

## Abbreviated *Curriculum vitae*

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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

#### PERSONAL AND CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

<b>Name</b>	Martha Maria	<b>Surname</b>	Van Straaten
<b>Title</b>	Ms	<b>Nationality</b>	South African
<b>Department/Division</b>	Social work	<b>Position</b>	Placement Liaison Officer Ad-hoc lecturer
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#### SHORT OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND/EXPERIENCE/TRAINING

Mariëtte van Straaten acquired in 2008 her B.Soc.Sc. (Social Work) degree with distinction from the University of the Free State. From February 2011 until December 2014, she worked at the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders (NICRO) Bloemfontein. Ms van Straaten acquired her Master's degree in Forensic Social Work with distinction at the University of the Free State in 2012. Ms van Straaten's mini-dissertation focused on the expectations of court personnel for forensic court reports with regard to social work. Since February 2011, 276 clients have been referred for a Non-custodial assessment, of which 258 clients were sentenced as recommended. Ms van Straaten started her part-time private practice in 2012 and went full-time into private practice in January 2015. She was the Adhoc Afrikaans Intermediary for the Sexual Offences Courts in Bloemfontein from October 2015 until December 2017. Ms van Straaten is an ad-hoc lecturer at DiMTEC and the Placement liaison officer of the Department of Social Work, University of the Free State. She is registered at the South African Council for Social Service Professions, the Association for Social Workers in Private Practice and the Board of Health Care Funders of Southern Africa.

### RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer	Position	Period
Private Practice	Social worker	2015-currently
Department of Social work, UFS	Ad-hoc lecturer and Placement Liaison officer	2022 - currently
DiMTEC, UFS	Ad-hoc lecturer	2015- currently
Jim Fouche High School	Social worker	2017 - 2021

### HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION(S)

Degree	Field of study	Higher education institution	Year received
B.Soc.Sc (social work)	Social work	UFS	2008

M.SW	Social work	UFS	2012
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## Areas of Assigned Teaching Responsibility

Department	Module	From	Until
Department of Social Work	SWPS2622: Diversity in Social Work Context	July 2016	December 2016
Department of Education	ESW122: Social Care in Foundation Phase	July 2015	December 2017
Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (DiMTEC)	DIMP5820: Public and Mental Health  DIMH7910: Disaster Mental Health	July 2015	currently
Department of Social Work	SWPS1524: Social Work Service Delivery Context SWPP3722: Casework Practicum	July 2021	November 2021
Department of Social Work	SWPC3714: Social Work with Children	February 2022	March 2022
Department of Social Work	SWPS1514: Introduction to Social Work	February 2022	July 2022
Department of Social Work	SWWL1612: Social Work Welfare Law	February 2023	July 2023

## POST GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Degree	Current number of students	Completed number of students
PhD		
Masters	-	8
Other (specify)		

## MEMBERSHIPS TO PROFESSIONAL COUNCILS AND/OR REGISTRATIONS

NAME OF COUNCIL / TYPE OF REGISTRATION	PERIOD OF REGISTRATION	MEMBERSHIP/ REGISTRATION NUMBER
South African Council for Social Services Profession	Since 2009	10-26864
<b>Other: Please specify below</b>		
Board of Health Care Funders of Southern Africa	Since 2014	0516457
SAASWIPP member	Since 2015	
SWAT Free State and Northern Cape member	Since 2022	
SA-ACAPAP member	Since 2022	

## RESEARCH AND TRAINING

### RESEARCH PROJECT

#### 2021 - 2024

Current project for Doctor of Philosophy degree focuses on “Developing disaster social work guidelines to bridge policy-practice gaps based on the COVID-19 response in Mangaung Metropolitan, South Africa.”

### PAPERS PRESENTED

#### 2023

IASWG Symposium 8-10 June, poster presentation on The Benefits of Social Work Student Participation in Group Work Practicum.

#### 2022

ASASWEI Colloquium 28 and 29 September, paper presentation on Towards bridging policy-practice gaps by including disaster social work in undergraduate curricula: Evidence of neglect of vulnerable groups during COVID-19 in Mangaung.

