

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA  
WESTERN CAPE DIVISION, CAPE TOWN**


Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

In the matter between:

<b>Gun Free South Africa</b>	First Applicant
<b>Mansoer Eksteen</b>	Second Applicant
<b>Andre Levi Cornelius</b>	Third Applicant
<b>Dianne Cornelius</b>	Fourth Applicant
<b>Denise Mentor</b>	Fifth Applicant
<b>Evenlyn Davids</b>	Sixth Applicant
<b>Melanie Kiel</b>	Seventh Applicant
<b>Natalie Dirks</b>	Eighth Applicant
<b>Simone Julies</b>	Ninth Applicant
<b>Niezaam Cupido</b>	Tenth Applicant

and

<b>Minister of Police</b>	First Respondent
<b>National Commissioner of Police</b>	Second Respondent
<b>Provincial Commissioner of Police: Gauteng</b>	Third Respondent
<b>Provincial Commissioner of Police: Western Cape</b>	Fourth Respondent
<b>Provincial Commissioner of Police: Northern Cape</b>	Fifth Respondent
<b>Provincial Commissioner of Police: Eastern Cape</b>	Sixth Respondent
<b>Provincial Commissioner of Police: Free State</b>	Seventh Respondent
<b>Provincial Commissioner of Police: Mpumalanga</b>	Eighth Respondent

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**Provincial Commissioner of Police: KwaZulu-Natal**

Ninth Respondent

**Provincial Commissioner of Police: Limpopo**

Tenth Respondent

**Provincial Commissioner of Police: North West**

Eleventh Respondent

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**EXPERT AFFIDAVIT**

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I, the undersigned,


**Richard Matzopoulos**

do hereby make oath and state:

- 1 I am an adult male, employed as the Director of the Burden of Disease Research Unit at the South African Medical Research Council (**SAMRC**), Tygerberg, Cape Town, South Africa. I am also an Honorary Professor at the School of Public Health, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
  
- 2 The facts contained in this affidavit are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I respectfully submit that the views expressed in this affidavit and the research relied upon fall within my field of expertise and I am duly qualified to provide this Court with the information and views contained in this affidavit based on my qualifications and professional experience.

**Overview and purpose of this affidavit**

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- 3 I have been requested by the attorneys of record for the First Applicant (the **GFSA**) to provide my views on a number of aspects of statistical research and epidemiology as it applies to firearm related homicides. I confirm that I have agreed to do so.
- 4 In order to familiarise myself with the background to the matter, I have been granted access to, and have read, a draft version of the founding affidavit of Adèle Kirsten (**Kirsten**), which I understand will be used in support of an application brought by the GFSA to certify a class action on behalf of persons who have suffered damages as a consequence of shootings involving the so-called "Prinsloo Firearms".
- 5 I have also had access to the annexures that are referred to in that affidavit as well as a number of additional documents supplied by GFSA's attorneys. I am in any event familiar with a number of these documents through my research activities.
- 6 In addition, I have consulted with the GFSA's attorneys on 28 March 2023 in order to understand certain aspects of their brief to me and the underlying assumptions made by them.
- 7 In this affidavit I set out:
- 7.1 My qualifications and experience;
- 7.2 The factual assumptions that I have relied upon in formulating my views as expressed in this affidavit;
- 7.3 A summary of my research findings; and

7.4 The conclusions that I have been able to draw.

### **Qualifications and experience**

8 I attach hereto my curriculum vitae marked **RM1**.

9 I have the following qualifications:

9.1 A PhD (Public Health);

9.2 A MPhil (Epidemiology); and

9.3 A BBusSci (Quantitative Management).

10 I currently serve as:

10.1 An expert advisor for the social determinants framework for the implementation of INSPIRE (World Health Organization);

10.2 A Member of the University of Cape Town Faculty of Health Sciences Trauma Advocacy Group;

10.3 A Member of the Safety and Evidence Advisory Committee, Western Cape Department of the Premier;

10.4 A Board member of Gun Free South Africa;

10.5 A Steering Committee Member of the International Collaborative Effort on Injury Statistics and Methods;

10.6 A Member of the Board of Editors for *Injury Prevention*; and

10.7 A Member of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Policy Working Group, Western Cape Government Department of the Premier

11 I am currently employed at the Director of the Burden of Disease Research Unit at the SAMRC, Tygerberg, Cape Town, South Africa. My research centres on measuring the health and social burden of violence and injury, and evaluating interventions and policies that target upstream determinants.

12 The SAMRC is a research unit which sits under the Department of Health. Its objective is to:

*“... improve the health of the country’s population, through research, development and technology transfer, so that people can enjoy a better quality of life. The scope of the organisation’s research projects includes tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular and non-communicable diseases, gender and health, and alcohol and other drug abuse. With a strategic objective to help strengthen the health systems of the country ... the SAMRC constantly identifies the main causes of death in South Africa.”*

13 I have engaged in research and published extensively on injury mortality levels in South Africa, firearm related homicide statistics and the trends associated therewith within South Africa and with specific reference to the Western Cape.

