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EDUCATION

MPhil: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2017-2018 (*cum laude*)
Sustainability Institute,
Stellenbosch University
(Supervisors: Mark Swilling &
Marjorie Naidoo)

PGD: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2015-2016 (*cum laude*)
Sustainability Institute,
Stellenbosch University

BTECH: TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

1996 - 1999 (*cum laude*)
Cape Peninsula University of
Technology

SOCIAL

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ABOUT

As an experienced independent urban planner, aspiring researcher and city enthusiast, I continue to be amazed by the wonder and complexity of cities. A BTech Degree in Town and Regional Planning laid the vocational base for a career in various aspects of the built environment, which include spatial planning, policy writing, public consultation, land use development, specialist input for environmental management processes, capacity building and GIS mapping and spatial database maintenance. Professional accreditation from SACPLAN and being a member of the South African Planning Institute enable continuous learning in this field.

Increasing our cities' resilience for climate shocks and imperative sustainable futures is a forefront professional interest. This quest resulted in obtaining a MPhil degree in Sustainable Development from the Sustainability Institute in Stellenbosch (University of Stellenbosch) during 2015-2018. The dissertation explored ways in which automobile-dependent urban enclaves can transition to more sustainable transport alternatives.

CORE COMPETENCIES/EXPERTISE

Land Use Development
Spatial Analysis & Planning
Urban Renewal Projects
Environmental Management Support
Development Feasibility & Strategies
Formulation of Development
Guidelines

Stakeholder Facilitation
Project Management
Mapping & Spatial database
management
Government Capacity Building
Policy Analysis & Formulation
Sustainability Researcher & Consultant



COMPUTER SKILLS

Adobe InDesign
Adobe Illustrator
Atlas.ti
GIS (AutoGIS, QGIS & Smallworld)
Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
OS (Pages, Keynote, Numbers)

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN):
Professional Planner
(A/1401/2011)

Member of the South African Planning Institute

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL PLANNER + GIS SPECIALIST

BlueGreen Planning + Design | Aug 2015 - current

Co-working on various land use developments (Cape Town)

City Green Print | April 2014 - current

Co-founder of this small urban planning consultancy (Cape Town)

Independent Consultant | Jan 2010 - March 2014

Partnering with various Cape Town built environment firms (MCA Urban and Environmental Planners, ARG Design, CCA Environmental, Jacupa Architects and others).

MCA Urban and Environmental Planners | Nov 2008 - Aug 2009 (Part-time 2009 - 2014)

Planning consultant (Cape Town)

Duncan Bates Land Surveyor | May 2007 - Oct 2008

In-house town planner for this surveying firm (Cape Town)

City of Cape Town | April 2002 - Sept 2002

Contract GIS officer (Cape Town)

186k Limited | Nov 2000 - Nov 2001

GIS consultant for this telecommunications firm (Reading, United Kingdom)

Level 3 Communications | March 2000 - Nov 2000

GIS mapping specialist (London, United Kingdom)

DC & Associates | Jan 1997 - March 2000

Town planning internship while studying (Cape Town)

SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCHER + ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Sustainability Institute | January 2018 - Dec 2018

Research consultant | Shadow course facilitator | Part-time assignment assessor

MCA Urban and Environmental Planners | Jan 2011 - March 2012

Research consultant into sustainability matters



REFERENCES

Urban Planning Associate & Peer:
Derek Chittenden (+83 3268713),
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Past Employer:
Matt Cullinan (+83 3038583),
matt@mcaplan.co.za

Academic co-supervisor:
Marjorie Naidoo (+82 8741747),
marjorie.naidoo@telkomsa.net

PROJECTS

A selection of past and current projects and clients:

Land Use and Housing Development

- Community Organisation Resource Centre: land use input for upgrading interventions in Khayelitsha and Mfuleni in Cape Town
- WC:PG Human Settlement Development: Low-income housing project in Pelican Park
- WC:PG Department of Health: Regularisation of land use rights for Victoria Hospital (Wynberg)
- WC:PG Department of Health: Mitchells Plain Hospital Rezoning
- Private client: Rights for upmarket housing on Erf 2407, Hout Bay
- Private client: Rights for private school on Erf 4743 Noordhoek

Spatial Development, Urban Renewal and Development Guidelines

- Saldanha Municipality: Developed the Saldanha Local Area Plan
- Cape Winelands District Municipality: Cape Winelands integrated Human Settlement Plans
- West Coast District Municipality: Saldanha Environmental Management Framework – GIS and landuse planning support
- Drakenstein Municipality: Drakenstein Environmental Management Framework – GIS and landuse planning support
- City of Cape Town: City of Cape Town regional landfill site Planning input for the Environmental Impact Assessment

Development Strategies and Investigations

- Club Mykonos, planner for continuous development of the resort
- GlenDirk urban farm conservation and development strategy (private client)
- SANParks, Table Mountain National Park Encroachment Study
- SANParks, Postberg Land Consolidation Strategy
- Intersite, Revitalisation of Cape Town Station

Sustainable Development Research

- UN-Habitat: Preparation of a Quick Guide for decision makers in developing countries (Urban Patterns for a Green Economy: Leveraging Density)
- V&A Waterfront: Research into alternatives to single-use plastic bags and straws

Government Development and Capacity Building

- Thusong Service Centres – compilation of an operations manual for the second roll-out
- TAU National Treasury – establishing a Technical Assistance Program for the WC:PG Local Government & Housing



PERSONAL INTERESTS

Scuba diving
Surfing
Sailing
Hiking

CONFERENCES

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF E-PLANNING RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Lisbon, Portugal | April 2018

Presented a paper based on the Mphil thesis at the III International Conference URBAN E-PLANNING IJEPR 2018 organised by the University of Lisbon.

SOUTH AFRICAN PLANNING WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY EVENT

George, South Africa | Nov 2012

Co-presented at SAPI's World Town Planning Day Event in George, based on the work done for the UN Habitat Quick Guide series (Urban Patterns for a Green Economy).

SOUTH AFRICAN PLANNING INSTITUTE: PLANNING AFRICA CONFERENCE

Durban, South Africa | Sept. 2012

Presented a paper based on the UN Habitat publication "Urban Patterns for a Green Economy: Leveraging Density". Awarded Best presentation in the Parallel Session Spatial Planning.

PUBLICATIONS

Henshilwood, E., Swilling, M., & Naidoo, M.L. (2019). A transdisciplinary Inquiry Into Sustainable Automobile Transitions. **International Journal of E-Planning Research**, 8(3), 13-37.
<https://doi.org/10.4018/IJEPR.2019070102>

Henshilwood, E. & Cullinan, M. (2012). Urban patterns for a green economy. **Nairobi, Kenya: UN-Habitat**
<https://unhabitat.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/06/Leveraging-Density-Urban-Patterns-for-a-Green-Economy.pdf>

BLOG POSTS FOR OTHER INSTITUTIONS:

OPEN STREETS CAPE TOWN:

<https://openstreets.org.za/news/carpooling-makes-comeback>

SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE:

<http://www.sustainabilityinstitute.net/si-news/5494-a-smart-city-conference-in-an-old-city>