

# Stuart Denoon-Stevens - Curriculum Vitae

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## Summary

- ▶ Researcher focusing on the built environment, housing, mining towns, land management, planning practice, and planning education.
  - ▶ More than eleven years of experience, seven in research. Twenty-three published academic articles, including multiple articles in high-impact journals. Scopus H-Index of 4, Google Scholar H-Index of 6. A further eight publications are under review or in press.
  - ▶ I was principal investigator on a R10 million research project about planning education and practice in South Africa. Editor on two books (one in press, one being written currently) and part of research team for three household surveys of more than 900 households each.
  - ▶ Pioneered use of flipped classroom methodology in my department, winning 2018 Excellence in Teaching and Learning award for the category Curriculum Design and Innovation at the University of the Free State.
  - ▶ Successfully supervised 22 master's mini-dissertation students; currently supervising 5 students.
  - ▶ Taught on a wide range of subjects, including research methodology, economics for planners, and environmental planning, amongst others.
  - ▶ Numerous professional reports, including guidelines on mixed-income housing for the Housing Development Agency, and the synthesis and spatial economy components of the background report for the National Spatial Development Framework. Currently part of the core team proposing amendments to the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013.
  - ▶ Involved in more than 100 applications as a land use planner.
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## Skills

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I am proficient in a range of programs, including GIS in both ArcMap and QGIS, NVivo for qualitative data analysis, Excel and other office programs, CorelDraw and Inkscape. I have basic competency in SPSS.

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## Professional Experience

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### **University of the Free State, Bloemfontein**

Lecturer: Urban and Regional Planning

*January 2018 – Present*

Junior Lecturer: Urban and Regional Planning

*January 2015 – December 2017*

*Won the first-place prize in the 2018 Excellence in Teaching and Learning awards for the category Curriculum Design and Innovation.*

*Program director 2018/2019*

*Visiting scholar at School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham, January to June 2018*

### **Lecturing:**

- Housing (2015)
- Integrated Development Planning (2015)
- Professional Practice (2016)
- Research in Economics for Planners (2015-2020)
- Research in Environmental Planning for Planners (2018-2020)
- Research Methodologies for Planners (2016 – 2018, 2020)
- Urban and Regional Planning Research Report (2018-2020)
- Research Report in Human Settlements (2018-2020)
- Tourism for Planners 7912 (2015)

All the above are postgraduate courses.

Most of my classes have 25-40 students. I use flipped classroom methodology, where students listen to lectures ahead of class, and class time is spent on practical skills. This is particularly useful as we teach in a block week format. The flipped classroom methodology allows me to exceed the limited time we have with students and teach my courses in split remote learning and in-person format.

For Research in Economics for Planners, we focus on learning regional economic analysis skills, such as calculating GVA sectoral contributions for the local economy, shift-share analysis, location

quotient and the growth performance index. The students then apply these skills to understand a local economy, and draft proposals on how to improve the performance of the local economy. A similar approach is used in Research in Environmental Planning for Planners. Since 2020, I have brought in an analysis of a local land use scheme into both courses, with students learning how land use management can positively and negatively affect the environment and economy.

In Research Methodologies for Planners, we focus on each step of the research process, including how to interview and collect survey data, qualitative data analysis, and basic quantitative data analysis. The students then undertake a mini-research project, where they perform a survey and interviews, and then using the collective data gathered by all students, write up a short research paper.

Urban and Regional Planning Research Report / Research Report in Human Settlements are parallel courses that guide the students through the process of creating an applied planning report, working within the constraints of what is possible in a block week format. My component is to teach the students the analysis skills they need, ranging from rudimentary GIS through to analysing Census and Community Survey data.

I developed the entire curriculum and structure for all my courses.

