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### **Rosalind Elphick**



Rosalind serves as an Associate Legal Officer at the International Court of Justice in the Hague, Netherlands. She completed her LLM at Ann Arbor, Michigan as a Grotius Fellow in 2015, holds a BA in media and writing, French and law (2008) and an LLB (2010) from the University of Cape Town. She holds a further MA, with merit, in human rights from the University of Sydney (2009). Elphick spent two years working as a legal counselor for Lawyers for Human Rights' Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme. She spent a further two years working at the Supreme Court of South Africa assisting the judges of the court as a law researcher. At Michigan Law, Elphick participated in the Jean C. Pictet Competition in International Humanitarian Law and was awarded a Fellowship in Refugee and Asylum Law, which she completed at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### **Cheri-Leigh Erasmus**



Cheri-Leigh Erasmus serves as Executive Director of the SAWIP-US. She graduated from Stellenbosch University in South Africa with a BA in International Studies. Erasmus also served as Vice Chairman of the Students' Representative Council and was employed by Stellenbosch University in their Student Affairs division and in the Postgraduate and International Office. Her keen interest in education, travel and experiential learning led to a position as a Guest English Teacher in Daegu, South Korea. Since moving to the Washington, D.C. area in 2013 she has been actively involved in numerous nonprofit organizations focused on education and leadership development. She is also one of two coordinators leading the D.C. chapter of African Ladies who Brunch, an initiative that connects professional women who form part of the African Diaspora.

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### **Vuyolwethu Goni**



Vuyolwethu is currently the Executive Legal Advisor at the Maquarie Group. Prior to joining Maquire she was an associate at ENS and Norton Rose. She graduated with an Bachelor of Laws from the University of Cape Town in 2008, where she also completed her undergraduate degree in Social Science. Her exposure to the harsh realities of inequality in South Africa has led to her passion for social justice issues.

### **Udo Hellberg**



Udo Hellberg currently works as a Strategy Researcher for German telecommunications company, Deutsche Telekom AG. He is simultaneously pursuing an MBA at the Steinbeis School of International Business and Entrepreneurship, building on his studies in Politics, Philosophy, Economics and Financial Management which he completed at Stellenbosch University. Prior to his move to Germany, Udo worked as a Development Economist at Urban-Econ, an economic consultancy firm, and later worked as a Change Manager at Hellberg Farms where he developed strategic plans for the farm. With his varied experiences, Udo remains committed to developing true social entrepreneurship which focuses on maintaining integrity in economics – ‘integranomics’.

### **Thamsanqha Ledwaba**



Thami Ledwaba is the founder and CEO of Tshelela Africa Group, a Pan-African focused investment fund with a specific investment focus on social infrastructure, media and telecommunications in Southern & East Africa. He was formerly the Deputy Director at Business Leadership South Africa which provides the platform for business leaders across South Africa to engage in effective business dialogue. Previously, Thami worked closely with government and various departments in an advisory capacity with regards to trade and education policy as well as monitoring an evaluation. He has held scholarly fellowships

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through the UCT-based AW Mellon Foundation in New York. He continues to pursue wide involvement in scholarly life, occasionally publishing academic papers. Thami was also also a former board member within the South African government on the Council on Higher Education, HEQC Board. Thami holds degrees B.SocSci, B.SocSci (Hons) and MPhil (Public Policy), all obtained from the University of Cape Town.

### **Thulani Madinginye**



Thulani was a member of the 2008 SAWIP Team during his term as SRC President of the University of Cape Town. He has remained an active and supportive alumnus, contributing to the development of the organisation in numerous ways. He graduated with a Bachelor of Business Science with honours in Economics, and a major in Politics from the University of Cape Town where he also completed a Master's programme in Applied Economics.

Thulani's main interest is the creation of wealth as a tool for empowerment and poverty eradication. After working as an Engagement Manager at Pegasus Strategy and Development he joined Genesis Analytics as a Senior Associate. After a short internship at Canon Asset Managers he set up an investment partnership which focuses on managing the funds of individuals and investing them in equities across sub-Saharan stock markets and in undervalued businesses. Thulani is married to Fungai Chitapi who has become part of the SAWIP family.

### **Christo van Wyk**



Christo currently serves as an Area Director at Meltwater within the India and Middle East Region. Prior to this he has worked in multiple positions within in the company as Client Relations Accounts Manager, Senior Account Manager just to name a few. He graduated from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa with a Bcom honours in Business Management. Christo is in the process of completing his Master's in Business Management majoring in Marketing at the University of Stellenbosch.