

Inventory of the Reverend Allan Boesak Collection

Papers (AB-001-03)

1997 – 2000



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Reverend Allan Boesak (1945 -)

Allan Aubrey Boesak was born on 23 February 1945 in Kakamas, Northern Cape, South Africa.

From 1970 to 1976 Rev Boesak studied at the Kampen Theological Institute in Holland, where he completed a doctorate on ethics. Returning to South Africa shortly after the 1976 Soweto uprisings, Boesak increased his political activities through the church. He became known as a liberation theologian, after the publication of his doctoral work, *Farewell to Innocence*, in 1976. He was elected President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1982, a position he held until 1991. Dr Boesak was inter alia an anti-apartheid activist, cleric and politician. He was jailed in May 2000 for a period of 36 months for fraud and theft. The case was heard before the Supreme Court of Appeal as well as the Constitutional Court and he was subsequently exonerated, granted an official pardon and reinstated as a cleric in late 2004.

He rose to prominence during the 1980s as an outspoken critic and opponent of the National Party's policies and played a major anti-apartheid activist role as a patron of the United Democratic Front (UDF) from 1983 to 1991.

He has written a book, *Running with Horses: Reflections of an Accidental Politician*, about his 30 years as an activist; it was published in 2009.

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1. Background

The former Technikon South Africa (TSA) received the donation of personal records of Dr Allan Boesak in 16 boxes on 30 August 2000. Dr Danny Titus (then Dean of Public Safety and Criminal Justice Department at TSA) acted as mediator in the process of obtaining the personal records.

The records in question were housed at the University of the Western Cape (Historical Research Institute & Mayibuye Centre) at that time. Dr Boesak gave permission for his records to be moved to the TSA Archives and Records Centre.

After the initial transfer of records, Dr Titus handed 4 files containing records pertaining to Dr Boesak's court case to the TSA Archives. During 2001 several records, including audio, audio-visual and photographs were added to the Collection.

The collection consists of correspondence, copies of various court cases, newspaper and magazine cuttings, photographs, memorabilia and audio and video cassettes containing speeches and sermons. It is, regrettably, a fragmented collection as some of his records were seized during the apartheid era, while others remain abroad.

TSA, Vista University and the University of South Africa (Unisa) merged in 2004 and the collection was transferred to the Unisa Archives on the Pretoria (Muckleneuk) campus.

Inventories, were created as each new donation was received.

2. Description of this collection (1.8 linear metres)

The records described in this inventory are in paper format and cover the period from 1997 to 2000, when Dr Boesak was involved in legal proceedings (after allegations that he misappropriated funds whilst director of the Foundation for Peace and Justice).

The court proceedings of the following are included:

- The Transvaal High Court Provincial Division
- The Cape of Good Hope High court Provincial division
- The Supreme Court, and
- The Constitutional Court.

Dr Boesak's legal representatives, Chris Petty and Mike Maritz, donated the records.

The records are mainly secondary in nature with notes from legal representative and consist of bound, printed copies prepared by Sneller Transcriptions. Unfortunately this is not a complete reproduction of the legal proceedings. Some of the photocopied evidence/exhibits are not entirely legible.

The collection also includes correspondence that Dr Boesak received during his incarceration in Malmesbury and Goodwood prisons.

Allan Boesak Collection – Documents (1.8 Im)

NAME OF OFFICE	Allan Boesak Collection	SOURCE CODE	AB 001-03
PERIOD COVERED BY RECORDS	DATE FROM : 1997 DATE TO : 2000	TYPE	Paper