14 Of relevance to this affidavit are the following publications which I co-authored with a number of other researchers and epidemiologists concerning injury mortality in South Africa:

14.1 'The 2nd Injury Mortality Survey: A National Study of injury and mortality levels and causes in South Africa in 2017'<sup>1</sup> (the **Mortality Survey**);

14.2 'A retrospective time trend study of firearm and non-firearm homicide in Cape Town from 1994 to 2013'<sup>2</sup> (the **Retrospective Study**); and

14.3 'Reducing homicide through policy interventions: The case of gun control'<sup>3</sup> (the **2019 Study**).

#### **Factual assumptions**

15 From my reading of Kirsten's draft founding affidavit and the annexures attached thereto, I have made the following factual assumptions:

15.1 Two senior officials of the South African Police Services (**SAPS**), namely Prinsloo and Naidoo, were tasked with the storage, safekeeping and ultimately the destruction of certain firearms that had been forfeited to the State or which were otherwise redundant and due for destruction. These firearms were stored at a facility in Silverton, Gauteng.

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<sup>1</sup> Prinsloo, M., Mhlongo, S., Dekel, B., et al. 'The 2nd Injury Mortality Survey: A National Study of injury and mortality levels and causes in South Africa in 2017 (September 2021) *Burden of Disease Research Unit in collaboration with Gender and Health Research Unit and Biostatistics South African Medical Research Council*.

<sup>2</sup> Matzopoulos, R., Simonetti, J., Prinsloo, M., et al. 'A retrospective time trend study of firearm and non-firearm homicide in Cape Town from 1994 to 2013' (March 2013) *SAMJ*, Vol. 108, No. 3:197-204.

<sup>3</sup> Matzopoulos, R., Prinsloo, M., Bradshaw, D., and Abrahams, N. 'Reducing homicide through policy interventions: The case of gun control' (December 2019) *SAMJ* 109(11b):63-68.

- 15.2 These officials conspired to steal and sell these firearms to intermediaries who thereafter distributed those firearms to members of criminal gangs in the Western Cape. The firearms were thereafter used in the commission of crimes including shootings of members of the public which resulted in injuries and deaths. I understand that between 2007 and 2015 at least 2 400 firearms were stolen, the majority of which were semi-automatic 9mm handguns, the majority being either Lew/Vektor Z88 and Beretta 92 firearms that would have been popular amongst gang members.
- 15.3 The scheme was ultimately discovered by the SAPS and Prinsloo and Naidoo were arrested in January 2015. They were convicted of their crimes by way of a plea bargain and made certain confessions as part of that process. This includes providing law enforcement authorities with a detailed schedule of the firearms that were distributed to the gang members.
- 15.4 A project initiated by the SAPS subsequently recovered approximately 1 100 of the 2 400 firearms that had been stolen.
- 15.5 It is suspected by the SAPS itself that at least 1066 murders and 1503 attempted murders have been committed in the Western Cape alone between 2010 and 2016 using these firearms. Of the 1066 murders, 261 of the victims were minors. This has been confirmed in a SAPS ballistics presentation and other reports made available to GFSA. The reports specifically confirm that the murders in question have been ballistically linked to the Prinsloo Firearms, although I am unable to independently confirm that allegation.

## My research findings

16 Through the research conducted by myself and others, I have been able to formulate an opinion regarding the cause and origins of firearm related violence, particularly as it exists within the Cape Peninsula. This theory has been validated by a number of other studies reflecting the experiences in other countries. The bulk of my conclusions are contained in the Retrospective Study which contains a detailed overview of firearm-related homicides within the Cape Peninsula. The Retrospective Study primarily deals with the years from 1994 to 2013 as prior to this, reliable data is unavailable. In summary, the data for the Cape Town area reveals the following:

- 16.1 In 1994, firearm related homicides were relatively low at 19.7 per 100 000. This amounted to approximately 25% of the total homicides of 76,4 per 100 000.
- 16.2 Firearm related homicides in Cape Town peaked in 2002 at 37.8 per 100 000. This amounted to approximately 50% of the total homicides of 76,8 per 100 000. Thus, whilst the total homicide rate remained static, the proportion of firearm related homicides had doubled, whilst the total number of non-firearm related homicides declined significantly.
- 16.3 Firearm homicides then reduced steadily to a low, in 2009, of 13.2 per 100 000. Although there was a notable reduction in total homicides (namely to 45,9 per 100 000) , this was almost entirely due to the reduction in firearm-related homicides, given that the non-firearm related homicides remained



at 32.7 per 100 000 for Cape Town. Thus proportionally, the percentage of firearm related homicides had decreased back to 1994 era levels (namely approximately 28% of total homicides).

