

# **Thandeka Gqubule-Mbeki**

Editor, Author, Journalist and Academic

Race: Black African

Gender: Female

ID Number:

Citizenship: South African

Marital Status: Married

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## ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

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## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

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### **Epworth Girls High School**

1979 – 1983 Matriculated with Exemption.

### **University of the Witwatersrand -BA Subjects only 1985-1987**

My final year at the University of the Witwatersrand was interrupted by a lengthy period of detention without trial.

### **Columbia University**

1990 - 19991

A Master of Science degree majoring in Journalism and the Political economy.

### **WBS Wits Business School -Public Leaders Development Program 2015**

The program modules included: finance, accounting, human resources, environment of business, economics and project management.

### **LSE Summer School (London School of Economics)**

2016

Environmental Economics Program

### **Saïd Business School, University of Oxford**

2017

High performance leadership program. I obtained a certificate in High performance management.

### **Gibs Business School (Gordon Institute of Business Science)**

2018-2021

Master of Philosophy in International Business.

### **Oxford University, Saïd Business School**

2021-2021

Executive Leadership Program

### **Harvard University:** Harvard Bok Teaching at Higher Education Certificate

2021-2021

### **Rhodes University:** PhD Candidate

Journalism Department

2022 – Current

### **Rhodes University:** Digital Media Certificate

Sol Plaatje Institute of Media Leadership

August 2022 – Current

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Weekly Mail – Trainee, Journalist.**

**1988-1989**

I was trained at the famous Weekly Mail Training Program alongside colleagues who are leading Editors, Journalists and Authors in South Africa and beyond.

**Liberation Newspaper (1989) – Paris** – I was trained at the prestigious Liberation newspaper – a Parisian Daily for one season in the fall of 1989.

**PBS New York City, USA - Production Assistant and anchor**

1990–1991

I worked as a television anchor of the show *South Africa Now* in addition to be a production assistant.

**SABC -Producer**

1993–1994

During this period, I was an award-winning producer for the television program "Agenda" as well as lead anchor for the first South African democratic elections held in 1994.

**Office of the President RSA – Head of Public Relations**

1994–1997

My responsibilities were to communicate the projects, events, policies and actions of the new democratic government in relation to the reconstruction and development program of Nelson Mandela's administration. I was based in the RDP office in the presidency.

**Rhodes University – Journalism lecturer**

1997-1999

I was responsible for teaching writing and reporting. I was also a lecturer in South Africa Media History.

**Financial Mail – Associate Editor**

2004-2009

I was editor of the Little Black Book which is a Who's Who of South African black business and government. I was also responsible for all management and transformation coverage and had a management page.

**Monash University – Lecturer**

**2009-2012**

I set up the journalism department. We were the founding faculty, and we established a campus newspaper, a radio station and a were in the process of establishing a TV station.

**SABC- Economics Editor**

**2013-2021**

I founded six different business, finance and economics programs. I was responsible for the hiring and grooming of a generation of business reporters and journalists for the public broadcaster. I lead teams responsible for all business, finance and economics reporting for the public broadcaster – across television, radio and digital platforms. Our work was beamed to millions of citizens across 36 different African countries.

I was the executive producer of Economics Unbound, the SABC's first current affairs economics program. I was also the presenter and anchor of the program.

**Acting Head of Television News**

**2013-2021**

During my editorship at the SABC I was asked to act as Acting Head of Television news, accountable for television news across all SABC television platforms.

**Rhodes University – Lecturer Television**

**1 July 2022 – Current**

Appointed to this lectureship in the middle of 2022. Responsible for the teaching of television to students of Rhodes University, Makhanda in the Eastern Cape.

#### **Nelson Mandela Fellow Nominee**

##### **Board of Directors**

2019- Present

Independent non-executive board member  
Itransact Fund Managers,  
Financial Services Sector

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AOS, Financial Services

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### **ORGANISATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Non-partisan Civil Society formation for policy reform and philanthropy – **New Nation** based in Port Elizabeth.
- Whistle Blower Support Group – Active Citizen Movement (**ACM**) non-partisan.
- **Methodist Church of South Africa** – Manyano – Prayer Women's Association

### **SKILLS**

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- Project management
- Research

- Data analysis
- Lecturing and teaching
- Journalism
- Writing and reporting
- Literary writing
- Anchoring and presenting
- Media program design
- Public relations skills
- Etiquette and protocol
- Community liaison and engagement
- Activism