File Ref	Vol	Name/ Description	Date from	Date to	Item nr	Box
	Index	Rekord op appél : teen die bevel deur Sy Edele Regter Foxcroft in die Hooggeregshof van Suid-Afrika (Kaap Die Goeie Hoop Provinsiale afdeling) op 17 Maart 1999. Saaknommer 105/99. ¹	2/11/1999		001-03-01	15-13-03
Akte van beskuldiging	1	Do. (pp.1 – 58)	2/11/1999		001-03-02	15-13-03
Opsomming van wesenlike feite(x2)	2	Do. (pp.69 – 132)	2/11/1999		001-03-03	15-13-03
Beskuldigde nr 2 se versoek om nadere besonderhede	2A	Do. (pp. 133 – 226)	23/12/1999		001-03-04	15-13-03
Nadere besonderhede soos versoek	2B	Do. (pp.227 – 348)	23/12/1999		001-03-05	15-13-03
D. King (x2)	3	Do. (pp.1 – 100)	24/08/1998		001-03-06	15-13-04
Do.	4	Do. (pp.101 – 201)	25/08/1998		001-03-07	15-13-04
Do.	5	Do. (pp.202 – 302)	26/08/1998	27/08/1998	001-03-08	15-13-04
Do.	6	Do. (pp.303 – 404)	27/08/1998	31/08/1998	001-03-09	15-13-05
Do.	7	Do. (pp.405 – 499)	31/08/1998	1/09/1998	001-03-10	15-13-05
Do.	8	Do. (pp.500 – 596)	1/09/1998	2/09/1998	001-03-11	15-13-05
Do.	9	Do. (pp.597 – 700)	2/09/1998	3/09/1998	001-03-12	15-13-05
Do.	10	Do. (pp.701 – 789)	7/09/1998	8/09/1998	001-03-13	15-13-05
M.M. Burton (x 2)	11	Do. (pp.790 – 887)	8/09/1998	19/10/1998	001-03-14	15-13-06
J.A. Ettisch; H.S.J. Maritz (x 2)	12	Do. (pp.888 – 977)	20/10/1998	20/10/1998	001-03-15	15-13-06
H.S.J. Maritz; P.N. Januarie-Bardill; C. Villa-Vicencio	13	Do. (pp.978 – 1075)	20/10/1998	21/10/1998	001-03-16	15-13-06
D.R. Ferguson; F.F.E. Smith; L.R. Louw	14	Do. (pp.1076 – 1175)	21/10/1998	22/10/1998	001-03-17	15-13-06
L.R. Louw; A.Y. Steenkamp; C. Balslev-Olesen	15	Do. (pp.1176 – 1272)	22/10/1998	26/10/1998	001-03-18	15-13-07
C Balslev-Olesen; U Gjerding	16	Do. (pp.1273 – 1374)	26/10/1998	27/10/1998	001-03-19	15-13-07
U. Gjerding; R.I. Nöhrind; A.Y. Steenkamp	17	Do. (pp.1375 – 1474)	27/10/1998	28/10/1998	001-03-20	15-13-07
A.Y. Steenkamp; T. Sacco; L. Höök	18	Do. (pp.1475 – 1571)	28/10/1998	2/11/1998	001-03-21	15-13-07
L. Höök	19	Do. (pp.1572 – 1672)	2/11/1998	3/11/1998	001-03-22	15-13-08
T. Bakkewig; J. Brisman	20	Do. (pp.1673 – 1765)	3/11/1998	4/11/1998	001-03-23	15-13-08
J.Brisman; L.A. Fester	21	Do. (pp.1766 – 1860)	4/11/1998	5/11/1998	001-03-24	15-13-08

¹ The case number appearing on some of the volumes as SS 16/97 is incorrect and should read case number 105/99