16.4 In my view, the most plausible reason for this was the introduction of the Firearms Control Act 69 of 2000 (the **FCA**) which was enacted into law on 10 April 2021. The FCA introduced a number of new provisions which would have had a marked impact on the reduction in firearm-related homicides, for example:

16.4.1 Considerably enhanced firearm control provisions and made licencing provisions more stringent (resulting in a refusal rate for new firearm applications at 70% by April 2003);

16.4.2 Firearm licencing audits;

16.4.3 More stringent controls of state firearms; and

16.4.4 Special operations to recover illegal firearms.

16.5 From 2010 onwards, there was a considerable increase in firearm related homicides in Cape Town from the low of 13.2 per 100 000 in 2009 to 24.2 in 2013. Notably, the non-firearm related homicides remained steady at 32.8 per 100 000. Thus, the increase in overall homicides was purely because of additional firearm related homicides. These now accounted for 42% of total homicides.

16.6 By 2016, the total firearm related homicides per annum stood at approximately 1 200 (an additional 700 annual firearm homicides than had

been recorded in 2009). Moreover, the percentage of firearm related homicides relative to non-firearm related homicides was increasing such that by 2015 the former was almost at parity with the latter within the Cape Town area.<sup>4</sup>

- 17 Whilst part of this increase could possibly be attributed to the fast-tracking of gun licence applications by order of the Minister of Police in order to remove the growing backlog at the Central Firearm Registry, and renewals by the licencing authorities after 2010, this would only account for a gradual increase in gun deaths across the country as a whole.<sup>5</sup> This is in fact what occurred in most areas of the country save for Cape Town which experienced a rapid and disproportionate increase in the rate of firearm related homicides. It is accordingly implausible that the increase of firearm related homicides in Cape Town could have been due to the availability of additional legitimate firearms.
- 18 It is my view that in Cape Town specifically a significant part of this increase can be attributed to the release of the Prinsloo firearms into the Cape ganglands between 2007 and 2015. There are three indications of this in my analysis of Cape Town firearm and non-firearm homicide trends.
- 18.1 First, the steepest increase in firearm related homicides is amongst coloured communities where gang activity is most prevalent.

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<sup>4</sup> Figure 3 of the 2019 Study.

<sup>5</sup> We have set out more fully the basis for this conclusion in the 2019 Study.

18.2 Second, the change in homicide rates amongst coloured communities differed markedly between 2006 and 2010. Over this period firearm homicide rates among blacks and whites continued to significantly decrease year-on-year (13% and 23% respectively), whereas there was no significant year-on-year decrease amongst coloureds. In the period that followed (2010 to 2013 in our analysis) the firearm homicide rates among blacks and whites levelled off, with slight increases that were not statistically significant. We ascribed this to easier access to firearms nationally that eroded the effectiveness of earlier gun control efforts. Correspondingly a statistically significant increase was observed in the coloured communities from 2010 to 2013, where firearm homicide rates increased significantly by 47% year-on-year.

18.3 Third, if the SAPS' own records are in fact correct 2 400 Prinsloo firearms were released into criminal syndicates between 2007 and 2015. Moreover, SAPS itself records that between 2010 and 2016, 1 066 firearm related homicides and 1 503 attempted murders took place with the Cape Peninsula which could be ballistically linked to the Prinsloo firearms. There is thus a very high degree of correlation between the availability of the Prinsloo firearms and homicides and attempted murders in the Cape Peninsula.

19 The 2017 statistics for the Western Cape are startling. In the report prepared in 2021 for the National and Provincial Departments of Health by the MRC the following is revealed:

19.1 Nationally 32.2% of all unnatural deaths in 2017 were firearm related.

19.2 The Western Cape had the highest rate of firearm homicides with 42.3% of all homicides involving a firearm.

19.3 The age-standardised injury mortality rates per 100 000 for males in the Western Cape in 2017 was 44.0 whilst the corresponding figures in the other eight provinces ranged from 2.3 to 28.2.

## Conclusions

20 The key findings that I was able to make are that firearm availability, particularly illicit firearms, is a major driver for the increase in firearm related deaths. These are findings that have been confirmed by research conducted in the United States, Europe, and Australia:

20.1 In the United States, studies have shown that firearm ownership is a significant predictor of firearm homicide rates<sup>6</sup> and that restrictive licencing laws on handguns are associated with a decline in firearm homicide rates.<sup>7</sup>

20.2 In Europe, an Austrian study displayed similar results.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Siegel M, Ross CS, King C. The relationship between gun ownership and firearm homicide rates in the United States, 1981 - 2010. *Am J Public Health* 2013;103(11):2098-2105. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2013.301409>

<sup>7</sup> Loftin, C., McDowall, D., Wiersema, B. and Cottey, T.J., 1991. Effects of restrictive licensing of handguns on homicide and suicide in the District of Columbia. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 325(23), pp.1615-1620. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJM199112053252305?articleTools=true>

<sup>8</sup> Kapusta ND, Etzersdorfer E, Krall C, Sonneck G. Firearm legislation reform in the European Union: Impact on firearm availability, firearm suicide and homicide rates in Austria. *Br J Psychiatry* 2007;191(3):253-257. <https://doi.org/10.1192/bjp.bp.106.032862>

20.3 Australia has seen some of the most drastic rates of reduction of firearm homicide after strict laws were imposed and reduced the number of firearms in circulation and available to the public.<sup>9</sup>

20.4 Other South African studies provide similar evidence as per the article of G Lamb (2018)<sup>10</sup>.

21 Thus, it follows that where a significant number of illicit firearms are released into a population with a known criminal element, there will be a corresponding increase in firearm related homicides, irrespective of the jurisdiction in which that takes place.

