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Student Heritage Workshop

From Thesis to Policy: Bridging the Gap
Between Academia and National Heritage
Mandate



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SAHRA Inter-Unit Seminar for the South African Archaeology Student Society and the Paleo-Research Institute

Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Venue: Wole Soyinka Auditorium, University of Johannesburg, Bunting Road Campus, Gauteng

Time: 10:00 am - 15:00 pm

Programme Director: Ms Katlego Serobatse

OPENING SESSION:

- 1. 10:00 - 10:05 | Welcome | Mr Ngqabutho Madida**
(Burial Grounds and Graves Manager)
- 2. 10:05 - 10:15 | Opening Remarks | Mr Ben Mwasinga**
(Senior Manager: Heritage Conservation Management)
- 3. 10:15- 10:20 | Seminar Orientation and Programme Overview | Ms Katlego Serobatse**
(Burial Grounds and Graves Unit)

SESSION 1:

FROM RESEARCH TO REGULATIONS: SAHRIS, PERMITTING AND HERITAGE DECISION-MAKING

- 4. 10:20 - 10:30 | Understanding SAHRA's Role in South Africa's Landscape |**
Mr Ngqabutho Madida
(Burial Grounds and Graves Unit Manager)
- 5. 10:30 - 10:40 | Activity: "Match the Unit Quiz"**
- 6. 10:45- 10:50 | Memorialisation and Commemorative Heritage Practice |**
Mr Ngqabutho Madida
(Burial Grounds and Graves Unit Manager)
- 7. 10:40 - 10:50 | Questions and Discussions**

10:55 - 11:05 | BREAK

SESSION 2:

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- 8. 11:05 - 11:20 | The SAHRIS Ecosystem: Heritage Management in the Digital Age |**
Mr Jake Harding
(National Inventory Unit Manager)
- 9. 11:20 - 11:30 | Questions and Discussions**
- 10. 11:30 - 11:45 | Digging Deeper: Managing South Africa's Archaeological Heritage and Permit Management | Mr Philip Hine**
(Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Manager)

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11. 11:45 - 11:55 | Questions and Discussions

11:55 - 12:25 | **LUNCH BREAK**

12. 12:25 - 12:40 | **Heritage in a Changing Landscape: Development, Conservation and Decision-Making** | Ms Boitsheop Motsodisa
(Development Applications Unit)

13. 12:40 - 12:55 | **Guardians of Memory: Managing Graves, Human Remains and Heritage Permits** | Ms Reagile Sengane
(Burial Grounds and Grave Unit)

14. 12:55 - 13:05 | Questions and Discussions

15. 13:05 - 13:20 | Activity: “Heritage Officer Escape Room”

13:20 - 13:30 | **BREAK**

SESSION 3:

DISCOVERY TO DIGNITY: HUMAN REMAINS RESCUE, REPATRIATION AND COLLABORATIVE HERITAGE PRACTICE

16. 13:30 - 13:40 | **When Human Remains are Discovered: From Emergency Response to Heritage Protection** | Ms Katlego Serobatse
(Burial Grounds and Grave Unit)

17. 13:40 - 13:50 | Questions and Discussions

18. 13:50 - 14:00 | **Bringing Ancestors Home: Repatriation, Reburial and Restorative Heritage Practice** | Mr Zakhele Ndlovu
(Repatriation and Restitution Office)

19. 14:00 - 14:10 | Questions and Discussions

20. 14:10 - 14:25 | Activity: “The Discovery Call”

SESSION 4:

CLOSING REFLECTIONS: THE FUTURE OF HERITAGE PRACTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

21. 14:25 - 14:50 | **Open Discussion** | Ms Katlego Serobatse
(ALL)

22. 14:50 - 15:00 | **Way Forward and Closing Remarks** | Ms Reagile Sengane