions on the conference registration form itself.

#### Getting to Pietermaritzburg

Pietermaritzburg is easily accessible by car, bus and air, and the city's Oribi Airport is only a five-minute drive away from Maritzburg College. Should you require any assistance in getting to the conference, we recommend that you use Ms Donna Calmeyer of Travel Counsellors, whom the school regularly uses for their own requirements. *Please see her advert overleaf.* 



Hurrah! The boys of Maritzburg College look forward to welcoming you to their school next month.



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South African Society for History Teaching (SASHT) SASHT CONFERENCE 2013 REGISTRATION FORM



### ANNUAL SASHT CONFERENCE

Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg, 27-28 September 2013

Please fax or e-mail this form to Mr Matthew Marwick (fax: +27-33-394 2908, marwickm@mcollege.co.za) **and** Prof ES van Eeden (Fax 016 910 3449, elize. vanEeden@nwu.ac.za).

**Personal Details** (of which the ones marked with a \* will appear in the official conference programme)

<i>*Title and full name:</i>	
*Affiliation (school/	
university/department/	
organisation):	
Cellphone no:	
Fax no:	
*E-mail address:	

I would like to register for the following conference option (tick applicable option in the box on the far right):			
Standard	Attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, tea-time snacks, with packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R750	
Day Visitor	Attendance at all the workshops and paper presentations on the Friday (including cocktail party) OR the Saturday (including Prof Jansen's address), with packed lunch and tea-time snacks (please <b>circle the</b> <b>relevant day in the block on the right):</b>	R450	Sat / Sun
Out of Town Premium	Welcome braai at the Old Boys' Club on Thursday night, full English breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings, attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R1 200	

#### Stayover

Two nights' accommodation (Thursday and Friday) in a single room in College House, plus all Out-of-Town Premium options: R1 600

I would like to attend the conference tour titled **"Pietermaritzburg: trekker** *dorp*, **outpost of empire and struggle centre"** by well-known local historian, Mr Simon Haw, on Saturday, 28 September (the bus will leave at 13h00 from the conference venue). The cost is an **additional R100 pp.** Tick the box on the right if you would like to attend the tour (max: 50 people).

#### TOTAL PAYMENT:

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**DID YOU KNOW?** The Maritzburg City Hall (*left*) – which will of course feature in the tour –is the largest red brick building in the Southern Hemisphere?

Please specify any special meal requirements that you might have (if any):

The relevant bank details are as follows:

Name:	Maritzburg College
Bank:	First National Bank
Branch:	257355
Account Number:	50935595139
Reference:	SASHT + [your name] or
Reference:	HT999Z + [your name]