22 Given that there is no other reported source of increased firearm supply to the Cape Flats for the period between 2007 to 2016, the only reasonable conclusion that could be reached is that the placement of the Prinsloo Firearms with criminal syndicates was directly responsible for the increase in firearm-related murders noted in the aforementioned studies, particularly as the firearms allowed gang conflicts to escalate.

23 Conversely, if gun control mechanisms are strictly enforced and applied, then there will not be an opportunity for firearms to become available to criminal syndicates and that the homicide rate will decrease as a result. Moreover, due to the scarcity of firearms, gangs will tend to use them

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<sup>9</sup> Chapman S, Alpers P, Agho K, Jones M. Australia's 1996 gun law reforms: Faster falls in firearm deaths, firearm suicides, and a decade without mass shootings. *Inj Prev* 2006;12(6):365-372. <https://doi.org/10.1136/ip.2006.013714>

<sup>10</sup> Lamb, G Murder and the SAPS's Policing of Illegal Firearms in South Africa *Acta Criminologica: Southern African Journal of Criminology* 30(1)/2018. <https://hdl.handle.net/10520/EJC-103dc1c7e0>

sparingly and it is probable that homicide rates will return to those seen prior to 2007.



**Richard Matzopoulos**

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit which was signed and sworn to before me on this Cape Town day of 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, and that the provisions of the regulations contained in government notice R1258 of 21 July 1972, have been complied with.



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## RESUME

### Richard Matzopoulos

**Richard Matzopoulos** is a Chief Specialist Scientist and Director of the South African Medical Research Council's Burden of Disease Research Unit. He also co-ordinates the Violence and Injury Research programme at the University of Cape Town's Division of Public Health Medicine, where he holds the position of Honorary Professor, and is affiliated to the university's Trauma Advocacy Group. His research centres on measuring the health and social burden of violence and injury, and evaluating interventions and policies that target upstream determinants. He advises the Western Cape Government on alcohol harm reduction, and interpersonal violence and injury prevention and surveillance. He is a South African focal point for the international Violence Prevention Alliance and a Member of the International Collaborative Effort on Injury Statistics and Methods.

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**Pubmed:** <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/richard.matzopoulos.1/bibliography/public/>

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# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Richard Matzopoulos

### QUALIFICATIONS

PhD (Public Health) – University of Cape Town, 2007 -2012. *The body count: using routine mortality surveillance data to drive injury prevention.*

- The dissertation consolidates the development of a mortuary-based injury surveillance system into a larger body of work that critically examines the utility of using these routine mortuary data for driving injury prevention.

MPhil (Epidemiology) with distinction – University of Cape Town, 1997 - 2001.

- Subjects: Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Research project: *Alcohol as a risk factor for rail fatalities*

BBusSci (Quantitative Management) - University of Cape Town, 1990 -1994.

- Major subjects: Information Systems and Statistics
- Research project: *Establishing the foundations of an injury surveillance system in the Western Cape.*

### WORK HISTORY

<i>July 2022 – June 2024</i>	Unit Director. Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
<i>April 2015 – present</i>	Chief Specialist Scientist (Epidemiologist). Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
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<i>March – June 2022</i>	Interim Director. Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
<i>October 2019 – February 2022</i>	Co-Director. Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
<i>September 2017 – September 2019</i>	Deputy Director. Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
<i>February 2013 – March 2015</i>	Senior Specialist Scientist (Epidemiologist). Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
<i>September 2009 – January 2013</i>	Specialist Scientist (Epidemiologist). Burden of Disease Research Unit, Medical Research Council.
<i>November 2008 – June 2010</i>	Consultant to UNICEF providing Technical assistance in respect of the development of a National Database on Violence, Abuse and Exploitation
<i>October 2007 – present</i>	Occasional consultant to WHO providing technical assistance in respect of the African Report on Violence and Health, the Injury Surveillance Toolkit and other short projects.
<i>July 2007 – present</i>	Seconded to the University of Cape Town's School of Public Health and Family Medicine initially as part of the Provincial Government of the Western Cape's Burden of Disease Project.
<i>March 2002 – July 2009</i>	Specialist Scientist (Epidemiologist). Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Programme, Medical Research Council

  
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January 2000 – April 2008	Visiting Research Associate (consultant). Health Management Initiative, INSEAD, France.
January 2001 – February 2002	Epidemiologist (consultant). Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Programme, Medical Research Council.
October 1998 – February 2002	Research co-ordinator (consultant). Paraffin Safety Association of South Africa (PASASA)
October 1998 to March 2001	Project manager (consultant). Technology and Business Development Group, Medical Research Council.
1996 – 1998	Researcher. Health Consulting Office, Medical Research Council.
1995	Contract researcher. Department of Community Health, University of Cape Town.
1995	Contract researcher. Community Health Research Group, Medical Research Council.

