

# INSPIRE

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Please join us virtually as we welcome Dr. Gerhard Steenkamp, the head of Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery at Onderstepoort in South Africa as he addresses our students live on campus!



**Dr. Gerhard Steenkamp**  
Head of Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery

*How veterinary science and conservation complement each other*

**THURSDAY**  
MARCH 14

**TIME**  
10:00AM EST

INSPIRE is our monthly Visiting Scholars Program hosted on campus which welcomes Global Leaders and Experts speaking on a variety of subjects including Emotional Intelligence, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and much more.

Dr. Gerhard completed his BVSc degree in 1994 from the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort, after obtaining his BSc (Zoology) at the same institution. He completed the inaugural course in dentistry offered through the European school for Advanced Veterinary Studies in 1998. After 3 years in Europe he returned to Onderstepoort where he has been the head of the Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery clinic ever since. Gerhard did his MSc on the clinically relevant morphometrics of African elephant tusks and in 2017 completed his PhD on structure, development and pathology of the cheetah maxillofacial complex.

In 2017 Dr. Gerhard became a founding member of the certificate in Zoo and Wildlife Dentistry under the auspices of the American Veterinary Dental College. His research interests include developmental dentistry and maxillofacial surgery of non-domesticated species as well as maxillofacial pathology and surgery of domestic species. He has lectured in many parts of North America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. Gerhard has published 52 peer reviewed papers, authored or co-authored 5 book chapters and has delivered more than 50 international conference presentations.

In 2020 Dr. Gerhard was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for his contribution to Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery for wildlife, and particularly his work on elephants.

He is married to Sonja, an oral pathologist, and they have two kids, Natanya and Marinus.



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