

## **CURRICULUM VITAE: MARTHA POLLER**

**Lecturer:** Namibian Institute for Mining and Technology NIMT - six years

**Author:** Two published autobiographic novels (2018)

**Manager/Regional Coordinator:** Trustco Institute for Open Learning – 3 years

**Head of Department:** P.K. de Villiers - 5 years

**Teacher:** Various Namibian Schools – 20 years

### **PROFILE**

Nationality: Namibian

Gender: Female

Home address: Keetmanshoop, Namibia

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Martha Poller is a teacher by trade and part-time author. At P.K. de Villiers she has proved herself as excellent grade 12 English teacher (HIGCE second language) where her classes obtained an average of 95% pass rate: the best pass rate in Namibia for the years 2004/2005. She also excelled as English lecturer for tertiary students during her 6 year employment at NIMT.

Martha's excellent communication skills and her ability to empathise with co-workers and students alike enable her to get along well with most in her work environment. Her ambition, strong work ethic and drive landed her in leadership positions wherever she was employed. In this light she served on the PK de Villiers School Board 8 years, held the HOD position for 6 years and was appointed as manager and regional coordinator at Trustco's Institute for Open Learning.

Martha believes in continuous self-improvement and -empowerment and is always looking for new ways to challenge herself. Her determination and perseverance has lead to great successes in her life. Not only does she strive for personal growth but she continuously endeavours to inspire those around her. A good case in point is when she recently compiled ancillary manuals, one for ECS (English Second Language) and another for Entrepreneurial Skills, on

her own accord, to better facilitate her NIMT students' studies.

In her free time Martha practices her writing passion. She wrote her first two autobiographic novels recently, which were published by Malherbe Publishers in South Africa. She also has a well-supported personal blog where she writes about daily experiences and everyday issues. Her latest novel, Hagar, as well as a number of her blog pieces is currently being read on Chanel 7 radio.

Another passion of Martha is her involvement in the community. She had a weekly slot on NBC radio (1999 – 2004) for which she compiled and broadcasted reports and information on sport and other community events. More recently she is very much involved in Chanel 7's radiothon, where she is part of a committee, assisting the radio station in the yearly online auction.

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Surname: Poller  
 First names: Martha Maria  
 Maiden name: van Lill  
 Nationality: Namibian  
 Driver's license: code 08  
 Marital Status: Married  
 Date of birth: 16 July 1954  
 Home language: Afrikaans  
 Other languages: English (excellent)  
 Contact details: marthapoller@gmail.com

### **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS**

1972: Matric (grade 12), Mariental Senior Secondary School (I was member of Student Representative Council)

1975: Bloemfontein Teachers Training College, HPED [3-year teaching diploma]. Third year subjects: Afrikaans, English, Needlework. Other subjects: History, Biology, Mathematics, Class music, Geography, Religious Studies

## EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

### 2012 (June) – 2018 (August): NAMIBIA INSTITUTE FOR MINING AND TECHNOLOGY (NIMT)

1. Lecturer/Librarian: June 2014 – August 2018
  - English Second Language for students, N1 – N3
  - Entrepreneurial Skills for students, N1
2. Lecturer/ Stock Controller: June 2012 - June 2014

#### Other activities:

Coaching NSC colleagues (for some of them English is a third or a fourth language) *English Everyday Communication*. For this Martha also wrote her own manual.

### 2009 (February) – 2012 (June): TRUSTCO

Manager/Regional Coordinator: September 2009 till June 2012

Regional Coordinator – IOL [Institute for Open Learning] February 2009 – September 2009

#### Main duties:

1. General office administration
2. Monthly financial and other reports
3. Coordinating contact classes for *Teachers in Training*
4. Presenting contact classes for *Teachers in Training*
5. Managing staff: Telesales for Trustco products
6. Stock control

### 1976 (January) – 2006 (April): TEACHING EXPERIENCE (20 YEARS)

#### 1. P K de Villiers Secondary School: July 1990 – April 2006

Head of Department: January 2001 – April 2006

Subjects taught:

English Second Language: Grade 11 & 12; Grade 9 & 10 (Subject Head)

