

## **Profile of Prof Martin E. Palamuleni**



Prof Martin E. Palamuleni is currently teaching demography at North West University in South Africa. He holds a BSc in Statistics and Computer Science from University of Malawi and MSc and PhD in Demography from London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London. He has taught various courses in demography/population studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Universities of Malawi and North-West in South Africa. He has supervised postgraduate students and served as External Examiner in some universities in Southern Africa, His research interest include: demographic analysis, demographic transition in Africa and Reproductive Health issues especially Adolescent Reproductive Health.

## Profile of Prof Ruan Kruger



Prof Ruan Kruger is the current South African Research Chair (SARChI) in the Early Detection and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Africa, and appointed in the Centre of Excellence: Hypertension in Africa Research Team (HART) of the Faculty of Health Sciences, North-West University. He is a member of the SAMRC Extramural Research Unit for Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease, and the current Chair of the New Investigator Committee of the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) and the Chair of the Next Generation Network of the Southern African Hypertension Society (SAHS).

He also serves as Board member for the Southern African Hypertension Society (SAHS) and Scientific Committee member of the International Congress of Hypertension in Children and Adolescents (ICHCA). His research addresses the early detection and prevention of hypertension with a special focus on early vascular ageing, especially in children and early adulthood. He is an NRF-rated researcher and published multiple scientific papers in international peer reviewed journals, including reviews and invited editorials. He is the Principal Investigator of the Arterial Stiffness in Offspring Study (ASOS) and the Exercise, Arterial Modulation and Nutrition in Youth South Africa (ExAMIN Youth SA) study and holder of multiple national grants and international funding.

## **Profile of Dr Tendayi Garutsa**



Dr Tendayi Garutsa is currently the Subject Chair and a Senior Lecturer in the Sociology Department, School of Social Sciences. She holds a PhD in Social Sciences in Sociology from University of Fort Hare. Her research interests include Gender, Development, Food security, feminist pedagogy only to mention a few. She serves in a number of portfolios including the National Research Foundation (NRF) humanities review board, Population and health research entity and Recognition of Prior learning committees within the Faculty of Humanities at the NWU. She has published on DHET accredited articles in the area of Gender, indigenous knowledge, Food security and Pedagogy.

## **Profile of Prof Salome Kruger**



Prof Salome Kruger is a registered Dietitian and Pharmacist and Professor of Nutrition at the Centre of Excellence for Nutrition, North-West University. As member of consultative groups to the South African Department of Health, she has advised on national policy. She is a member of an African working group on anthropometry and cardiometabolic disease, and the Global Burden of Metabolic Risk Factors of Chronic Diseases Collaborating Group. She is a Deputy Editor of the international journal, Public Health Nutrition and member of the Academy of Science of South Africa. Her current NRF rating is C1 and she is a Fellow of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences.

She received awards for best publications and presentations, including the John M Kinney award for the best publication in the journal, Nutrition, the ICAO-Lilly award at the International Congress on Abdominal Obesity, Canada and the Nutrition Society of South Africa award for nutrition research.