

Participants in the 1st LCLI Consultation

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As the transformative 'web' of interested LCLI friends and colleagues expands, we would like regularly to 'introduce' people to one another. Here then are those who participated in the 1st LCLI Consultation (alphabetical, own descriptions, provided with permission)

James R Cochrane

Dr., Emeritus Professor, (BSc, MDiv, PhD, DDiv h.c.), Department of Religious Studies, and Senior Research Associate in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine, at the University of Cape Town

Previously Director of the Research Institute on Christianity and Society in Africa, he is Co-Director of the International/African Religious Health Assets Programme Hub at the University of Cape Town, and manages the Leading Causes of Life Initiative in partnership with Prof Gary Gunderson, Wake Forest University, NC, USA. His more recent research has been mainly in religion and public health, and religion in public life generally, including studies in social ethics, 'community wisdom,' and globalization. A previous editor of the Journal of Theology for Southern Africa and of the New South African Outlook, his publications include *Religion and the Health of the Public: Shifting the Paradigm* (with Gary Gunderson), *Circles of Dignity: Theological Reflection and Community Wisdom*, and *Servants of Power: English Speaking Churches in South Africa, 1903-1930*, as well as several edited volumes (most recently, *When Religion and Health Align: Mobilizing Religious Health Assets for Transformation*, with Barbara Schmid & Teresa Cutts), and about 150 essays and articles.

Teresa Cutts

Dr., Director of Research for Innovation, Centre of Excellence in Faith and Health, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare, Memphis, adjunct academic appointments at the University of Cape Town's School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Tennessee's College of Medicine's departments of Preventative Medicine and Psychiatry, University of Memphis' School of Public Health and Healthcare administration, and Memphis Theological Seminary.

Have been instrumental in helping design and create clinical and community-based applications of the Leading Causes of Life framework, including the Life of Leaders (executive physical for clergy and other leaders' health), survey instruments for clergy and lay persons used in primary care settings and in other sites focused on preventive medicine, as well as serving as a plenary leader outlining the 'found science' undergirding Leading Causes of Life in the two day workshop done for local United Methodist Church leaders (along with Dr Gary Gunderson and Rev. Larry Pray). She has served as Primary Investigator (PI) and Co-PI on numerous large scale grants, including co-site research of a community based intervention to promote peace and safety among minority males in Memphis, along with research from the Medical Research Council and University of South Africa, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention work on building capacity for influenza awareness, prevention and treatment in faith communities and developing a Community Health Record to combat obesity and cardiovascular disease, as well as serving as a multi-year consultant on Quality of Life for patients with gastrointestinal motility disorders. Most recently, she serves as Co-PI on an initiative incorporating some 31 healthcare systems representing several hundred individual hospitals across the USA known as the Health Systems Learning Group, supported by the federal Health and Human Services, and the White House, aimed at strengthening community partnership for healthcare via innovative strategies designed to proactively deal with impending healthcare reform. She has authored numerous articles in the medical and faith/health field and edited and/or co-authored one book and several book chapters.

Gary Gunderson

Vice President for Faith and Health, Professor of Public Health Sciences and, (at the Divinity School) Professor of Religion and the Health of the Public, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Wake Forest University School of Divinity

My degrees, which hide as much as the illuminate, are undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University in History, a Masters of Divinity at Emory University (with an honors thesis on economics, faith and the hungry) and a Doctor of Ministry from the Interdenominational Theology Center in Atlanta (with a thesis on Boundary Leadership). My real qualifications are some 40 years of life in incredibly rich webs of relationships with people working seriously in the areas of hunger/poverty and community development, public health and more recently health care, all of which in the boundary zone between people moving out of their exclusive faith identities. I'm interested in organizational and community change and how people influence complex human systems to morph in the direction of greater vitality, decency and maybe even justice. I'm always interested in what faith has to do with any of this. It's been a curious life path, but has lead through about 8 years at the Carter Center where many of these ideas were developed, and the school of public health at Emory, then 7 years as a senior executive at Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare (a \$1.5 billion faith based hospital system in Memphis, one of the poorest cities in the United States), now serving in a similar role at a system that is sort of faith-based, but an academic medical center with large referral area, also pretty poor. My current work focuses on helping this large system align its full institutional and human assets with its professed goal of advancing the health of the region.

Andy McCarroll

(BA/JD Vanderbilt University, MA University of Chicago Divinity School), General Counsel, Southeastern Asset Management, Inc., offices in Memphis, London, Tokyo, Singapore, Sydney.

The "substance vs. smoke and mirrors" dichotomy evident in my work life also reveals itself in other venues (religious, political, economic, etc.) and I have become attracted to the ideas underlying the LCL thought process as a way to help navigate through complexity to the more generative spaces where the fullest possibilities might emerge. As a complement to the LCL thought process (and already imbedded in it in many ways) I have been exploring CARING as a useful ordering principle for human activity. In particular, "caring" defined as seeking growth, realization or fulfilment of possibilities and potential (see Milton Meyeroff "On Caring"). If DNA is embedded potentiality and imagination/creativity open ends where the possibilities might go, the "end" towards which our structures might aim is CARING so that full flourishing might emerge.