## Research Projects

I was involved in the following funded research projects (arranged by scale):

*The appropriateness, usefulness, and impact of current urban planning curriculum in South African Higher Education*

Years: 2017-2020

Role: Principal Investigator (2018-2020), Co-investigator (2017)

Funder: National Research Foundation, Economic and Social Research Council / Newton Fund (UK)

This is a multi-million-rand project (just over R10 million). The SAPER project focused on understanding the needs and challenges of planning practitioners in South Africa, and what implications this has for planning education, before and after graduation.

The first phase of this project (2017) involved a survey with 219 planning practitioners from South Africa, and a separate survey with around 72 planners in the UK. The second phase of this project (2018) consisted of interviews with planners from the private, public and academic sectors across South Africa. Around 89 South African planners were interviewed as part of the main phase of interviewing, however total interviews for this project were approximately

Over and above the interviews, we experimented with using a teaching app to link students at the University of the Free State with students at University of Birmingham, assisted the Commonwealth Association of Planners with developing a platform for their awards, developed policy briefs, and hosted workshops with practitioners in both the UK and South Africa.

More details on this project can be found at: <http://www.saperproject.com/>

*Mining and community in the South African platinum belt: A decade after Marikana*

Year: 2019-2020

Role: Co-investigator and editor

*Coal, energy, and development in South Africa: Reflections from Emalahleni*

Year: 2017-2018

Role: Co-investigator and editor

*From small town to iron town - mining and community in a South African mining town*

Year: 2015-2016

Role: Co-investigator

Funder: University of the Free State Central Research Fund, National Research Foundation, and various contributions from departments and faculties participating in these projects.

These were three separate but interlinked projects run by the same project team focusing on understanding the relationship between mining, local governance, labour and households. Our choice of towns was focused on different mining approaches (shaft versus open cast), and different scales (small towns versus intermediate cities).

The approach in each project was to undertake a household survey of 900+ households, along with a smaller sample of qualitative interviews. Authors from a wide range of disciplines were invited to use this data to write chapters for a book, with a wide range of disciplines, ranging from economics and industrial psychology, through to urban planning and geography. Some authors took this further and developed their findings into journal articles.

In terms of status, the book on Postmasburg has been published. The book on Emalahleni has been accepted for publication and is the production stage. The book on Rustenburg

My role in each project has been to assist with the development of the research instruments, develop the sampling maps, and write chapters. In the case of Emalahleni and Rustenburg, I am also one of the editors for each book.

*Background research for the National Spatial Development Framework (South Africa)*

Year: 2016

Role: Sub-contractor and author

Funder: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development via KENA consulting

This project provided the analytical background to a national level spatial plan which will guide future investment and land use regulation by the South African government. My contribution was to assist with the analysis, mapping, writing and presentation of the synthesis and spatial economy components of the background report.

*Spatial Transformation: Are Intermediate Cities different?*

Year: 2017

Role: Author

Funder: South African Cities Network

This was a publication that focused on understanding the characteristics of intermediate cities in South Africa, and whether they require a differentiated approach in terms of Spatial Planning. My focus area for this publication was Matjhabeng.

*Land Paper Series 2: Proactive Upzoning of Land in TOD Developments to Promote Urban Regeneration in South African Cities*

Year: 2018

Role: Author

Funder: South African Cities Network

We produced one of the papers in this collection. Our paper focused on the potential of state-led up-zoning of land as a mechanism by which Transit Orientated Development (TOD) could be promoted.

*Post-apartheid spatial inequality: obstacles of land use management on township micro-enterprise formalisation*

Year: 2016-2017

Role: Co-investigator

Funder: Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation

This project is a review of existing knowledge on the role and potential of land management to support the growth and development of microenterprises in low-income settlements in South African cities.

*Unpacking the potential of university land to support university growth, local economic development and student learning - the case of Qwa Qwa*

Year: 2016-2018.

Role: Principal Investigator

Funder: University of the Free State Central Research Fund

This mixed-methods research project looked at the economic potential of this region, and how to expand the University of the Free State campus in the town of Qwa Qwa in such a manner that it supports both local economic and university growth.

