



## Abridged Biography | Dr W.P. Wahl

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Dr W.P. Wahl has been involved in student affairs for almost 20 years and currently serves as Director: Student Life at the University of the Free State (UFS), a position he has occupied since October 2016. He obtained a BA Honours (with distinction) in 2004, the degree MA (with distinction) in 2007 and an interdisciplinary PhD in Higher Education Studies and Theology in 2011.

His current scholarly work in the field of Higher Education Studies focuses on how an environment can be created for higher education students that is conducive to their learning, development and success. In this regard, he has published and presented both nationally and internationally. Dr Wahl forms part of the Higher Education Syndicate Research Team of the Faculty of Education at the UFS.

He also supervises Masters and PhD students in the field of Higher Education Studies within this faculty. Dr Wahl serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Student Affairs in Africa and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Cognitive Education and Psychology. He is the current Vice President: Africa for the International Association of Cognitive Education and Psychology.

In 2019 Dr Wahl co-founded the Institute for the Advancement of Cognitive Education; a non-profit organisation that aims to foster better thinking and learning strategies in developing countries and marginal groups. He is married to Siobhane and is a father of three children; Judah, Joshua and Milcah.

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