The year 2015 saw a number of milestones for the Department of Information Systems, including the promotion of staff members Dr Caroline Khene and Dr Kirstin Krauss to Associate Professor status.

Professor Khene was also presented with the Commerce Faculty's Researcher of the Year award based on her research contribution during the previous academic year, while Professor Krauss joined Professor Khene in achieving an National Research Foundation (NRF) Y2 rating.

Professors Foster, Krauss and Khene together with other academic staff, postgraduate students and distinguished visitors, contributed significantly to the number research publications and peer reviewed proceedings. Contributions from visiting academics are always greatly appreciated as they add richness to the research efforts in the Department.

Postgraduates/Graduations

Postgraduate registrations in Information Systems continued to grow in 2015, with a total of eight (8) PhD candidates, fourteen (14) Masters candidates, and a class of thirty-two (32) Honours students. In April 2015 we celebrated the graduation of three (3) Masters and twenty-one (21) Honours students.

Distinguished Visitors/International Visits

Distinguished visitors to the Department included Dr Adele Botha and Professor Marlien Herselman from the Meraka Institute, Professor Nic Hassan from the University of Minnesota, Professor Ojelanki Ngwenyama from Ryerson University, Professor Sue Conger from the University of Dallas, and previous Head of Department Professor Malcolm Sainsbury who returns every year to teach on the Honours programme. Research Associate Ms Brenda Mallinson continued to contribute to the research efforts of the Department, with a number of conference presentations in the field of eLearning.

Significant Research Aligned Events

Students and staff from the Department once again participated in the Research Rumble, which is an annual event showcasing research initiatives being undertaken by members of the Information Technology (IT), Computer Science (CS) and Information Systems (IS) Departments of Rhodes University, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Water Sisulu University and the University of Fort Hare.

The continuing MobiSAM project aims at improving local municipal service delivery, while the ICT4RED project aims to supply electronic textbooks to rural schools in the Cofimvaba district in the Eastern Cape. A new collaborative project with the University of Limerick focuses on stakeholder engagement in the field of ICT for Development.

In addition to presenting research papers at local and overseas conferences, IS Department staff contributed to their discipline as journal editors, conference reviewers and panel members, and external examiners for other academic institutions.

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Mallinson, B.
Khene, C.
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Publications
Earning Journal Research Peer Reviewed Non-Subsidy-
Professor O Ngwenyama Professor M Herselman
States.
Professor N Hassan
Hassan, N.
Botha, A.
Distinguished Visitors
Botha, A.
Nassau, N.
Herselman, M.
Nguyen, N.
Professor N Nguyen. (Ryerson University), Toronto, Canada. Workshop on the philosophy of social science and research. March 2015.

Peer Reviewed Non-Subsidy-
Earning Journal Research Publications
Khene, C.
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Books/Chapters/Monographs
Conger, S.
Nikula, K.Z. and Krauss, K.E.M.

Concerts, Exhibitions, Performances, Workshops, Events
Khene, C., Mthoko, H., Osah, U.J. and Baduza, G.
Krauss, K.E.M.
Krauss, K.E.M., Invited speaker. Sense-making in ICT4D social situations: is critical hermeneutics the way to go or are there better, more ethical alternatives? Southern African Chapter of the Association for Information Systems. St .Theresas Center, Stellenbosch. South Africa. 28 September 2015.
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Peer-reviewed Proceedings
Baduza, G. and Khene, C.
Conger, S. Krauss, K.E.M. and Simuja, C.
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Krauss, K.E.M. Simuja, C. and Conger, S.
Mthoko, H. and Khene, C.
Nash, J.M.

Research Papers Presented at Academic/Scientific Conferences (Non-peer-reviewed Proceedings)
Dayhi, S. and Khene, C.
Khene, C., Mthoko, H. and Osah, U.J.
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Mallinson, B. Moving from literacy to fluency: an academic approach. 8th elearning Update Conference. Empire’s Palace, Johannesburg. South Africa. August 2015.
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Muganda, C. Samuqui, A. and Mallinson, B.


