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(2000 – 2006)

Professional Association-membership / Lidmaatskap van Professionele Verenigings:

- Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa.
- International Network for Interreligious and Intercultural education.
- SANPAD RCI (Research Capacity Initiative) (2005-2006)
- Associate Member of the International Seminar of Religious Education and Values (ISREV) Great Britain (membership by invitation only).

Areas of specialisation

- Religious Studies
- Curriculum Studies
- Values Education

ACADEMIC OUTPUTS / AKADEMIESE UITSETTE (2000-2006)**Academic Journals / Akademiese tydskrifte**

- 2003 (Co-author: C Roux) Teachers participation in facilitating beliefs and values in Life Orientation programmes. *South African Journal for Education* 23(4).
- 2003 (Co-author: C Roux) Possibilities for mediation in the context of teaching and learning about religions. (*South African Journal for Education* 23(4).
- 2004 (Co-author: C Roux) Teaching and learning about religions in schools: Responses from a participation action research project *Journal for the Study of Religion* 17(2)5-23.

Conference papers / Kongresreferate

- **National / Nasionaal**
- 2002 *Innovative strategies for facilitating teaching and learning about religions in education*. Annual Conference Education Association of South Africa (EASA), Pretoria (January)

2002 *Teacher participation in facilitating beliefs and values in life orientation programmes.* Annual Conference of Association of Religion in South Africa (ASRSA), Durban (July)

- **International / Internasionaal**

- 2000 *Feuerstein & Religion: compatible partners in teaching and learning about religious in the context of teacher education.* 18th Quinquennial Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Durban, South Africa (August).
- 2001 *Networks and circles: a constructivist approach towards the empowerment of student teachers for religion, values and citizenship education.* Biennial symposium: Religion and citizenship education, University of Warwick, England (September).
- 2004 *"How to read an African Church": symbolic forms and the African Independent Church movement as an aspect for investigation in the Life Orientation curriculum in South African schools.* Biennial international symposium: Religion and Education, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (March).
- 2006 *Thinking about how student teachers think about religion, religious diversity, knowledge and meaning.* InterReligious Education and Dialogue (IRED), CHH Leeuwarden, Netherlands. 27-29 July. 8th International Biennial symposium on Interreligious and Intercultural Education. July 2006, Leeuwarden, Netherlands.
- 2006 *Student perceptions of human rights and their understanding of interreligious and intercultural dialogue.* ISREV (International Society for Religious Education and Values) July – August 2006, Driebergen, Netherlands.

- **Posters / Plakkate**

- 2006 (Co-author) *Understanding human rights values in diverse education settings: Exploring pre-service students' perceptions and reflections.* KENTON/EASSA Conference, Wildernis, 20 November – 1 December

Projects / Projekte

- 2001-2002 *Facilitating strategies of belief and value orientations in a multicultural education system.* Research project with collaboration with the University of the Witwatersrand, UNITRA and the Cape Town Technicon (Wellington campus). Co-project leader

Research reports / Navorsingsverslae

- 2002 *Facilitating strategies of belief and value orientations in a multicultural education system.* Co-writer of the research project with collaboration with the University of Stellenbosch, University of the Witwatersrand, UNITRA and the Cape Town Technicon, Wellington Campus, 20pp (Co-writer).