*Towards the development of an algorithmic approach to informal settlement upgrading in South African cities*

Year: 2017-2019

Role: Sole investigator

Funder: National Research Foundation (Thuthuka Grant)

This project focuses on developing a settlement design algorithm/decision tree for low-income settlements in South Africa.

## Supervision (master's mini-dissertations)

From 2015 to 2020, I have successfully supervised 22 students, four of whom received distinctions. As of 2021, I am supervising five students. The mini-dissertation titles from the students who have completed their degrees are as follows:

Graduated	Name	Title
2016	Hannes de Jager	How can we improve upon the current approaches to planning tourist precincts in small towns in South Africa?
2016	Mmapule Emma Ramaila	Post-crisis intergenerational land use zone gap in deprived townships: the case of Mahwelereng intergenerational multi-purpose interactive facility, Limpopo.
2016	Rossouw Smit	The implementation of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (SPLUMA) development principles in the Western Cape.
2017	Eva Ndahafa Fritz	Proposing alternative housing solutions for informal settlements in Namibia: a case study of the Okahandja Park B informal area.
2017	Mischka Jacobus	Re-evaluating land use regulations for Upper Ashbury, Heidedal.
2017	Rouve Velma Bingle	Urban planners feeding hungry minds: exploring the viability of food gardening as a component of the campus food system at the University of the Free State.
2017	Willesia Dorfling	Can local economic development help build a community of artisanal miners? A case study of the Uiba-Oas crystal market community.
2018	Kachinga Mosoang	The socio-economic potential of an accurate and complete government immovable asset register under the custodianship of provincial governments: the case of Gauteng Provincial Government.
2018	MC Janse van Rensburg	Economic growth and stability, income generation and income distribution in an emerging economy: a juggle to find the balance from a town planning perspective.
2018	Nthai Phuti Ngwepe	An assessment of the level of incorporation of environmental management principles into municipal planning processes.
2018	Ruan Chipps	Mine closure in Welkom: the implication for future land uses.
2019	Refilwe Khabe	Planning today, for tomorrow. A post mine future for Kutlwanong.
2019	Rodney Gazide	Redressing the Spatial Imbalances of the Past Through LED Planning: A Case Study of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality LED Planning)
2020	Jacolene Bothma	The Hypothetical City: Planning a Responsive Built Environment through the Concepts of Home and Identification

2020	Mbali Chalale	An assessment of the extent to which the University of the Free State's Urban and Regional Planning curriculum addresses issues of specific relevance to Africa and South Africa
2020	Rachel Naukushu	Views of town planners regarding their planning education: a case of post-independence towns in Namibia
2020	Susan Groenewald	Incremental development options: layout vs efficiency
2021	Avuyile Mjekula	The Role of Urban Planning in Enabling and/or Constraining Home-Based Early Childhood Development Centres: The City of Cape Town.
2021	Helena Sylvanus	Exploring the interaction between road upgrading and the informal economy: A case study of Monte Christo Road, Havana, Windhoek
2021	Tebello Putsoane	Exploring the challenges of studentification and rental housing: Roma, Lesotho
2021	Thato Maila	Exploring the spatial relationship between cattle keeping and urban planning: a case study of Greater Siyabuswa, Mpumalanga
2021	Zukiswa Mdwane	Towards a suitable land use scheme for Railton, Swellendam

## Moderation

I acted as external moderator for the University of Witwatersrand's third year BSc in Urban and Regional Planning program, from 2017 to 2019.

## Outreach

As part of the SAPER project, I organized a workshop in 2018 and 2019, that brought together practitioners from different government departments, the private sector and academic. The 2018 event, which ~30 people attended, focused on candidacy and mentoring of young planners. In 2019, we hosted a larger event with 58 people. This event used an 'unconference' format to flip the format from presenting to attendees, to placing the emphasis on facilitating participant engagement. The theme of the 2019 event was 'What I wish I knew,' with a particular emphasis on what knowledge and skills are required to be a 'good' planner.

