



**Annual Conference of the  
New Testament Society of Southern Africa**

**26–29 June 2023, North West University**

*hosted by the “Pauline Studies” subgroup*

**PROGRAMME BOOK**

*Conference Theme:*

**Paul, Africa(ness) and Identity**



Venue: K23-204

Microsoft Teams meeting

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## Monday, 26 June

### 14:00-18:00 – Meetings

Meetings (K23-G06)		
14:00-16:00	NTSSA Executive Meeting	
16:00-18:00	<i>Neotestamentica</i> Editorial Board Meeting	Registration

### 18:00-20:30 – Welcoming and Plenary Address

Joint Programme (K23-204)	
18:00-18:30	Welcoming
18:30-19:30	<p><b>Plenary Address:</b> Daniel Darko (PS - Gordon College, USA)            Imagining African-ness in Paul’s identity constructs: The challenge and paradox for NT scholars in Africa</p> <p><i>Africa’s socioeconomic developments in this century have coincided with her standing as the fastest growing region of Christians in the world. Consequently, the need and contribution of African NT scholars to frame and espouse Christian identity against the backdrop of competing cultural mores and traditions, colonial legacies, and inter-church differences (missionary vs. AIC’s) is paramount at this juncture. The paper aims to investigate how the apostle to the gentiles (Paul) frames and constructs Christian identity, and offer theological and methodological paradigms that we might consider in imagining, espousing, and promoting authentic African-ness (in local church and academy) in a way that is theologically sound and inclusive as fellow members of the people of God in the worldwide church.</i></p>
19:30-20:30	Light snacks

## Tuesday, 27 June

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### 9:00-12:00 – Parallel Papers

*All parallel papers: 30-minute presentation + 15-minute discussion*

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	Parallel Papers: K23-204	Parallel Papers: Die Bult Church Hall	Parallel Papers: K23-G06
9:00-9:45	June Dickie (PS - KZN) - Why do so few “rejoice with those who rejoice”? Ideas from social psychology and the literary context	Joel Stephen Brown (EC - SU) - New Prophecy with a timeless problem: Comparing the conceptual metaphors used to criticize prophetic legitimacy in Montanism and African Pentecostalism	Michael D. Olajide (JG - UP & ECWA) - Significance of Jesus’ resurrection in the Fourth Gospel with specific emphasis on its literary motif

9:45-10:30	Annette Potgieter (PS - HK) - Shaping spaces: Paul, Roman identities and post-colonist theory	Gerhard van den Heever (EC - UNISA) - Between charismatic renewal and emerging tradition: The New Prophecy in religio-historical and comparative perspective	Claudene Sebolai (GS - UWC) - Paul at the intersection of gender and identity in African societies: A comparative analysis
10:30-11:15	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
11:15-12:00	Paul Adebayo (PS - SU) - Reception criticism of Paul's cosmological ideas in Late Antiquity, with special reference to the Letter to the Romans	Mphumezi Hombana (EC - UP) - New Prophecy Movement and Black churches in South Africa	Robin Gallaher Branch (GS - Christian Brothers University) - Gender balance in the New Testament: Examples showing a new way of reading, teaching, preaching, and writing about the Bible

### 12:00-15:30 – Lunch and Business Meeting

<b>Joint Programme (K23-204)</b>	
12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-15:15	<b>Business Meeting 1</b>
15:15-15:30	<b>Refreshments</b>

### 15:30-17:00 – Keynote Address

<b>Joint Programme (K23-204)</b>	
15:30-17:00	<b>Keynote Address (Honorary President):</b> Paul Decock (EC - UKZN/St Joseph's Theological Institute) Montanism as one of the actualizations of a common tradition

### 17:15-18:45 – Keynote Address

<b>Joint Programme (K23-204)</b>	
17:15-18:45	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Philip Du Toit (PS - NWU) Rethinking identity theory in light of the in-Christ identity in African context