**AWARDS**

January 2020 – December 2025	National Research Foundation B3 Rating
January 2014 – December 2019	National Research Foundation C1 Rating
December 2001	Ethne Jacka Prize for best student – UCT MPhil (Epidemiology)

**APPOINTMENTS**

October 2022 – present	Expert advisor: A social determinants framework for the implementation of INSPIRE (World Health Organization)
October 2021 – present	Expert consultant: Urban Health Research Agenda (World Health Organization)
May 2019 – present	Honorary Professor: University of Cape Town Division of Public Health Medicine
October 2018 – present	Member: University of Cape Town Faculty of Health Sciences Trauma Advocacy Group.
November 2020 – present	Member: Safety and Evidence Advisory Committee, Western Cape Department of the Premier.
January 2011 – present	Board member: Gun Free South Africa
June 2005 – present	Steering Committee: International Collaborative Effort on Injury Statistics and Methods.
January 2020 – present	Member of the Board of Editors. <i>Injury Prevention</i>
October 2014 – present	Member: Alcohol Harm Reduction Policy Working Group, Western Cape Government Dept of the Premier

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August 2009 – 30 April 2019	Honorary Research Associate: University of Cape Town Department of Public Health and Family Medicine (affiliated with the Division of Public Health Medicine and the Centre for Environmental and Occupational Health Research).
November 2017 – November 2018	Scholarship Committee and International Organising Committee Member, Safety 2018 (Bangkok, Thailand).
December 2014 – November 2017	Visiting Associate Professor: University of Witwatersrand School of Human and Community Development



December 2011 – August 2017	Board member: Comacare – Heads up, an NPO dedicated to the prevention and rehabilitation of traumatic brain injuries. (Deputy Chair from July 2014).
January 2010 – 2016	Member: Homicide Advisory Group to the Global Burden of Disease Study.
October 2008 - 2016	Member: World Health Organization Topic Advisory Group for Injury and External Causes of Injury as part of International Classification of Diseases version 11 (ICD 11).
June – August 2012	Consultant: World Health Organization systematic reviews for selected strategies to prevent youth violence with particular emphasis on low- and middle-income countries
January 2012 – November 2014	Chair: Injury Prevention Working Group of the Western Cape Government.
September 2011 – July 2012	Expert witness contracted by the State Attorney to provide Expert testimony on the decline in firearm homicide in South Africa and its relation to the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act 60 of 2000) in response to the application of TAU SA and AFRIFORUM in the North Gauteng High Court, (Ref: 6586/2010/Z51)"
July 2010 – June 2012	Steering committee: University of Cape Town Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI)
March - September 2011	Organising committee: 1st Conference of the UCT Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI): promoting safety, reducing violence.raising awareness
December 2009 – September 2010	International Programme Committee: 10th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (London, 2010).
November- December 2009	Consultant to the World Health Organization for compilation of injury data information tool kit.
September 2009	Advisor to the World Health Organization for the International Policy Dialogue on Youth and Knife Violence 14-15 September 2009, London, United Kingdom.
September 2009- June 2011	Director for Africa, Member of the Board of Directors, <i>International Traffic Medicine Association</i> .
August 2008 – March 2012	Member: Research Sub-committee of the Provincial Road Traffic Management Corporation
October 2007	Technical Advisor: World Health Organization Global Status Report on Road Safety.
September 2007– 2008	Track Coordinator Surveillance and Scientific Committee Member- 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (Mexico, 2008).
October 2006 – February 2009	Member of Surveillance Working Group. Burden of Disease Reduction project of the Provincial Department of Health of the Western Cape and University of Cape Town
October 2006 – February 2009	Workgroup Champion of Violence and Traffic Injury Prevention Working Group. Burden of Disease Reduction project of the Provincial Department of Health of the Western Cape and University of Cape Town
October 2006– February 2007	Member of CSIR Alcohol Abuse and Crime Think Tank
August 2006 – June 2010	Member of World Health Organisation panel of experts, editor and chapter author <i>Report on Violence and Health in Africa</i>
October 2005 – September 2009	Honorary Research Associate: UNISA Institute of Social and Health Sciences.
January 2005 – April 2006	Member of the International Organising Committee. <i>2<sup>nd</sup> International Seminar on Injury Research Methods</i>