The SAPER project also produced briefing notes, which have been cited in high level government publications. We also worked with the South African Council of Planners to develop a forum tool to aid discussion and debate among planners in South Africa. The SAPER project also developed a best practise online mapping tool for the Commonwealth Association of Planners to host and make publicly available submissions made to their various awards.

I have presented multiple times at events hosted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and South African Local Government Association. These presentations focused on upskilling practising planners and councillors on various issues relating to Urban and Regional Planning.

I have also made various submissions commenting on policy and legislation. Most notably, in the Competition Commission's Public Passenger Transport Market Inquiry my comments were cited, and in the Competition Commission's Retail Market Inquiry ideas I had proposed in a 2016 publication were included as one of the Inquiry's recommendations.

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## Consultant

### *Occasional since 2015*

With consent from University of the Free State, I have worked on two projects independently to my employment at the university:

#### *Assessment and amendment of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2014 (SPLUMA)*

Year: 2021

Main consulting company: Enterprises University of Pretoria

This project is reviewing the implementation of SPLUMA, with a focus on identifying what is and is not working with regard to achieving the original objects of the act. Following this review, the focus is on proposing amendments to improve its functioning and ability to achieve its objects. My role to date has been to identify the list of issues pertaining to planning practice in South Africa.

#### *Review of the strategic plan for the South African Cities Network (SACN)*

Year: 2015

Main consulting company: Pegasys

In this project, we worked with SACN to review its strategic plan. My role was to assist with providing a broad overview of the literature on local government, and to provide a quantitative analysis of the outputs and activities undertaken by the SACN.

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## Terraplan Town Planners, Cape Town • Senior Town Planner

*July 2013 – December 2014*

Town Planner working under Tinus Scott.

In this time, I was the primary author for three commissioned research projects:

*Guidelines on Mixed-Income Housing (MIH) for the Housing Development Agency:* These guidelines provide guidance on how to build MIH, based on a series of case studies of various MIH development's across the country.

*Chapter on land use management and low income housing for the South African Cities Network (SACN)*

*Chapter on land use management and transit orientated development for the South African Cities Network (SACN)*



In terms of land use management, some of the larger development projects I was involved in included:

*Cape Farm 821, Schaap Kraal:* Application to permit 405 dwelling units in a series of walk-up apartment blocks.

*Stellendale:* Implementation and amendment of approved development rights for a development of 1979 residential units, and 94,642m<sup>2</sup> of commercial and retail GLA.

*Engen:* Various projects throughout Cape Town for the redevelopment and construction of new Engen Service Stations.

*Erf 1425 Scottsdene:* Application for development of 35 single residential units.

*Erf 825 Hafele Street:* Amendment of conditions to permit a 35-unit block of flats.

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**City of Cape Town, Cape Town • Professional Officer: Land use management**

*January 2013 – June 2013*

**City of Cape Town, Cape Town • Assistant Professional Officer: Land use management**

*July 2010 – December 2013*

This involved, but was not limited to, processing of applications (involved in -90 applications) for rezoning, subdivision, consent use, departures, with the area covered spanning Cape Towns Southern Suburbs (one of 11 planners dealing with an area of ±270 525 people, covering ±40 000 ha). I also provided general advice on land use management to the public, and commented on other departments applications, such as the disposal of municipal land.

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## Qualifications

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*Registered for a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of the Free State, 2016–present. Currently being examined, hand in date: 22 March 2021.*

Thesis title: The Role of Land Use Management in Promoting, or Hindering, Spatial Transformation in South African Urban Areas.

*Postgraduate certificate in GIS at Leeds University (correspondence), graduated 2013.*

*Master's in city and Regional Planning at the University of Cape Town, 2008-2009, upper second-class pass.*

Completed standard planning masters, with studio projects including training in new town plans, regional development frameworks, municipal spatial development frameworks and contextual development frameworks. Awarded 2008 SAPI Award for the best first-year student (joint award).

