Postgraduate Conference: Of Words in Pictures by Shazia Salie

The Post-Graduate Conference was dedicated to language and culture, yet ironically, there are still no words to accurately describe the event. That is why the WritingThreeSixty team saw it fitting to photograph the speakers. Initially, the images were to be taken for media and archival reasons; however, the atmosphere made up by the shared connection between speaker and spectator added another level to the conference.

My aim then, was to capture the two sides which made up the event. I wanted to photograph the speakers through their actions and expressions reflecting their passion. However, I also wanted to photograph those affected by their words: the audience. The engagement between both sides acted as a declaration of what the Post-Graduate Conference wanted to do and that is to share knowledge between those learning and those willing to learn.

Organising Committee members: Ronwyn, Martina and Lester
The programme

Two South African icons in the world of literature: Gabeba Baderoon and Sindiwe Magona
Some of our presenters enjoying a lighter moment

Prof. Julia Martin and the Eco-criticism presenters
More audience members and presenters captivated by the presentations