

POPULATION SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES

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This monthly science focused forum is aimed at sharing and collaborating amongst the nodes and beyond. The topics are primarily Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS) and Population Science focused. All interested are welcome to attend.

DATE

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025

TIME

15:00 – 16:00

VENUE

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FACILITATOR:

Dr Carren Ginsburg, Senior Researcher at SAMRC/Wits Agincourt Research Unit

Dr Carren Ginsburg is a Senior Researcher in public health and population studies at the SAMRC/Wits Rural Public Health and Health Transitions Research Unit (Agincourt), Wits University. Her research focuses on advancing knowledge on the impact of migration and urbanisation on health and socioeconomic transitions in South and sub-Saharan Africa. She is a co-lead on the Multi-Centre Analysis of the Dynamics of Migration and Health (MADIMAH) project, and co-PI on the “Migrant Health Follow-up Study” funded by the National Institutes of Health, USA, a cohort study of South African internal migrants that seeks to investigate the health and economic consequences of migration.



SPEAKER 1:

Mr Cyril Chironda

Data Analyst/PHD fellow, SAMRC/Wits Agincourt Research Unit

Topic: Changes in chronic diseases prevalence and multimorbidity clusters among the deceased in rural north-east South Africa (2012-2022)

Cyril Chironda is a PhD candidate in Public Health at the University of the Witwatersrand, specialising in multimorbidity trends and modelling in rural South Africa. With a strong academic background in Actuarial Science and Mathematical Statistics, Cyril has leveraged advanced statistical methods and machine learning to enhance public health outcomes. His research interests include chronic disease clustering, competing risk analysis, and the integration of AI-driven solutions in healthcare. He currently works as a Data Analyst at Agincourt, contributing significantly to population-based studies.



SPEAKER 2:

Dr Belinda J. Njiro

Researcher, SAMRC/Wits Agincourt Research Unit

Topic: Overall and cause-specific mortality and associated risk factors among middle-aged and older South Africans: Findings from the Health and Aging in Africa: A Longitudinal Study of an INDEPTH Community in Rural South Africa (HAALSI)

Belinda Njiro is a medical doctor and an epidemiologist, currently working as a researcher with the Agincourt unit at the Wits School of Public Health. Her career interest is in evidence-based medical practices and Implementation Science in areas related to infectious disease epidemiology, with a particular focus on HIV/AIDS research and the intersection of infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).