*BSocSci (Honours) at the University of Cape Town in 2007, upper second-class pass.*

Majored in Cultural Geography, covering courses that dealt with the interaction between space and culture, the anthropology of development and conflict management. Awarded scholarship as South African Geographical Societies Honour scholar.

*BSocSci with Subject Distinction in 2004–2006 at the University of Cape Town, upper second-class pass.*

Majored in EGS and Sociology, with focus on the interaction of humans and their environment.

Awarded Two Class Medals (Top of my class for Environmental Analysis and Cities of the South), Dean's Merit List (2004–2006) and completed degree with Subject Distinction in Environmental and Geographical Science.

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### Voluntary Work

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Member of the City of Cape Town Zoning Practice Notes committee on behalf of the South African Association of Consulting Professional Planners (SAACPP) South committee in 2013/2014.

Volunteer fire fighter and events organiser for the Newlands Volunteer Wildfire Services base in 2013/2014.

Part of professional team that workshopped ideas for the future development of Puebla, Mexico, as part of an initiative managed by Les Ateliers in 2012.

Secretary of the Western Cape South African Planning Institute 2009–2012.

Equipment officer (2007) and chair (2008) of the UCT Underwater Club.

Trainer for the Township Debate League (2004).

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### Publications

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#### 2021

Jones, P., Andres, L., Denoon-Stevens, S.P. & Melgaco, L. 2021. 'Planning out abjection? The role of the planning profession in post-apartheid South Africa', *Planning Theory*, 0(0), <https://doi.org/10.1177/14730952211012429>

#### 2020

Adams, D., Andres, L., Denoon-Stevens, S., Melgaço, L. 2020. Challenges, opportunities and legacies: experiencing the internationalising of UK planning curricula across space and time. *Town Planning Review*, 91(5): 515–534

Andres, L., Bryson, J., Denoon-Stevens, S., Bakare, H., Du Toit, K. and Melgaço, L. 2020. Calling for Responsible Inclusive Planning and Healthy Cities in Africa. *Town Planning Review*, 92(2): 195–201

- Andres, L., Jones, P., Denoon Stevens, S., Melgaco, L. 2020. Negotiating polyvocal strategies: re-reading de Certeau through the lens of urban planning in South Africa. *Urban Studies*, 51(12): 2440-2455
- Bakare, H., Stevens, S.D. and Melgaço, L., 2020. Informality and Temporary Urbanism as Defiance: Tales of the Everyday Life and Livelihoods in Sub-Saharan Africa. Chapter in Andres, L. and Zhang, A.Y. Eds. *Transforming Cities Through Temporary Urbanism* (61-72). Springer, Cham.
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. and Nel, V., 2020. Towards an understanding of proactive upzoning globally and in South Africa. *Land Use Policy*, 97(September): 104708
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Andres, L., Jones, P., Melgaço, L., Massey, R., Nel, V. 2020. Theory versus Practice in Planning Education: The View from South Africa. *Planning Practice & Research*, 0(0), <https://doi.org/10.1080/02697459.2020.1735158>
- Ferranti, E.; Andres, L.; Denoon-Stevens, S.P.; Melgaço, L.; Oberling, D., Quinn, A. 2020. Operational Challenges and Mega Sporting Events Legacy: The Case of BRT Systems in the Global South. *Sustainability*, 12(4): 1609
- Marais, L., Denoon-Stevens, S. and Cloete, J. 2020. Mining towns and urban sprawl in South Africa. *Land Use Policy*, 93(April): 103953
- Nel, V. and Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2020. Proactive Rezoning to Promote Inclusive Densification. Chapter in Rubin, M., Harrison, P., Todes, A., and Appelbaum, A. Eds. *Densifying the City? Global Cases and Johannesburg* (276-283). Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Publishers.
- 2019**
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2019. Matjhabeng: Planning in the face of the Free State Goldfields Decline. Chapter in Marais, L and Nel, V. Eds. *Space and planning in secondary cities: Reflections from South Africa* (115-139). Bloemfontein, SUN Media.
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. and Mocwagae, K. 2019. The potential of the University of the Free State QwaQwa campus to enable growth of the economy of QwaQwa. *Town and Regional Planning*, 74(December): 1-11
- Marais, L., Cloete, J., van Rooyen, D., Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Nel, V. 2019. Place attachment and social disruption in Postmasburg, a rapidly growing South African mining town. *GeoJournal*, 84(1): 71-83
- 2018**
- Cloete, J. and Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2018. Mineworker housing. Chapter in Marais, L., Burger, P. and van Rooyen, D., eds. *Community and Mining in South Africa: from Small Town to Iron Town* (141-156). London, Routledge.
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Nel, V. & Mphambukeli, T. 2018. Spatial planning for Postmasburg. Chapter in Marais, L., Burger, P. and van Rooyen, D., eds. *Community and Mining in South Africa: from Small Town to Iron Town* (77-96). London, Routledge.

