



## AL2985 - The TRC Oral History Project

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Abstract: In 2002 SAHA and Historical Papers (HP) embarked on a joint research project to locate records pertaining to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) with the objective of producing a Directory of TRC Archival Resources. The TRC Oral History Project formed an integral part of this process and three individuals were employed to collect oral testimonies of individuals who worked for the Commission in various capacities and in different locales. The resulting resource is an HP collection. The interviewees include: Russell Ally, Zenariah Arends, Faeza Brown, Lars Burr, Mary Burton, Jerome Chaskalson, Janet Cherry, Martin Coetzee, John Daniel, Rev. Bongani Finca, Louise Flanagan, Madeleine Fullard, Glenn Goosen, Chandre Gould, Sadah Govender, Janet Grobbelaar, Verne Harris, Debbie Isaacs, Nyanisile Jack, Patrick Kelly, Zenzile Khoisan, Amanda Kinners, Ilan Lax, Hugh Lewin, Ruth Lewin, Richard Lyster, Chief Mabizela, Chris MacAdam, Mandla Madlala, Wilson Madlala, Wynand Malan, Tom Manthata, Gerard Mbatha, Stephanie Miller, Elouise Mogg, Lindiwe Mthembu Salter, Pilatu Mthethwa, Marcella Naidoo, Sheila Ngidi (formerly Mkhize), Gerald O'Sullivan, Wendy Orr, Piers Pigou, Sekoati Pitso, Denzil Potgieter, Paddy Prior, Deborah Quin, Rev. Qundu, Fazel Randera, Ruben Richards, Nicole Rousseau, Gift Sokufa, Yasmin Sooka, Alison Stent, Melleney Tembo (formerly Burts), Christelle Terreblanche, Hanif Vally, Hugo van der Merwe, Mpume Vilikazi, Charles Villa-Vicencio, Gail Wannenburg, Wendy Watson, Mesuli Zifo.

### Introduction

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### Acronyms

TRC - Truth and Reconciliation Commission

HP - Historical Papers at the University of the Witwatersrand

### Notes

Although 65 interviews were conducted for this project, only 63 interviews are available, as two interviews were not recorded properly. Interview protocol differed slightly depending on the interviewer and when the interview was



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scheduled. In cases where questions in the general protocol were unrelated to the specific work of the person being profiled, questions more appropriate to the work of the individual were posed.

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### Inventory

- 1.: Ally, Russel  
*Human Rights Violations Committee Member, Johannesburg Office*
- 2.: Barends, Zenariah  
*Head of Regional Investigation Unit, Cape Town Office*
- 3.: Brown, Faeza  
*Secretary, Cape Town Office*
- 4.: Burr, Lars  
*PhD student who conducted his research during the TRC process. Allocated an office within the TRC building, Cape Town Office*
- 5.: Burton, Mary  
*Commissioner, Cape Town Office*
- 6.: Chaskalson, Jerome  
*Investigator, Evidence Analyst, Cape Town Office*
- 7.: Cherry, Janet  
*Researcher, Port Elizabeth Office*
- 8.: Coetzee, Martin  
*Chief Executive Officer (replaced Dr Biki Minyuku), National Office*
- 9.: Daniel, John  
*Researcher, Durban Office*
- 10.: Finca, Rev. Bongani  
*Commissioner, East London Office*
- 11.: Flanagan, Louise  
*Information Manager, East London Office*
- 12.: Fullard, Madeleine  
*Researcher, Cape Town Office*
- 13.: Goosen, Glenn  
*Director of Investigations, National Office, Cape Town*
- 14.: Gould, Chandre  
*Investigator, Cape Town Office*
- 15.: Govender, Sadah  
*Witness Protector/ Investigator, Durban Office*
- 16.: Grobbelaar, Janet  
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- 17.: Harris, Verne  
*Contract Researcher, Johannesburg Office*
- 18.: Isaacs, Debbie  
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- 19.: Jack, Nyanisile  
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- 22.: Kinners, Amanda  
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- 23.: Lax, Ilan  
*Member of the Amnesty Committee, Durban Office*
- 24.: Lewin, Hugh  
*Human Rights Violations Committee Member, Johannesburg Office*
- 25.: Lewin, Ruth  
*Regional Manager, Cape Town Office*
- 26.: Lyster, Richard  
*Commissioner, Durban Office*
- 27.: Mabizela, Chief  
*Researcher, Johannesburg Office*
- 28.: MacAdam, Chris  
*Head Witness Protection Unit, National Office*
- 29.: Madlala, Mandla  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 30.: Magadla, Wilson  
*Head of Special Investigations, National Office, Cape Town*
- 31.: Malan, Wynand  
*Commissioner, Johannesburg Office*
- 32.: Manthata, Tom  
*Reparation and Rehabilitation Committee Member, Johannesburg Office*
- 33.: Mbatha, Gerard  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 34.: Miller, Stephanie  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 35.: Mogg, Elouise  
*Documentation Officer, East London Office*
- 36.: Mthembu Salter, Lindiwe  
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- 37.: Mthethwa, Pilatu  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 38.: Naidoo, Marcella  
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- 39.: Ngidi (formerly Mkhize), Sheila  
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- 40.: O'Sullivan, Gerald  
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- 42.: Pigou, Piers  
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- 46.: Quin, Deborah  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 47.: Qundu, Rev.  
*Commissioner, Port Elizabeth*
- 48.: Randerer, Fazel  
*Commissioner, Johannesburg Office*
- 49.: Richards, Ruben  
*Human Rights Violations/ Amnesty Committees Executive Secretary*
- 50.: Rousseau, Nicole  
*Legal Officer and Evidence Leader, Cape Town Office*
- 51.: Rousseau, Nicole  
*Researcher, Cape Town Office*
- 52.: Sokufa, Gift  
*Community Liaison Officer, East London Office*
- 53.: Sooka, Yasmin  
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- 54.: Stent, Alison  
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- 55.: Tembo (formerly Burts), Melleney  
*Logistics Officer, Cape Town Office*
- 56.: Terreblanche, Christelle  
*Investigator, Media Liaison, Cape Town Office*
- 57.: Vally, Hanif  
*Senior Legal Advisor, Cape Town Office*
- 58.: Van der Merwe, Hugo  
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- 59.: Vilikazi, Mpume  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 60.: Villa Vicencio, Charles  
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- 61.: Wannenburg, Gail  
*Investigator, Durban Office*
- 62.: Watson, Wendy  
*Regional Manager, Durban Office*
- 63.: Zifo, Mesuli  
*Investigator, East London Office*