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September 2004 – April 2006	Member of the International Scientific Programme Committee. <i>8<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion</i> , Durban, South Africa.
June 2004 –December 2008	Member of the Editorial Board: <i>International Journal for Injury Control and Safety Promotion</i>
May 2004 –December 2007	Member: South African Comparative Risk Assessment Collaborating Group (SA CRA): Alcohol and Violence. <i>South African National Burden of Disease 2000 Study</i>
July 2002 – September 2009	Member of the Editorial Committee: <i>African Safety Promotion: A Journal of Injury and Violence Prevention</i> .
September 2003 – June 2004	International Scientific Programme Committee: <i>7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion</i> , Vienna, Austria.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2020	Good Clinical Practice refresher course. CREDE (Clinical Research, Education, and Development)
2016	Good Clinical Practice beginners course. CREDE (Clinical Research, Education, and Development)
2001	Full scholarship to attend Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa (IPIFA) Injury Epidemiology Course in Alexandria, Egypt.
1995	Visiting scholar, India Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India.


## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal articles

1. Groenewald P, Kallis N, Holmgren C, Glass T, Anthony A, Maud P, Akhalwaya Y, Afonso E, Niewoudt I, Martin LJ, De Vaal C, Cheyip M, Morof D, Prinsloo M, **Matzopoulos R**, Bradshaw D. (in press) Further evidence of misclassification of the injury deaths in South Africa: When will the barriers to accurate injury death statistics be removed? *South African Medical Journal*.
2. Jabar A, Oni T, London L, Cois A, **Matzopoulos R**. 2022. Matching study using health and police datasets for characterising interpersonal violence in the community of Khayelitsha, South Africa 2013-2015. *BMJ Open* 12: e048129. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2020-048129>.
3. Bradshaw D, Pillay-van Wyk V, Neethling I, Roomaney RA, Cois A, Joubert J, Nannan N, Abdelatif N, Awotiwon OF, Turawa EB, Nojilana B, Groenewald P, **Matzopoulos R**, Prinsloo M, Pacella R. 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> Comparative Risk Assessment for South Africa (SACRA2) highlights need for health promotion and strengthened surveillance. *South African Medical Journal* 112(8b): 556–570. <https://doi.org/10.7196/SAMJ.2022.v112i8b.16648>.
4. Prinsloo M, Machisa M, Kassanjeer R, Ward CL, Neethling I, Artz L, Burton P, Jewkes R, Abrahams N, Pillay-van Wyk V, **Matzopoulos R**, Bradshaw D, Pacella R. 2022. Estimating the burden of disease attributable to interpersonal violence in South Africa, 2000-2012. *South African Medical Journal*. 112(8b) 693–704. <https://doi.org/10.7196/SAMJ.2022.v112i8b.16512>.
5. **Matzopoulos R**, Cois A, Probst C, Parry CDH, Vellios N, Sorsdahl K, Joubert J, Pillay-van Wyk V, Bradshaw D, Pacella R, South African Comparative Risk Assessment Collaborating Group\*. 2022. Estimating the burden of disease attributable to alcohol in South Africa, 2000-2012. *South African Medical Journal* 112(8b): 662–675. <https://doi.org/10.7196/SAMJ.2022.v112i8b.16487>.
6. Bryazka D, Reitsma MB, Griswold MG, et al. 2022. Population-level risks of alcohol consumption by amount, geography, age, sex, and year: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2020, *Lancet*. 400 (2022) 185–235. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(22\)00847-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(22)00847-9).
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77. **Matzopoulos R.** The National Injury Mortality Surveillance System 2001: Interpretations and Implications for Research and Prevention: Johannesburg. MRC-UNISA Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Programme Seminar Series. Cape Town, 30 April 2003.
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## STUDENT SUPERVISION

### PhD

1. Ardil Jabar – 2014 to 2021. Validity and utility of data sources for a prevention-oriented violence and injury observatory in urban Cape Town, South Africa.
2. Megan Prinsloo – 2013 to 2019. Estimating injury mortality in South Africa and identifying urban-rural differences.

### MMed

1. Muzzammil Ismail – 2021 to 2022 (graduated with distinction). Alcohol regulations and injury presentations to Emergency Centres: a multicentre quasi experimental analysis.

### MPH

1. Carmen Gerber – 2015 to 2021. The impact of alcohol-related risk-taking behaviour on younger driver deaths in the Western Cape Province: A retrospective cross-sectional study.
2. Henry Obamuyide – 2017 to 2021 (graduated with distinction). Early life lead exposure as a risk factor for aggressive and violent behaviour in young adults: a systematic review.
3. Sam Lloyd – 2015 to 2017 (graduated with distinction). The association between community participation and mental health in two low- income communities in Cape Town, South Africa.
4. Lydia Trupe – 2015 to 2016. The effect of the Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading (VPUU) intervention on violence-related injuries presenting to health facilities in Khayelitsha and Nyanga.
5. Britany Ferrell – 2014 to 2016 (graduated with distinction). Alcohol policy and regulation: public opinion amongst young adults in Khayelitsha, South Africa.
6. Linda Mureithi – 2013 to 2014. A rapid assessment of injury morbidity in three high-violence communities in the Western Cape.
7. Ardil Jabar – 2012 to 2014 (graduated with distinction). Substance abuse programs that reduce violence in a youth population: a systematic review
8. Avital Cassidy – 2012 to 2013. A systematic review of the effects of poverty deconcentration and urban development on youth violence
9. Linda Chokhotho – 2011 to 2012. Assessing quality of existing data sources on road traffic injuries (RTIs) and their utility in informing injury prevention in the Western Cape Province, South Africa

### Honours

1. Nicole Ryan – 2011 to 2012 (Department of Geographic and Environmental Science). The influence of temperature on aggressive behaviour in Cape Town.