- Denoon-Stevens, S.P., and Ramaila, E. 2018. Community facilities in previously disadvantaged areas of South Africa. *Development Southern Africa*, 35(4): 432-449
- Marais, L., Cloete, J., and Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2018. Informal settlements and mine development: reflections from South Africa's periphery. *Journal of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy*, 118(10): 1103-1111
- Marais, L., Van Rooyen, D., Burger, P., Lenka, M., Cloete, J., Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Mocwagae, K., Jacobs, M. and Riet, J., 2018. The background to the Postmasburg study. Chapter in Marais, L., Burger, P. and van Rooyen, D., eds. *Community and Mining in South Africa: from Small Town to Iron Town* (5-22). London, Routledge.

### **2017 and earlier**

- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2017. Book Review: SPLUMA: A Practical Guide. *Town and Regional Planning*, 71(1): 36-37
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2016. Developing an appropriate land use methodology to promote spatially just, formal retail areas in developing countries: The case of the City of Cape Town, South Africa. *Land Use Policy*, Vol 54 (July): 18-28
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2014. Using land use management to create transit-friendly cities. Chapter in *How to build Transit Oriented Cities* (97-118). Johannesburg, South African Cities Network.
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2014. The role of Land Management in Shaping (or Preventing) the Creation of Sustainable Human Settlements. Chapter in *From Housing to Human Settlements: Evolving Perspectives* (124-148). Johannesburg, South African Cities Network.
- Görgens, T., and Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2013. Towards Facilitative and Pro-poor Land-Use Management in South African Urban Areas: Learning from International Experience. *Urban Forum*, 24(1): 85-103

### **Conference papers and presentations**

#### **2021**

- Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Andres, L. Moawad, P. 2021. Bricolage and improvisation in the process of everyday 'place-shaping': learning from informal settlements in South Africa and Lebanon. Presented in the 'Geographies of Improvisation, Rapid Adaptation and of the Temporary (2)' session of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, 11 April.
- Denoon-Stevens, S.P. and Nel, V.J. 2021. City of Cape Town's Single Residential Zoning 2: Incremental Housing (SR2) Zone. Presented at International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights Online Sessions, 10 February.
- Melgaço, L., Andres, L., Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2021. Spatial injustice and socio-spatial divides in South Africa: what can planning and planners do? Presented in the 'Spatializing Social Injustice' session of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, 7 April.

## 2020

Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Nel, V.J. 2020. Towards a Theory of Land Use Management in the Global South: Adapting and Advancing Beyond Theoretical Advances from the North. Presented at Southern Africa City Studies Conference (virtual), 31 August-4 September.

Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Marais, L. and Campbell, M. 2020. Rental housing in mining towns. Presented at Southern Africa City Studies Conference (virtual), 31 August-4 September.

