

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

2006 & 2007 TEAM

In celebration of 10 years of supporting the development of servant leaders in South Africa we will be updating the SAWIP community about what the SAWIP Alumni have done since their SAWIP experience. We will be sending monthly team updates over the next 10 months. This month we look at the SAWIP Team of 2006 and 2007 when SAWIP was still in the formative stages of its development.

MICHAEL CURRIN



innovation start-up.

Michael was invited to Washington DC to participate in part of the Washington-Ireland Program for Leadership and Service (WIP) and, in this way, began to explore the possibility of establishing the South Africa-Washington Internship Program (SAWIP). He graduated from the University of Cape Town with a BSc in Electromechanical Engineering. He was involved, with others, in the development of SAWIP from its initial exploratory phase, through its pilot years to its full establishment. He served as the Manager of the 2007 and 2008 SAWIP Teams, as a board member, and, is an honorary SAWIP Alumnus. In 2014 he received a Master's Degree in Innovation Design Engineering at the Royal School of Art and Imperial College, London, as a Chevening Scholar. He is currently founder and CEO of PixelBlue Innovations, a design and

REITUMETSE BENEDICT PHIRI



Benedict was the first student selected to participate in SAWIP and served on its board during its formative years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Cape Town. He has worked at leading international law firms Dewey & LeBouef and Fasken Martineau and is currently Associate General Counsel for Africa at McKinsey & Co, a leading multinational management consulting firm.

MZIKHULU CEKO



Mzimkhulu formed part of the 2007 SAWIP team. He has an interdisciplinary academic background having completed degrees in Law and International Relations. Mzimkhulu has extensive legal experience having been admitted as an attorney in the High Court of South Africa both in the North Gauteng and Western Cape Divisions. He is currently based in London where he works as an Associate at Allen & Overy in the International Capital Markets (ICM) - Securitisation Department. He specialises in securitisation and debt capital markets and has experience in solving a wide variety of legal issues in the finance sector. He is also currently pursuing an LLM at the University of London.

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OLEBILE GAOBEPE



Olebile formed part of the 2007 SAWIP team. He graduated from the University of Cape Town with a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Politics, Public Policy and Administration. Olebile was the Link Community Development Project Officer for Peer Education Project HIV/AIDS until July 2012. He is also a facilitator with Children's Radio Foundation which creates a platform for youth dialogue, leadership and social engagement. Olebile is currently working for Naledi Local Municipality (North West) as a Coordinator for their Expanded Public Works Programme.

CAROLINE JACHS



Caroline Jachs was selected as a member of the SAWIP pilot program in 2007. She graduated with an LLB from the University of Cape Town in 2009 and went on to complete her articles at Schneider Shargay & Klitzner Attorneys in Cape Town with a focus on Commercial Litigation. Caroline gained extensive experience in construction law issues and disputes during her time as an Associate with MDA Consulting. She is now based in Johannesburg where she works as a Contract Administrator at Clyde Bergemann Africa. This position is centred on contractual and commercial problem solving where Caroline assists in a variety of tasks, ranging from the drafting of contractual correspondence to the evaluation of commercial terms attached to tenders.

JEAN SCRIMGEOUR



Jean was selected in 2007 into the first SAWIP pilot program where she spent six weeks in Washington DC. She then led the 2008 SAWIP Team as their Team Manager. Such was her enthusiasm and commitment to SAWIP that she made herself available, for modest remuneration, to be the first Program Manager in 2009. During her term as Program Manager Jean helped to develop SAWIP into a more extensive leadership development experience. After completing an MA in Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies from Kings College in London as a British Chevening Scholar, Jean gained extensive experience in public diplomacy and democratic governance during her time at the British Consulate. Jean currently holds the position of Proposal Development Manager at international development charity VSO where she coordinates teams across 23 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. The main focus of this work is to fight poverty by working on issues of education, health, social accountability and secure livelihoods