Masana Mulaudzi (preferably Sana)

London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Cape Town, B.Com Politics, Philosophy and Economics; B.A. African Studies (Hons); MPhil Transitional Justice (Social Justice in Transformation) (Pending); MSc in Political Economy of Late Development (Pending).

Currently, I am working with the LCL Initiative as a 'project co-ordinator' (since I could no longer stand to be an intern, I gave myself this title). Previously, I was the project co-ordinator for the Politics Writing Centre at the University of Cape Town and congruently an intern at The Warehouse a Christian social justice movement based around Cape Town's informal settlements. I have been an intern many times: Machel-Mandela Intern for The Brenthurst Foundation; South African Washington Intern at The Robert F. Kennedy Centre for Human Rights in Washington, D.C., Intern at the African Leadership Academy and finally, when I had an interest in investment banking, I was an intern at Allan Gray Asset Management Bank. My other experience includes being Resident performing artist for The British Council in 2010; and an Economics and Politics tutor at University of Cape Town and Teach Me 2 – which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Jill Olivier

Dr., University of Cape Town (PhD, MPhil), Health systems research; interdisciplinary research and theory; collaboration and partnership studies; communication theory; cultural hermeneutics; HIV/AIDS and society; complexity studies; health promotion; monitoring and evaluation; leadership and institutional development; community-driven development and participatory inquiry; health literacy and translational sciences; African Studies

BA Hons (English and History), MPhil (Development Sociology); PhD (Humanities). A previous life in the publishing industry; a researcher and research manager with ARHAP (now IRHAP) on and off for the last decade; as a researcher with several other projects at UCT and elsewhere; researcher at the World Bank; and now lecturer and project manager back at University of Cape Town, School of Public Health and Family Medicine. Have conducted research in countries such as South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, the DRC, the USA and the Asia-Pacific region.

Kenneth I. Pargament

Professor of Psychology and Distinguished Scholar, Department of Psychology at Bowling Green State University, and Institute for Spirituality and Health at the Texas Medical Center, D. in clinical psychology with specialities in community psychology and the psychology of religion and spirituality. Interested in the roles of religion and spirituality in coping with major life stressors; spiritually integrated psychotherapy; integration of research and practice in religion, spirituality, and health.

Over the years, I've been privileged to engage in a variety of activities. I love them all (except when they all become overwhelming). Here are some highlights. Teaching psychology of religion and spirituality, community psychology, spiritually integrated psychotherapy. Mentoring over 35 Ph. D. graduate students in psychology, religion, and spirituality. Consulting with NIH, WHO, Templeton Foundation, and Fetzer Institute. Workshops/symposia/colloquia to physicians, clergy, social scientists, and the public. And lots of writing. Here are some recent publications: Editor-in-chief *APA Handbook of Psychology, Religion, and Spirituality* (Vols. 1 and 2), *Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy: Understanding and Addressing the Sacred*. Finally, keeping a small practice in psychotherapy for 35 years. I went into psychology because I was interested in the big questions: Why are we here? How should we live our lives? How can we make the world a better place? I feel tremendously fortunate that I've had the luxury of considering these questions in my career. How many people can shut the door to their office at times and simply think? Seeking and sharing meaning have been guiding forces in my life and I suspect they'll continue to be.

Mohamed Seedat

Professor/HOD, University of South Africa – Institute for Social and Health Sciences and MRC-UNISA Safety and Peace Promotion Research Unit.

I have served on several editorial boards, international conference organising committees, acted as an external examiner/reviewer on masters and doctoral level research reports/thesis, books, funding proposals and journal manuscripts and provided advisory services to agencies in the injury prevention, community psychology and development fields. I have published in the areas of community psychology, racism, violence and community development. I have also acted as an advisor to several authorship development initiatives and research Unit applications for the Medical Research Council and National Research Foundation.

Anna Tharyan

Professor of Psychiatry (MBBS, MD in Psychiatry), The Christian Medical College, Vellore, India.

Over the last eighteen years, I have taught Psychiatry to postgraduate students of Psychiatry, medical under graduates, nursing and occupational therapy students as part of my academic responsibilities. Of greater interest to me, has been the opportunity I have had to teach basic Psychiatry to community volunteers and other non-professional workers. This has required me to familiarize myself with local culture and to innovate with regard to finding resources to deliver cost effective clinical services. The challenges I have faced in this regard is what has brought home to me the importance of the theses highlighted in the Leading Causes of Life paradigm. I have had to recognize the strengths within economically challenged communities and explore the values and beliefs, which have made people resilient. I have had to redefine what, in the context of health, I had assumed on the basis of published wisdom, was “basic minimum”, “optimal “ and “scientific”.

Francis Wilson

Dr., Emeritus Professor, and Pro-Vice Chancellor for Poverty and Inequality, School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

Founded and for many years directed the Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU). In 2001 he was also Director of the Data First Resource Unit (for information Research and Scientific Training). A former UCT orator, and author of many books, chapters and articles, he was also Chairperson of Council at the University of Fort Hare from 1990-1999, and first Chairperson, 1996-1999, of the National Water Advisory Council. During 2000, 2001 and 2002 he was Visiting Professor in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. In 2001 became Chairperson of the International Social Science Council's Scientific Committee of CROP, the International Comparative Research Program on Poverty. Among other things, he also led the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in Southern Africa, from which he subsequently published, with Mamphela Ramphele, *Uprooting Poverty*.