## 2019

Andres, L., Jones, P., Melgaco, L., Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2019. When strategies collide: de Certau and South African planning. Presented at American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Session on Planning in theory, theory in planning 1. Washington, DC, USA, 4 June.

Nel, V., Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Andres, L., Smit, E. 2019. De-colonising land use management in South Africa. Presented at Local and Urban Governance: trends, challenges and innovations in a globalizing world, University of Cape Verde, Cidade da Praia, 4 - 7 September.

## 2018

Andres, L., Jones, P., Melgaco, L., Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2018. Idealism and resistance in spatial planning: questioning the new horizons of planning education. Presented at 2018 Regional Studies Association Winter Conference, London, UK, 15-16 November.

Andres, L., Melgaco, L., Jones, P., Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2018. Responsibility and resistance planning for (and with) entrenched inequality. Presented at UK Ireland Planning Research Conference, Sheffield, UK, 3-5 September.

Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2018. Training planners to create sustainable and resilient cities. Presented at Planning Africa 2018, Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town South Africa, 14-17 October.

Denoon-Stevens, SP. 2018. Principles for designing safe low-income settlements in South Africa. Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society of South African Geographers, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, 1-5 October.

Denoon-Stevens, SP. 2018. Understanding the interface between geography and urban planning in South Africa. Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society of South African Geographers, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, 1-5 October.

Massey, R., Denoon-Stevens, S., Nel, V. 2018. Planning practice at local government level in South Africa: challenges, implications and new approaches. Presented at International Conference: 50 years of Local Governance 1980-2030, University of Lisbon, Portugal, 4-5 September.

## 2017

Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2017. Translating normative concerns into law: an exploration within the field of land development regulation. Presented at 4th Annual International & Comparative

Urban Law Conference on Law and the New Urban Agenda, Cape Town, South Africa, July 17-18.

Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2017. The use of decision making support tools for the assessment of land development applications of low-income settlements in South Africa: an exploration of their potential. Presented at 3rd Biannual ISIBalo CRUISE Urban and Regional Science Conference, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 3-5 July.

Jacobus, M., Denoon-Stevens, S.P., Nel, V. 2017. Encouraging Inclusive Communities Through Zoning Reform: The case of Upper Ashbury, Bloemfontein. Presented at 53rd ISOCARP/OAPA Congress, Portland, Oregon, USA, 24-27 October.

## **2016 and earlier**

Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2016. Finding hope in spaces of despair – furthering our understanding of the South African Spatial Economy. Presented at the ERLN Economies of Regions: Economic Development at the Sub-National Level conference, Protea Hotel Fire & Ice, Menlyn, Pretoria, South Africa, 14-15 November.

Denoon-Stevens, S.P. and Bruce, S. 2016. Exploring the potential for Transit-Oriented Development in low-income settlements in the metropolitan cities of South Africa. Presented at the Southern African City Studies Conference, Urban Futures Centre, Durban University of Technology (DUT), Durban, South Africa, 17-19 March.

Ramaila, E. and Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2015. Leisure, open space and recreational planning in previously disadvantaged townships: a case study of Mahwelereng, Limpopo. Presented at the CPSYG-2015 Conference for Planning Students and Young Graduates, University of Johannesburg, Doornfontein Campus, Johannesburg, South Africa, 5-7 October.

Gorgens, T. and Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2010. Towards facilitative and pro-poor land use management in South African urban areas: learning from international experience. Presented at 2010 Urban LandMark Conference: Rethinking emerging land markets in rapidly growing southern African cities, Johannesburg, 1 - 2 November.

## **Professional publications**

### **2021**

Denoon-Stevens, S.P., van Wyk, J., Oranje, M, Nel, V. 2021. Assessment of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act 16 of 2013: List of Issues Relating to Planning Practice. Report for Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

### **2017**

Denoon-Stevens, S.P. 2017. *Matjhabeng Local Municipality: From gold to the unknown*. Paper for South African Cities Network Secondary Cities project. <http://www.sacities.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Matjhabeng.pdf>

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