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# SA LIBRARY WEEK

## Public Lecture

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18 MARCH  
2025  
12:00-13:30



BM Patel Library  
ML Sultan Campus

**THEME:**

**Libraries for Sustainable Communities**

**Programme Director:**

**Mr Muvhulawa Romeo Matumba**

Librarian: Marketing and Communication

### Speaker's Mini-Bio

Mpho Ngoepe is a C2 NRF rated professor and Executive Director of Library and Information Services at the University of South Africa (Unisa). He was previously the director of the school of arts and head of Information Science at the same institution. He worked for several organisations, including the National Archives of South Africa, United Nations Children Fund, the Auditor-General of South Africa, Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority, Department of Provincial and Local Government, Cape Town Archives Repository, Bloemfontein Legal Deposit, Technikon Northern Gauteng, Randburg Openbare Biblioteek, and ULIS Library Services. His research interests include libraries, archives, records management, authentication, oral history, literature, and archival theories.

He was the director of Team Africa for the multi-national, interdisciplinary research project exploring issues concerning digital records called the International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems (InterPARES Trust) (2013-2018). He is the 2004 IVAISLIP/SABINET Information Officer of the year. In 2007 he was recognized by the South African Human Rights Commission and the Open Democracy Advice Center for implementation of the Promotion of Access to Information Act at the Auditor-General South Africa. He is the 2015 Unisa Information Science alumnus of the year. In 2020, he was awarded a Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in Research, a coveted bi-annual prize that is given to outstanding and deserving active UNISA researchers.

In 2022, Ngoepe achieved the esteemed Lifetime Achiever Award from the South African Society of Archivists. He featured in the top 2% world scientists for career impact as announced by Elsevier and Stanford University on 4 October 2023, for authors published in Scopus indexed journals. He is the editor-in-chief for the South African Journal of Library and Information Science and was previously the editor of the Eastern and Southern Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives Journal (ESARBICA Journal, 2009-2019) and the Journal of South African Society of Archivist (2011-2021). He was the organising chair of ProLISSA Conferences (2015-2017), SASA annual conferences (2013-2019), Esarbica conferences (2019), Library and Information Association of South Africa (2024), and also advisory committee for the American based Archival Education Research Institute (2019), at the University of Liverpool), International Council on Archives (2022, Italy), Celebration of 200 years of Basotho Nation (2024 at the National University of Lesotho), ICHORA (2024 at the University of West Indies, Jamaica). In 2024 he was invited as an expert lecturer by the International Council on Archives to give a lecture at a workshop to international participants from various countries at Shanghai University in China.

**Guest Speaker:**

**Prof Mpho Ngoepe**

Executive Director :

Library and Information Services, Unisa