



Abridged Biography | Dr Leslie van Rooi



Leslie van Rooi was born in Upington, South Africa. He studied Theology at Stellenbosch University and graduated with a PhD in Church History and Church Polity in 2010 (from Stellenbosch University). During his studies he, at periods, studied at the Protestant Theological University in The Netherlands at the former Kampen campus of this university.

Leslie has published a number of theological articles all with a focus on Church History and Church Polity. He also regularly writes opinion pieces for a number of online and printed media publications including the Afrikaans newspapers in South Africa under Netwerk24, Vrye Weekblad and Daily Maverick. Amongst others these articles focus on shared values, the context of Higher Education and what it means to be an active citizen in the current context of South Africa.

After taking up a permanent appointment at Stellenbosch University, Leslie established the Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Institute for Student Leadership Development (2010). He is currently appointed as Senior Director: Social Impact and Transformation (2018) at Stellenbosch University and regularly engages with a variety of stakeholders in the context of higher education (local and international), civil society, local municipalities and government departments. He is also currently the residence Head of Simonsberg Residence (2011), also at Stellenbosch University.