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L.A. Fester; J.O.M. Hodann	22	Do. (pp.1861 – 1964)	5/11/1998	9/11/1998	001-03-25	15-13-08
J.O.M. Hodann; M. Grape; L.A. Fester	23	Do. (pp.1965 – 2072)	9/11/1998	10/11/1998	001-03-26	15-13-08
F.T.L. Steenkamp	24	Do. (pp.2073 – 2165)	11/11/1998	11/11/1991	001-03-27	15-13-09
Do.	25	Do. (pp.2166 – 2258)	12/11/1998	16/11/1998	001-03-28	15-13-09
Do.	26	Do. (pp.2259 – 23560)	16/11/1998	17/11/1998	001-03-29	15-13-09
Do.	27	Do. (pp.2357 – 2450)	17/11/1998	18/11/1998	001-03-30	15-13-09
F.T.L. Steenkamp; I.S. Jones; K.C. Brown	28	Do. (pp.2451 – 2545)	18/11/1998	30/11/1998	001-03-31	15-13-09
S.J.R. van der Walt	29	Do. (pp.2546 – 2640)	30/11/1998	1/12/1998	001-03-32	15-13-10
Do.	30	Do. (pp.2641 – 2740)	1/12/1998	2/12/1998	001-03-33	15-13-10
Y Mohamed	31	Do. (pp.2741 – 2841)	2/12/1998	8/12/1998	001-03-34	15-13-10
Staatsaak; R.E. Cameron-Ellis; Defence Case	32	Do. (pp.2842 – 2936)	8/12/1998	9/02/1999	001-03-35	15-13-10
Exhibits (x 2)	33	Do. (pp.2937 – 3029)	n.d.		001-03-36	15-13-11
Exhibit B	34	Do. (pp.3030 – 3120)	n.d.		001-03-37	15-13-11
Exhibit B; Annexure A, B1, B2, B3	35	Do. (pp.3121 – 3172)	n.d.		001-03-38	15-13-11
Exhibit B. Annexure B4, B5, B6, B7	36	Do. (pp.3173 – 3217)	n.d.		001-03-39	15-13-11
Exhibit B. Annexures C, D, E, F, G, H, I	37	Do. (pp.3218 – 3274)	n.d.		001-03-40	15-13-11
Exhibit C (Report)	38	Do. (pp.3275 – 3334)	n.d.		001-03-41	15-14-01
Exhibit C Annexures A, B	39	Do. (pp.3335 – 3436)	n.d.		001-03-42	15-14-01
Exhibit C Annexures C, D	40	Do. (pp. 3437 – 3509)	n.d.		001-03-43	15-14-01
Exhibit C. Annexure E	41	Do. (pp.3510 – 3588)	n.d.		001-03-44	15-14-01
Exhibit C Annexures E, F	42 ²	Do. (pp.3589 – 3679)	n.d.		001-03-45	15-14-01
Exhibit C. Annexure H	44	Do. (pp.3777 – 3863)	n.d.		001-03-46	15-14-02
Exhibit C. Annexure H	45	Do. (pp.3864 – 3955)	n.d.		001-03-47	15-14-02
Exhibit C. Annexures H, I	46	Do. (pp.3956 – 4045)	n.d.		001-03-48	15-14-02
Exhibit C. Annexure I	47	Do. (pp.4046 – 4137)	n.d.		001-03-49	15-14-02
Exhibit C. Annexure I	48	Do. (pp.4138 – 4242)	n.d.		001-03-50	15-14-02
Exhibits D, E, F, G	49	Do. (pp.4243 – 4330)	n.d.		001-03-51	15-14-02
Exhibits H, J, K, L	50	Do. (pp.4331 – 4411)	n.d.		001-03-52	15-14-03
Exhibits M, N, O, P, Q, R	51	Do. (pp.4412 – 4509)	n.d.		001-03-53	15-14-03
Exhibit S	52	Do. (pp.4510 – 4597)	n.d.		001-03-54	15-14-03
Exhibit S	53	Do. (pp.4598 – 4692)	n.d.		001-03-55	15-14-03
Exhibit T, U	54	Do. (pp.4693 – 4789)	n.d.		001-03-56	15-14-03
Exhibit U, V	55	Do. (pp.4790)	n.d.		001-03-57	15-14-03
Exhibit V, W	56	Do. (pp.4883 – 4973)	n.d.		001-03-58	15-14-04
Exhibit W, X, Y	57	Do. (pp.4974 – 5066)	n.d.		001-03-59	15-14-04
Exhibit Y, Z	58 ³	Do. (pp.5067 – 5157)	n.d.		001-03-60	15-14-04
Exhibits EE, FF, GG1, GG2	60 ⁴	Do. (pp.5258 – 5347)	n.d.		001-03-61	15-14-04
Exhibits 1, 2A – 2H	63	Do. (pp.5523 – 5590)	n.d.		001-03-62	15-14-05
Judgement	64 x2)	Do. (pp.5591 – 5671)	17/03/1999		001-03-63	15-14-05
Judgement Sentence	65 x2)	Do. (pp.5672 – 5719)	17/03/1999	24/03/1999	001-03-64	15-14-05
	2	Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa. Application for Leave to Appeal. (pp.89 – 194) Annexures A and B	n.d.		001-03-65	15-14-06

