

CALL FOR PAPERS / ABSTRACTS

7th MPUMALANGA ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS/ABSTRACTS: 31 May 2021

Feedback on Abstracts: 30 June 2021

Conference Date: 3-5 November 2021

Venue: Govan Mbeki Local Municipality, Gert Sibande District

THEME: *Charlotte Makgomo Maxeke, A Doyenne of Knowledge and Leadership: The Role of Women in the Struggle Against Colonialism and Apartheid*

South Africa's democracy was fought for by both men and women and some of them paid the ultimate sacrifice. During the liberation struggle, women juggled the responsibilities of family life and fighting for freedom and democracy. The stories of the liberation struggle heroines such as Charlotte Maxeke have not received adequate media coverage. The Apartheid regime oppressed women and excluded them from participating in mainstream economy. This year's theme celebrates and honours the role women played in the liberation struggle and it is also in line with government's declaration of 2021 as the Year of Charlotte Maxeke.

SUB-THEMES:

Oral history practitioners and interested community members who have stories to share are invited to contribute papers that focus on any of the following sub- themes:

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- The contribution of traditional healers and their role in fighting COVID-19 pandemic
- Oral history of sports heroes/heroines
- Community struggle, women and oral history
- The role of Indigenous Knowledge System in the fight against COVID-19
- The role played by young women in liberation struggle
- The land question, will it be answered?
- Indigenous knowledge, how families were raised using traditional medicine
- Oral histories of the missing and untold stories
- Contextualizing the Apartheid narrative; township and village stories
- The role of print and electronic media in the liberation struggle
- Oral History Teaching and Methodologies

Abstract are invited for contribution to the 7th Annual Mpumalanga Oral History Conference. Although the conference is primarily academic, case study reports and other contributions are welcome. The contributions must be based on original work and have a clear focus on oral history. Interested contributors are encouraged to bring along to the conference papers that are ready for publication.

NB: IN ADHERENCE TO COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS, SOME PRESENTATIONS WILL BE DONE VIRTUALLY.

If you are interested, please send us a short proposal, including:

1. An abstract of your paper or case study report (100-300 words)
2. The relevant conference sub-theme and a title for the paper
3. A short biography of yourself (50-100 words)
4. Your contact information (name and surname, postal address, email address, and phone numbers)

The duration of presentation will be 20 minutes and it will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. A paper should not be longer than 5000 words.

Send proposal to:

Convener: Mr Nkitseng Mahalefa via email nfmahalefa@mpg.gov.za and he can be reached on **013 766 5081** or **067 429 0866**.



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