The Department of Information Systems is particularly interested in the generation of knowledge in the areas of ICT4D, eGovernment, eLearning, IT Project Management, Social Networks, Information Security, and User Experience. Research in these areas have produced one (1) book chapter, three (3) journal articles, and seven (7) conference papers, with aspects of this research being presented locally as well as internationally in Mauritius, Portugal, Indonesia, and Rwanda.

In addition to producing research outputs, staff in the Department of Information Systems contribute to their discipline as journal editors and reviewers, conference reviewers and panel members, and external examiners of theses for other academic institutions.

Postgraduates / Graduations
Postgraduate numbers in the Department include six (6) PhD candidates, sixteen (16) Masters candidates, and a class of thirty-five (35) Honours students. In April 2017, we celebrated the graduation of two (2) PhD students.

Distinguished Visitors / International Visits
Distinguished Visitors to the Department included Dr Adele Botha and Professor Marlien Herselman from the Meraka Institute who participated in research workshops.

Dr Hannah Thinyane from the United Nations University (Computing and Society) and Associate Professor Caroline Khene continued to collaborate as co-directors of the digital citizen engagement initiative called MobiSAM (Mobile Social Accountability Monitoring) in Makana Municipality. Their collaboration has resulted in being invited in November 2017, to implement a similar initiative for the SAfAIDS NGO over three (3) years, on monitoring access to sexual reproductive health services by adolescent youth in six (6) SADC countries.

Professor Sue Conger from the Satish and Yasmin Gupta College of Business at the University of Dallas has also continued to collaborate with researchers in the department around IT in developing countries. She collaborated with Mr Clement Simuja and Professor Kirstin Krauss.

Ms Brenda Mallinson, a Research Associate of the Department, continues to make a valuable contribution to the research efforts, with a number of publications in the field of eLearning.
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**Significant Research Aligned Events**

Associate Professor Caroline Khene continues to be actively involved in the development of the Open budget portal called VulekaMali over five (5) years, by the South African National Treasury. The portal is to launch in February 2018 and will be instrumental in opening access to key expenditure and performance by national government for advancing transparency and accountability.

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**Publications**

**Books/Chapters/Monographs**

Krauss, K.

**Concerts, Exhibitions, Performances, Workshops, Events**

Malinson, B.J.

**Peer Reviewed Subsidy-Earning Journal Research Publications**

Baduza, G. and Pade-Khene, C.

Conger, S. and Simuja, C.

Mthoko, H. and Pade-Khene, C.

**Peer-reviewed Proceedings**

Malinson, B.J.

Mjama, J.J. and Foster, G.

Mmongela, H. and McNeil, J.

Pade-Khene, C., Thinyane, H. and Machiri, M.
Thinyane, H., Pade-Khene, C. and Mthoko, H.
Thinyane, H., Sieborger, I., Pade-Khene, C. and Mthoko, H.

Research Papers Presented at Academic/Scientific Conferences (Non-peer-reviewed Proceedings)

Mallinson, B.J.