

Navigating the scholarly publishing landscape in 2026

Scholarly publishing is changing faster than at any point in recent memory. AI is reshaping research and publishing. Open access is fast becoming the default. Submission volumes are surging, and with them, questions about research integrity and quality. For early career researchers, this landscape can feel overwhelming. This workshop will help you navigate this changing landscape and publish responsibly.

Date: 19 June 2026
Time: 10:00 – 13:00
Venue: Zoom / YouTube
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PROGRAMME

10:00	Welcome and introductions	
10:05	An A-Z guide for navigating the scholarly publishing landscape in 2026	Linda Fick, Nadia Grobler and Phumlani Mncwango South African Journal of Science, Academy of Science of South Africa
10:25	Authoring a co-authored article	Palesa Madupe Max-Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology SAJS Outstanding Article Awardee
10:45	Accountable use of AI in journal articles	Mesias Alfeus Stellenbosch University SAJS Editor-in-Chief Mentee
11:05	Break	
11:10	Turning your thesis into a journal article	Chrissie Boughey Rhodes University SAJS Associate Editor
12:10	Break	
12:15	Open session Vote for the topic of your choice, or suggest a topic.	All participants , facilitated by Leslie Swartz SAJS Editor-in-Chief
12:55	Closure	

PRESENTERS



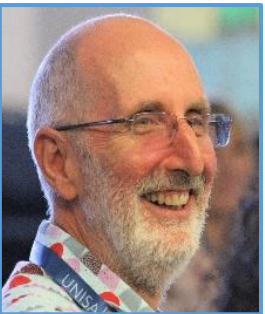
Palesa Madupe is a postdoc at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (Germany). She has a BSc from the University of the Witwatersrand, BSc(Hons) and MSc from the University of Pretoria, and a PhD from the University of Copenhagen. Her research investigates ancient biomolecules from Plio-Pleistocene hominins in Africa to address questions that cannot be easily resolved with morphological or genomic data alone. The African hominin fossil record from the Late Pliocene to Middle Pleistocene is exceptionally diverse, but the scarcity of molecular evidence has hampered efforts to clarify evolutionary relationships among extinct taxa. As ancient DNA rarely survives over such timescales, she employs palaeoproteomic techniques using ancient proteins to reconstruct phylogeny, study intraspecies variation and assess sexual dimorphism in these fossils.



Mesias Alfeus is an Associate Professor of Financial Risk Management in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at Stellenbosch University. He holds a PhD from the University of Technology Sydney. He serves as Lead Principal Investigator of the NITheCS Quantitative Finance Research Programme and as Editor-in-Chief Mentee at the *South African Journal of Science*. He also sits on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Futures Markets* and is an Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Theoretical and Applied Finance*. His research focuses on the development of numerical methods and analytical solutions for complex option derivatives, with an emphasis on rigorous model design and evaluation. In addition to his academic roles, he contributes to industry practice as a Specialist Consultant to FirstRand Group's Market Risk Technical Committee, supporting robust risk governance and model oversight.



Chrissie Boughey is Emeritus Professor of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies at Rhodes University, Professor Extraordinaire at Stellenbosch University, Commissioning Editor for the journal *Higher Education* and Associate Editor: Social Sciences, Humanities & Education for the *South African Journal of Science*. She came to South Africa in 1999 after spending many years teaching English as a second/foreign language in Spain, the Middle East and the UK. She holds a DPhil in Linguistics from the University of the Western Cape, an MA in Applied Language Studies from the University of Reading (UK), an MA in English Language and Literature from the University of St Andrews (UK) and a PGCE in Education from the University of Wales (UK). Her research interests are in academic literacy, teaching and learning in higher education, critical realism, social realism, academic development and educational development.



Leslie Swartz is Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Stellenbosch University. He is Editor-in-Chief of the *South African Journal of Science* and of the *Scandinavian Journal of Disability*. His research focuses on disability rights and mental health issues in southern Africa. He has a particular interest in developing academic writing skills and increasing access to academic publishing.



Nadia Grobler is the Online Publishing Systems Administrator for the *South African Journal of Science*. She holds a bachelor's degree in Information Science from the University of Pretoria and has over 10 years of working experience in scholarly publishing. Her expertise lies in scholarly publishing workflows, systems, tools and services that support the publication, dissemination and discoverability of research.



Phumlani Mncwango is the Online Publishing Administrator for the *South African Journal of Science*. He has a bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Zululand and has been working in scholarly publishing for over three years, supporting authors and editors throughout the submission and peer review process.



Linda Fick is the Managing Editor of the *South African Journal of Science*. She joined the *South African Journal of Science*'s editorial team in 2009 and has been a member of the Professional Editors' Guild since 2010. She holds a PhD in Physiology from the University of the Witwatersrand and a Certificate in Editing from the University of Pretoria. She has a strong interest in advancing African science to a global audience, in making science accessible through accessible language and in building writing capacity.