



## Sharon Kleintjes

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### Why I chose this field

I have a MA Clinical Psychology (UCT, 1991); a MPhil in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (UCT, 2004), A Diploma in Strategic Health Management (Foundation for Professional Development, Pretoria, SA, 2004) and a PhD from the University of Cape Town, 2012. I worked in the Western Cape Province's Department of Health as a clinical psychologist and then as a programme manager for mental health between 1990 and 2004. From 2004 to 2006 I worked as a research manager at the HSRC, then joined the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at UCT as a researcher (2006-2010) and as the convener of the Postgraduate Diploma in Addictions Care (2011). More recently (2012-2018) I worked as the principal psychologist at Valkenberg Psychiatric Hospital in Cape Town, jointly appointed to the Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health at the University of Cape Town as a Senior Lecturer, then Associate Professor, and co-head of the Division of Psychotherapy. In March 2018 I was appointed to the Vera Grover Chair and Professor of Intellectual Disability in the Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health at UCT.

### I am excited about my work

My research interests include recovery –oriented public mental health policy and service development and the involvement of people living with psychosocial and intellectual disability in their recovery and wellbeing.

Professor



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Prof of Intellectual Disability



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