

## Curriculum Vitae of Samantha Williams

### ***Personal Information***

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### ***Education***

1999-2001: Bachelor of Arts (Geography): University of the Western Cape  
2002: Bachelor of Arts (Honours): University of the Western Cape  
2003-2005: Masters (Development Studies): University of the Western Cape

**Academic status:** Holds a Masters degree (Development studies) from the University of the Western Cape where her master's thesis examined the contribution of medicinal plants (*Agathosma betulina*, buchu) to local livelihoods in the Cederberg region, South Africa. Currently enrolled at the University of Cape Town, for a doctoral degree, which focuses on access and social dynamics of fisheries and coastal resources in community livelihoods (Western Cape) utilizing a case study approach. Promoter: Assoc Prof Merle Sowman, University of Cape Town. Expected date of submission February/March 2012.

### ***Employment History***

2000-2002: Demonstrator, Department of Geography, University of the Western Cape  
2005-2007: Researcher, Environmental Evaluation Unit (EEU), University of Cape Town

### ***Research and other work related functions***

At the Environmental Evaluation Unit (EEU), University of Cape Town, I engaged and assisted on various research projects which included research on coastal and fisheries governance, biodiversity and social justice and environmental management and sustainability. My core focus over the last 5 years and since the commencement of my doctoral studies have been on fisheries livelihoods, access rights, governance and management.

### ***Courses, Conferences presentations and Publications (Most recent)***

#### ***Courses:***

February 2007- February 2008: SANPAD Research Capacity Initiative (RCI)- I was selected to participate in a one year course funded by the South Africa-Netherlands Partnership on Alternatives in Development (SANPAD) which was earmarked at PhD students from across the country and had a focus on building research capacity amongst young black researchers. Successfully completed program.

May 2010: University of Copenhagen, Denmark- Completed a course on classical and contemporary social theory.

#### ***Conference presentations:***

7-9 September 2005- Presentation title: *Socio-Economic aspects of the sustainable harvesting of buchu (Agathosma betulina) with a focus on the Elandskloof community, Western Cape South Africa.* Society of South African Geographers, Sixth Biennial Conference, University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa, 7-9 September 2005.

9-11 July 2009- Presentation title: *Customary rights versus conservation objectives in a changing policy environment in South Africa: Insights from two case studies.* Mare-Centre for Maritime Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 9-11 July 2009.

4-7 April 2011- Presentation title: *Recognising the customary rights of traditional fishers in conservation planning and management: Lessons from Covie and Ebenhaeser- Papendorp.* 14th South African Marine Science Symposium (SAMSS)/ 49th Estuarine and Coastal Sciences Association (ECSA) International Conference, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa 4-7 April 2011.

#### ***Publications:***

Carvalho AR, **Williams S**, January M and M Sowman. 2009. Reliability of community based data monitoring in the Olifants River estuary, South Africa. *Fisheries Research*, 96(2-3): 119-128.

Wynberg, R., Schroeder, D., **Williams, S.** and Vermeylen, S. 2009. Sharing benefits fairly: Decision-making and governance. In: Wynberg, R., Chennells, R., and Schroeder, D. (editors). *Indigenous peoples, consent and benefit-sharing. Learning from the San-Hoodia case.* Springer: Berlin, pp. 237-257.

**Williams, S.** and T. Kepe. 2008. Discordant Harvest: Debating the harvesting and commercialization of Wild Buchu (*Agathosma betulina* ) in Elandskloof, South Africa. *Mountain Research and Development* 28: 1: 58-64.