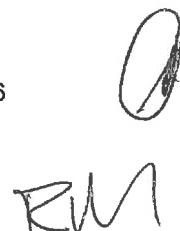
## LECTURES

### Masters in Public Health

2022 – present	The violence and injury burden carried by boys and men. Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Health (1 lecture annually)
2006 – present	Violence and Road Injuries. Non-communicable Disease epidemiology block (1 lecture annually)

### MBChB

2017 – present	Violence and Road Injuries. 4 <sup>th</sup> year medical students – Health-in-context block (6 lectures annually)
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**FUNDRAISING****Grants and consultancies**

1. **Data for Health.** Project no: 826. May 2022 – March 2023. Source Bloomberg Philanthropies via CDC Foundation. (\$392,083)
2. **2020 Injury Mortality Study.** Source SAMRC. (R1.6 million)
3. **Research and Drafting of Minimum Unit Price Implementation Guidelines for Western Cape Government:** UCT Research Unit on the Economics of Excisable Products.
4. **Using locally derived empirical data to guide alcohol access restrictions in the Western Cape.** Grant no: 1811-16219. May-September 2019. Source: DG Murray Trust. (R262,991)
5. **Collaborative partnerships addressing the effects of urban violence on youth access to health services in South Africa and Brazil.** Source: NIHR via University of the Western Cape
6. **2017 Male Homicide Study.** Source SAMRC. (R1.6 million)
7. **2017 Injury Mortality Study.** Source SAMRC. (R1.6 million)
8. **Research Incentive funding. B3 Rating. 2020** Source: National Research Foundation (R50,000)
9. **Research consultancy on violence, injury and alcohol harm.** Grant no: WCDOH579/2015. Source: WC Department of Health (R1,689,351)
10. **Alcohol trade in Khayelitsha.** Grant no: CCOS03170. Source: WC Department of Community Safety. (R473,428)
11. **Situational analysis of alcohol control policy in five African countries.** Grant no: 107518-002. February 2014 – June 2015. Source: International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Non-communicable Disease Prevention Programme (CA\$509,600)
12. **Evaluation of Safety Interventions in informal settlements in Cape Town as a Model for Good Practice.** Source: African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum
13. **Evaluating the effectiveness of the Western Cape Liquor Act in Khayelitsha.** Grant no: 107202-002. January 2013 – December 2015. Source: IDRC Non-communicable Disease Prevention Programme. (CA\$287,300)
14. **Evaluating the effectiveness of the Urban Upgrading in selected low-income communities in the Western Cape.** Grant no: 107329-001. April 2013 – April 2016. Source: IDRC Governance, Security and Justice Programme with support from the United Kingdom's Department for International Development. (CA\$498,700)
15. **Research Incentive funding.2014 C1 Rating.** Source: National Research Foundation (R200,000)
16. **Injury morbidity surveillance system in selected trauma centres** in collaboration with Dr Tracey Naledi to provide baseline and M&E data for the *High 5 Project*. Source: WCG Health Dept.
17. **Violence Interrupters: Establishing a Specialised Cohort of Domestic Violence Social Workers through Evidence-based Violence Intervention Approaches** in collaboration with Associate Professor Lillian Artz and Dr Leon Holtzhausen. Source: UCT Safety and Violence Initiative.
18. **Violence and Substance Abuse at a Cape Town Trauma Centre.** A project in collaboration with Prof Andrew Nicol, Dr Cathy Ward, Dr Katherine Sorsdahl, Prof Dan Stein, Dr Bronwyn Myers and Dr Joanne Corrigan. R funded by UCT Safety and Violence Initiative. Source: UCT Safety and Violence Initiative.
19. **Brief Intervention for Substance Users Attending Trauma Clinics in the Western Cape** to establish the feasibility of and need for alcohol and drug screening in a Level One Trauma Centre. A project in collaboration Dr Katherine Sorsdahl, Prof Dan Stein, Associate Professor Bronwyn Myers, Prof Andrew Nicol (Department of Surgery), Dr Cathy Ward and Dr Joanne Corrigan. Source: UCT Safety and Violence Initiative.
20. **National Database on Violence, Abuse and Exploitation.** Technical assistance in the development of a monitoring and surveillance system. Source: UNICEF Swaziland.
21. **African Report on Violence and Health.** Technical assistance in the development of a technical report/book. Source: WHO AFRO.
22. **Injury Surveillance Toolkit.** Technical assistance in the development of a technical report/book. Source: WHO, Geneva.
23. **Systematic reviews on selected youth violence topics.** Source: WHO, Geneva.

