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**Applied nuclear physicist, with a focus on radiation metrology, and tertiary physics education**

### **Research students**

#### Present:

Postdoc: Tanya Hutton, *Fast neutron applications*

PhD: Dieter Geduld, *Neutron cross sections for fusion studies.*

PhD: Phumlani Zipho Ngcobo, *New targets for neutron beams for the proposed RIB facility at iThemba LABS*

PhD: Graham Daniels, *A fast neutron source for radiography and tomography.*

PhD: Dayne Kemp, *Compact digital electronics for neutron detection*

MSc: Thapelo Mametja, *An uncertainty budget for the pre-cursor Watt balance for South Africa*

#### Completed:

PhD: Rudolph Nchodu, *Determination of energy spectra of proton therapy beams.* (2002) 1-165.

MSc: Siphiso Makupula, *Measurement of spectral neutron fluence from 5-200 MeV by means of liquid scintillators.* (2003) 1-90.

MSc: Gregor Leigh, *Development of problem solving skills in large physics classes.* (2004, with distinction) 1-139.

MSc: Reuben Koontse, *The role of tutor intervention in the epistemology of small group physics learning activities.* (2005) 1-108.

MSc: Trevor Volkwyn, *First year students' understanding of measurement in physics laboratory work* (2005, with distinction) 1-158.

MSc: Seshini Pillay, *The evaluation of a research-based curriculum for teaching measurement in the first year physics laboratory.* (2006) 1-187

MSc: Bashirah Ibrahim, *The relationship between views of the nature of science and views of the nature of scientific measurement.* (2006, with distinction) 1-178

PhD: Bashirah Ibrahim, *Model-based teaching and learning of kinematics in an introductory physics course for underprepared students* (2009).

MSc: John Fearon, *Effective use of physical demonstrations in the teaching and learning of introductory physics* (2010).

Postdoc: Ayodele Odo, *Positron emission particle tracking* (2009-2010)

MSc: Maisson Hassan, *Trace element characterization of mineral ores* (2011)

MSc: Emmanuel Musonza, *Measurements of fast neutron fluence at iThemba LABS* (2011)

MSc: Matthew Bickell, *Investigations into a positron emission imaging algorithm* (2012, with distinction).

MSc: Michael Malahe, *Coupled DEM-CFD modelling in positron emission particle tracking* (2012, with distinction).

MSc: Louis Majawa, *Neutron activation analyses of bulk mineral samples using a D-T sealed tube neutron generator* (2013, with distinction)

PhD: John Fearon, *Strategies adopted by undergraduate physics students when modelling solutions to hands-on tasks* (2014)

MEng: Michael van Heerden *Optimization of the radio-labelling of ion exchange resin tracers for PEPT* (2015)

MEng: Cong Lui *New technique of radiolabelling tracers with  $^{64}\text{Cu}$  for positron emission particle tracking* (2015)

Postdoc: Kathryn Cole, *Positron emission particle tracking* (2014-2016) Claude Leon Fellowship

PhD: Angus Comrie, *Development of a compact neutron/gamma-ray detector* (2016).