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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Read Professor Adam Habib's opinion piece on [transformation](#)

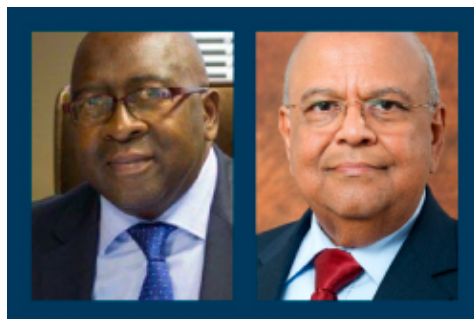


WITSNEWS



LITTLE FOOT FOSSIL PRESENTED AT LAST

After 20 years of excavation and preparation by Professor Ron Clarke (Phd 1978) and his assistants, the Australopithecus fossil **Little Foot** is [revealed](#) in her entirety.



TWO FORMER FINANCE MINISTERS AT WITS

[Pravin Gordhan](#) and [Nhlanhla Nene](#) have brought their expertise to the University. Read more [Wits Business School](#) news here.

WITS RECENT ALUMNI EVENTS



Founders' Tea 2017



EOH Alumni Reunion



Health Sciences Reunion



Men's Res Reunion

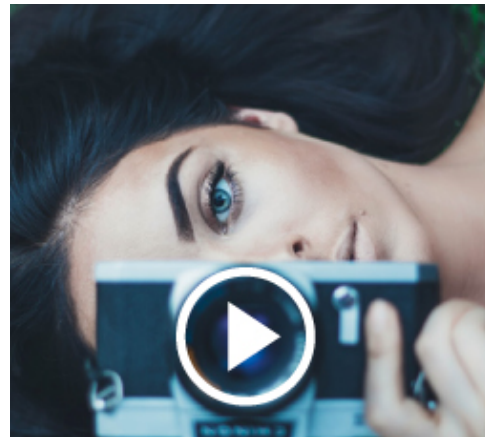
More highlights of recent events [here](#)

WITS NEWSMAKERS



1 000 TREES TO DISCOVER

Valerie Thomas (BSc OT 1974) and her team won the MTN Award for Best Agricultural App for their [tree identification app](#).



MOVING PICTURES

Film maker Rainn Vlietman (BA P&VA 2016) [won](#) a Mercedes Benz Bokeh Fashion Film Festival challenge and was [featured](#) on the TV show Top Billing.

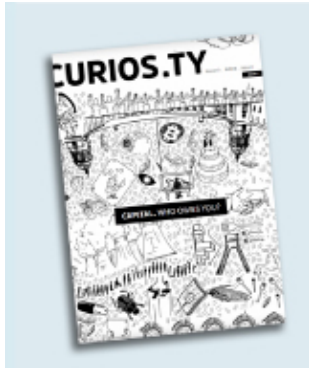
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WITS FACTS

 <p>3 610 Number of courses offered</p>	<p>WITS RANKS</p> <p>54th globally</p>	<p>in the Times Higher Education Alma Mater Index 2017 (degrees awarded to Fortune Global 500 CEOs)</p>	<p>Research output has increased by</p> <p>41% since 2012</p>
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WITS IDEAS ON THE EDGE



CAPITAL. WHO OWNS YOU?
The latest issue of Wits' research magazine, [Curios.ty](#), explores the subject of **capital**.



THIRSTY CREATURES
[Aardvarks](#)' tragic fate points to worrying consequences for wildlife as a result of **climate change**.

Research, opinions and more. [Click here](#)

WITS HONORARY DEGREES



[John Pettifor](#)
(DSc Med)



[John Gear](#)
(DSc Med)



[Peter Cleaton-Jones](#)
(DSc Med)

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CAREER RESOURCES

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WITS SPORT

SPORTS TRANSFORMATION FUND

Sports bursaries are a powerful tool to change individual lives, sports codes and ultimately society: read more about Wits'



new [Sports Transformation Fund](#).

The first recipient of a bursary from the fund is [Sisipho Magwaza](#), from Hoërskool Transvalia in Vanderbijlpark.

Bidvest Wits, Basketball, Hockey and more

WITSTHINGS TO DO



ORIGINS IN VR

Virtual reality breathes new life into African fossils, art and artefacts. [Read more](#) about an exciting new attraction at the [Origins Centre](#)



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