## Wednesday, 28 June

08:45	Devotionals	K23-204
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9:00-9:45	Jeremy Punt (PS - SU) - Postcolonial Paul in Africa?	Kenosi P. Motuku (PS - UP) - Neither(s) of Paul in Galatians 3:28 in the light of African class struggle in South Africa: Anti-imperial reading	Tekalign D. Negewo (JG - SU) - Non-Judeans in Matthew's genealogy: A case for redefining the identity of the ideal readers' community	Sue Hodson (JG - MA) - Jesus "binding up the broken-hearted" – a 21st century fulfilment of this promise, through dance
9:45-10:30	Vuyani Sindo (PS - GWC) - Can the real children of Abraham please stand up? A quest towards an 'authentic' African Christian identity	Tsholofelo J. Kukuni (GS - NWU) - A text-centred rhetorical analysis of 1 Timothy 2:15 and the resilience of African women	Kobus Kok (GS - Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven) - Telling their story against the grain: The empowerment of women in the martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity	Chris L. de Wet (EC - UNISA) - Memory and sanctification in Late Antique responses against Montanism(s)
10:30-11:00	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
11:00-11:45	Jose De Carvalho (PS - NWU) - Paul's and Tutu's reconciliation theology in dialogue for an authentic African Christian identity	F. Manjewa M'bwangi (JG) - Contextualizing Matthew's concept "Our Father in heaven" in Ubuntu philosophy to contest gender disparity in African church leadership	Nina Müller van Velden (GS - US) - Nursing and breastmilk in the Christian New Testament: Maternal theological imagery in the household of God	Marius J. Nel (JG - SU) - Chronicling Matthean identity: The use of 1 Chronicles in the Gospel of Matthew
11:45-12:30	J. Gertrud Tönsing (PG - UNISA) - The price for the freedom of one? The Pauline language of the Household Codes.	Annelie van der Bank (EC - SU) - Musicalising the spirit of prophecy: A theatrical analogy of the New Prophetic / Phrygian Movement of Montanus	Paul N. Anderson (JG - George Fox University, USA) - The dialogical autonomy of the Fourth Gospel: An overall Johannine theory and the story of its development	Olugbenga Olagunju (JG - Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary) - Towards a biblical response to self-defence in Luke 22:36

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14:45-15:30	Richard A. Burrige (GS - University of Manchester) - Towards a New Testament ethic of sexuality	Bekele D. Anshiso (JG - The Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology) - Banquets of grace: The meaning and significance of Jesus’ table fellowship with sinners in Matthew.	Roger M. Tem (JG - UP) - Reading 1 Clement through the lens of John 14:27: Peace, unity and violence
15:30-16:15	Pieter J. J. Botha (PS - UNISA) - “I wish that all were as I myself am”: Pauline ethics and decentering the physical body	Albert Coetsee (NWU) – “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”: An intertextual study of Hebrews 10:26-31 and Deuteronomy	Hendrik J. Prinsloo (PS - UFS) – Paul’s strategy of reaffirming the Thessalonian’s new identity in 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10: A text-centred rhetorical analysis
16:15-17:00	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>

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### 18:00-22:00 – Conference Dinner

18:00-19:00	Travel to Conference Dinner (Oudrift Riverside Lodge, Thabo Mbeki Drive, Potchefstroom)
19:00-22:00	Conference Dinner

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9:45-10:30	Llewellyn Howes (JG - UJ) - Excavating the original meaning of the Harvest Logion in Q 10:2	Nycholas L. D. Oliveira (EC - UP) - Papyrus 72 and the Bodmer Miscellaneous Codex: A text-critical study of the dynamics of early Christian identity formation	David M. Moffitt (JG - University of St Andrews) - Jesus’ death in light of sacrifices to Chthonic gods: Reconsidering the ransom theory of the atonement	
10:30-11:00	<b>Refreshments</b>			
11:00-13:00	<b>Business Meeting 2 (K23-204)</b>			

*End of Programme*