#### 2021

9th Annual Free State Provincial Health Research Day online, paper presentation on Delivery of disaster social work services to increase the resilience of vulnerable groups during COVID-19 in Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

International Social Work Conference online, paper presentation on Social work mental health and psychosocial support to vulnerable groups during COVID-19 in Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Free State, South Africa

The South African Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions Virtual Congress, poster presentation on Social work mental health support to multidisciplinary frontline responders during covid-19 in Mangaung Metropolitan, Free State.

#### **2020**

The World Summit on Social Sciences and Humanities, oral presentation on Improvement of the quality of social work report writing. \*Winner of the Best Paper Presenter in SOSH-2020

#### **2009**

Speaker at the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial South African Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions Congress on Sexual abuse amongst girls in a child and youth care centre.

### **ACADEMIC ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS** (published as Joubert/ van Straaten)

#### **2024**

- Social work mental health and psychosocial support to vulnerable groups during COVID-19 in Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Free State, South Africa. Martha van Straaten, Christo Heunis, Alice Ncube & Joerg Szarzynski. Published in Social work in the 21st century: Scholarship and praxis reimagined towards vulnerability, in Knowledge Pathing: Multi-, Inter- and Trans-Disciplining in Social Sciences Series, vol. 3, AVARSITY Books, Cape Town, pp. 47–59. <https://doi.org/10.4102/aosis.2024.BK473.03>
- Social worker role-taking during communicable disease outbreaks in South Africa. Christo Heunis, Martha Joubert & Alice Ncube. In: Routledge Handbook of African Social Work Education. London: Routledge, pp.152-164.

#### **2021**

Improvement of the quality of Social Work report writing. Dr. Annelie Böning and Mariëtte Joubert. Published in Creation of Society, March 2021. ISBN 9798709765009

#### **2015**

‘n Proses evaluering van ‘n verkeersoortrederswerksopdrag. Mariëtte Joubert and Carel van Wyk. Published in LitNet Academic (12-3), December 2015. ISSN 1995-5928

#### **2014**

Social Work forensic reports in South African criminal courts: inevitability in the quest for justice - Mariëtte Joubert and Carel van Wyk. Published in SOCIAL WORK/MAATSKAPLIKE WERK (50-4) October 2014.

#### **2012**

Die voorkoms, frekwensie en aard van seksuele misbruik deur jong vroulike seksoortreders in ‘n inwoonsorgsentrum – Mariëtte Joubert, Marisa Pietersen and Carel van Wyk. Published in LitNet December 2012.

## WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS PRESENTED

### 2023

Presented CPD training on Disaster Social Work.

Speaker at Eunice High School – Ethical requirements regarding reporting and referring.

### 2022

Guest lecturer for Master students at the United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) on Improving public health, social work and disaster management systems to mitigate vulnerabilities: the need for whole-system reform in the Free State, South Africa.

### 2021

Presenter at Solidarity Helping Hand's "Die wil om te help werkswinkel".

CPD workshop for Social workers titled Your best is good enough. Improving your own and your clients' mental health.

### 2019

Facilitator at Reisa Kathu Girl Effect Program on the prevention and reporting of sexual abuse. The program includes talks on the dangers of relationships with older men; how to report incest; sexting, and my role and responsibilities.

Facilitated staff training for Jim Fouché High School teachers on Child abuse: ethics and law.

Guest lecturer for second-year social work students at the University of the Free State on How to be an expert witness.

Sexting workshops presented to learners of Jim Fouché High School.

Speaker at FCIA Wesselsbron Women's tea on Children, the internet and cellphone pornography.

### 2018

Guest lecturer for second-year social work students at the University of the Free State on How to be an expert witness.

Guest lecturer for third-year social work students at the University of the Free State on How to write quality court reports.

Speaker at Preprimary schools teachers' meeting on Child Abuse.

## PROFESSIONALLY RELATED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Department/ Organisation	Position	Period
Youth Voice Journal	Peer review member	Since 2020
Department of Sociology, UFS	Advisory board member	Since 2021
Free State Care in Action	Academic advice committee member	Since 2021
ENGO Child and Youth Care Centres	Academic advice committee member	Since 2023