² Volume 43 is missing

³ Volume 59 is missing

⁴ Volume 61 and 62 are missing

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		Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa. Practice Note	n.d.		001-03-66	15-14-06
	1	Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa. Notice of Motion and Founding Affidavit	n.d.		001-03-67	15-14-06
(x 2)		Supreme Court of Appeal. Appellant's Heads of Argument.	n.d.		001-03-68	15-14-06
		Supreme Court of Appeal. Respondent's Heads of Argument	n.d.		001-03-69	15-14-07
	1	Supreme Court of Appeal. Notice of Opposition and Opposing Affidavit.	7/05/1999		001-03-70	15-14-07
	II	Supreme Court of Appeal. Annexures.	n.d.		001-03-71	15-14-07
		Supreme Court of Appeal. Judgement.	12/05/2000		001-03-72	15-14-07
		High Court of South Africa. Transvaal Provincial Division. Case no 27742/97. Filing Notice	2/12/1997		001-03-73	15-14-07
		High Court of South Africa. Transvaal Provincial Division. Case no 27742/97. Judgement.	n.d.		001-03-74	14-14-07
	1	High Court of South Africa. Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division. Case no. 16/97. Accused's Heads of Argument. Introduction to Count 5.	n.d.		001-03-75	15-14-07
	2	High Court of South Africa. Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division. Case no 16/97. Accused's heads of Argument. Counts 7 – 32.	n.d.		001-03-76	15-14-08
		High Court of South Africa. Cape Provincial Division. Affidavit (Desmond Tutu)	19/03/1999		001-03-77	15-14-08
		Hooggeregshof van Suid-Afrika. Kaap die Goeie Hoop Provinsiale Afdeling. Kennisgewing in terme van art 212B van Wet 51 van 1977	n.d.		001-03-78	15-14-08
		High Court of South Africa. Cape Provincial Division. Heads of Argument in Application for Discharge	n.d.		001-03-79	15-14-08
		High Court of South Africa. Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division. National Commissioner of the Department of correctional Services. Filing Notice.	15/12/2000		001-03-80	15-14-08
		Application by Correctional Service for the Conversion of Sentence.	06/09/2000		001-03-81	15-14-08
		Constitutional Court of South Africa. Case no 25/2000. Applicant's Submissions	nod		001-03-82	15-14-08
(x2)	1	Constitutional Court of South Africa. Notice of Motion and Founding Affidavit.	31/05/2000		001-03-83	15-14-08
(x2)	2	Constitutional Court of South Africa. Annexure to Founding Affidavit	n.d.		001-03-84	15-14-09

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(x2)		Constitutional Court of South Africa. Case no 25/2000. Respondent's Heads of Argument	n.d.		001-03-85	15-14-09
		Constitutional Court of South Africa. Case no 25/2000. Applicant's Submissions.	n.d.		001-03-86	15-14-09
		Constitutional Court of South Africa. Case no 25/2000. Judgement/	1/12/2000		001-03-87	15-14-10
		Office for Serious Economic Offences (OSEO Report)	n.d.		001-03-88	15-14-10
	1	Untitled document.	n.d.		001-03-89	15-14-10
	2	Untitled document	n.d.		001-03-90	15-14-10
		Photocopies from <i>The South African Law Reports</i>	n.d.		001-03-91	15-14-10
		ANC Premier : Allan Boesak photo brochure	04/1994		001-03-92	15-14-10
		Incoming Correspondence. Letters to Dr Boesak in prison (Malmesbury)	05/2000	12/2000	001-03-93	15-14-10
		Incoming Correspondence. Letters to Dr Boesak in Prison (Malmesbury/ Goodwood)	2001	2001	001-03-94	15-14-10
		Hymns, courses, prisoner card	n.d.		001-03-95	15-14-10

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