24. **Field testing of the Drugalyzer® Smartclip, Oral Twist and Drugwipe devices in South Africa.** Source: Trimega Laboratories.
25. **Booza TV series and community intervention** in collaboration with Dr Joanne Corrigan. Source: Open Society Foundation
26. **Child pedestrian safety at the South Coast and Blamey Road interchange.** Source: Legal Resources Centre, Durban.
27. **The decline in firearm homicide in South Africa and its relation to the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act 60 of 2000).** Source: Office of the State Attorney
28. **Baseline study of the liquor industry, including the impact of the National Liquor Act 59 of 2003,** in collaboration with Dr Joanne Corrigan. Source: DNA Consulting.
29. **A health impact assessment of international migrants following the xenophobic attacks in Gauteng and the Western Cape,** in collaboration with Dr Joanne Corrigan and Dr Brett Bowman. Source: Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

### Scholarships and travel grants

- 2018 Full funding to attend 4th International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics UNODC, Lima, 4-6 June 2018.
- 2017 Full funding to attend IDRC Meeting, Nairobi 28-31 March 2017.
- 2016 Partial funding to attend Safety 2010 World Conference, Tampere 18-21 October 2016.
- 2016 Full funding to attend IDRC Regional Workshop, Johannesburg 8 – 10 March 2016.
- 2016 Full funding to attend IDRC Regional Conference, Santiago, Chile 10-14 January 2016
- 2014 Partial funding to attend 1994-2014: 20 Years of South African Democracy. Oxford 25-26 April 2014.
- 2012 Partial funding to attend German Congress/International Forum on Crime Prevention and Violence Prevention Alliance's 2012 Annual Meeting. Munich 16 – 17 April 2012.
- 2010 Full scholarship to attend Safety 2010 World Conference. London 21-24 September 2010.
- 2010 Fee waiver and stipend to attend GBD Methods for Measuring Injury: A consultation and discussion meeting convened by the GBD Injury Expert Group. Swansea 18 September 2010.
- 2009 Full scholarship to attend International Collaborative Effort on Injury Statistics meeting, Boston, Massachusetts 8 – 10 October 2009 granted by Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard School of Public Health.
- 2009 Full scholarship to attend 5<sup>th</sup> Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, Geneva, Switzerland 17-18 September 2009 granted by WHO Violence and Injury Prevention Programme.
- 2008 Full scholarship to attend 4<sup>th</sup> Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, Washington DC, 1-2 December 2008 granted by WHO Violence and Injury Prevention Programme.
- 2008 Full scholarship to attend XVIII World Congress of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA), September 20-24th 2008, in Porto Alegre, Brazil granted by the conference organising committee.
- 2008 Full scholarship to attend 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion March 2008, Merida, Mexico granted by the conference scholarship committee – (unable to attend).
- 2007 Full scholarship to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention, Kincardine, Scotland, 17-19 July 2007 granted by WHO Violence and Injury Prevention Programme.
- 2005 Full scholarship to attend Safe Kids Worldwide Annual Leadership Conference. Safe Kids Worldwide, Washington, United States of America, 16 to 23 October 2005 granted by Safe Kids Worldwide.
- 2005 Full scholarship to attend International Collaboration Effort on Injury Statistics Meeting. Cuernavaca, Mexico, 1-2 June 2005 granted by the CDC.
- 2004 Partial scholarship (conference fees) to attend 7th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Vienna, Austria, 6 – 9 June 2004 awarded by the Road Traffic Injuries Research Network.

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- 2001 Full scholarship to attend Injury Epidemiology Course (five days) in Alexandria, Egypt, granted by the Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa (IPIFA) and funded by the World Health Organization.
- 1995 Visiting scholar, India Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India (November - December 1995), funded jointly by the MRC and IIT).

**REVIEWS**

- 2021 NRF Ratings application review – Dr JM Francis.
- 2018 Wellcome early to mid-career grant application – Dr D Machado.
- 2013 NRF Ratings application review – Dr A van Niekerk.

**List of journals**

Aggression and Violent Behaviour  
BMC Public Health  
Canadian Geographer  
Canadian Journal of Public Health  
Critical Public Health.  
Drug and Alcohol Review  
Epidemiologic Reviews.  
Frontiers in Neurology  
Global Public Health  
Health Information Management Journal  
Injury  
Injury Control and Safety Promotion  
Injury Epidemiology  
Injury Prevention  
International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences  
Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health  
Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health  
Journal of Interpersonal Violence  
Journal of Public Health Policy  
Lancet Public Health  
Medical Journal of Australia  
Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs  
Social Science and Medicine  
South African Medical Journal  
Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy  
Traffic Injury Prevention  
Tropical Doctor  
WHO Bulletin

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