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UKZN's Discipline of Psychiatry & AGMHI present:

2026 PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH WEEK

16 20 FEBRUARY 2026



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Professionals, researchers, students and trainees within the mental health and health sciences disciplines

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| | MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY | TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY | WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY | THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY | FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY |
|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 9:00–10:00 | Registration, Welcome & Introduction Prof. Saeeda Paruk & Prof. Laila Asmal | Photovoice and Visual Research Methods Mr. Suntosh Pillay | Ethnography Dr. Yolandie Ralfe | Grant Writing Prof. Doug Wassenaar | Individual Qual & Quant Consults with Facilitators (upon request) |
| 10:00–12:00 | Qualitative Research: Introduction & Methods Dr. Nduku Wambua | | | | AI in Research Dr. Yolandie Ralfe |
| 12:00–13:00 | Lunch Break | Lunch Break | Lunch Break | Lunch Break | Lunch Break |
| 13:00–14:00 | Academic Talk: Mr. Rocky Stroud | Academic Talk: Dr. Megan Campbell | Academic Talk: Dr. Hannah Brown | Academic Talk: Dr. Kazione Kulisewa | Academic Talk: Ms. Xoli Mpefane/Mkhize |
| 14:00–15:00 | Introduction to Basic Epidemiology Dr. Kalpesh Narsi | Intro to Quantitative Research Design Dr. Evan Myers | Manuscript Writing: Overview Dr. Hannah Brown | Statistical Analysis: Writing up the data Dr. Evan Myers | |
| 15:00–16:00 | Introduction to Statistics Dr. Kalpesh Narsi | Building on Statistics: Interpreting Statistical Analysis Outputs Dr. Evan Myers | Manuscript Writing: Submission & Revision Dr. Hannah Brown | Statistics: Overview of Systematic Review & Meta-analysis Dr. Evan Myers | |
| 16:00–16:30 | Welcome Remarks Dr. David Henderson & Prof. Bonga Chiliza | | Individual Qual & Quant Consults with Facilitators (upon request) | | |

- CPD Accredited through the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
- Participants are encouraged to attend all qualitative sessions in the morning and/or all quantitative sessions in the afternoon as they follow on from earlier sessions. You may, however, only participate in qualitative sessions or quantitative sessions based on your interest or all sessions for the week.
- Please indicate if attending morning, afternoon, or all sessions via the [Registration Form](#).
- For individual consultations either via Zoom or in-person, please email AGMH@ukzn.ac.za to request an appointment. Individual consults in advanced statistics are available until Wednesday.

2026 PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH WEEK: ACADEMIC TALKS



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16 FEBRUARY



ROCKY STROUD

"Genetics of Mental Health Disorders across Africa: Conception, implementation, and next steps"

17 FEBRUARY



MEGAN CAMPBELL

"Conducting genome-wide association studies among diverse African populations: a blend genome-exome approach"

18 FEBRUARY



HANNAH BROWN

"First Episode Psychosis: Approaches to Treatment"

19 FEBRUARY



KAZIONE KULISEWA

"The acceptability of a nurse-led community-based rehabilitation program to improve the ongoing, post-acute care of people living with psychosis in Malawi"

20 FEBRUARY



XOLI MPEFANE

"The Intersectionality between Anxiety, Depression and Dementia"

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