Home Science: Grade 8 – 12

Typing: Grade 8 – 12

Business Management: Grade 8 – 9

#### 2. Junior Secondary School L J Barnes: January 1983 – September 1983

Subject taught: English Second Language - Grade 9 & 10

#### 3. SSS Ella du Plessis: February 1982 – December 1982

Subject taught: English Second Language - Grade 9 & 10

#### 4. Primary School Bethanie: January 1980 – June 1980

#### 5. Primary School Maltahöhe: 1 April 1977 – 30 June 1979

#### 6. Primary School Kombat: 1 January 1977 – 31 March 1977

#### 7. Senior Secondary School Grootfontein: 1 January 1976 – 31 December 1976

### OTHER EXPERIENCE: 8 years

1. First National Bank: John Meinert Branch, Windhoek and Keetmanshoop Branch

2. Dr Barnard and Partners: Windhoek

3. Agra: Bethanie

## RECENT QUALIFICATIONS, COURSES & CERTIFICATES

November 2018: Proeflees: SA Skrywers

November 2016: Unit 339: Design summative assessments based on unit standards: Frameworks Africa Consultancy  
NQF Level 5. Certificate number: 000333  
NQF credits: 10

November 2016: Unit 338: Design formative assessment tasks based on the requirements of unit standards: Frameworks Africa Consultancy  
NQF Level 4. Certificate number: 000320.  
NQF credits: 5

February 2016: Managing Digital Knowledge  
Resources: Intelligent Africa Consultancy  
NQF Level 5. Certificate number: 2002/HE07/015.  
NQF credits: 5

December 2014: Moderate standards-based assessment: Frameworks Africa Consultancy  
NQF Level 5. Certificate number: 000112  
NQF credits: 10

January 2014: Assess candidates against performance standards: Frameworks Africa Consultancy  
NQF Level 4. Certificate number: 000070  
NQF credits: 15

May 2011: ICDL Certificate: ICDL South Africa  
Certificate number: ZA282562  
Modules passed:

\*Basic Concepts of IT

\*Using the Computer and Managing Files

\*Word Processing

\*Spreadsheets

\*Databases

\*Presentation

\*Information and Communication

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

- Cancer Association of Namibia
- Channel 7 Radiothon Committee
- Writers' page on Facebook:  
[Malherbe: Die Boekhuis](#)  
[Die Namib Skryf](#)
- [SAFREA](#)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Books:

*Tuiskoms*, by Martha Poller. Published by Malherbe publishers (2018), 193 pages. ISBN 978-1-928413-65-3

*Hagar*, by Martha Poller. Published by Malherbe publishers (2017) 270 pages, ISBN 978-1-928413-70-7

#### Short stories:

- *My lewe in ink* – 'n versameling van inspirerende dagstukkies. Published by Carpe Diem Boeke (2002) ISBN 1-919912-07-X Martha's contribution: *Jesus, ek is blind!* (page 180)
- *Keur van verhale 4* – 'n Potpourri Publikasie (2018) Published by Malherbe Publishers. ISBN 978-1-928413-40-0 Martha's contribution: *Die Misverstand* (page 72)
- *Kierangspruit se Sirkus* – 'n Potpourri Publikasie (2018) Published by Malherbe Publishers ISBN 978-1-928413-90-5 Martha's contribution: *Rocco se hartseer vertoning* (page 82)
- *Verspeelde Matriekafskeid*  
Published by [Huisgenoot](#) (8 February 2018) and read on [Maroela Media](#) (2 February 2018)
- *In die grasie van jou wese* – 'n Potpourri Publikasie (2018) Published by Malherbe Publishers ISBN 978-1-928415-57-2 Martha's contribution: (V)oorbegin

#### General:

*Die Kleur Van My Pen*. Personal Blog by Martha Poller. <https://marthapoller.blogspot.com/>

### **REFERENCES**

- EDG Mueller: Executive Director, [NIMT](#)
- Brent Richardson, Owner: [Frameworks Africa Consultancy cc](#)
- E Bingham, Principal: [NIMT Southern Campus](#)
- Neal van den Berg, Director: [Channel 7](#)
- MJ Nel: Principal, PK de Villiers High School, Keetmanshoop