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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 AGMHI@ukzn.ac.za to request an appointment. Individual consults in advanced statistics are available until Wednesday.

2026 PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH WEEK: ACADEMIC TALKS



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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