University of Cape Town Faculty of Health Sciences

Educational Development Unit

**SAAHE JOURNAL CLUB: INVITATION**

**Date:** Thursday 25 September 2014

**Venue:** Postgraduate Seminar Room 1, Barnard Fuller Building,

Medical School Campus, UCT

**Time:** 16.30-18.00

Associate Professor Wendy Mc Millan will present:

**‘They have different information about what is going on’: emotion in the transition to university**

*"Wendy McMillan is currently engaged in research which looks at the role which emotion plays in the transition from school to university. She will share findings from interviews with first and second year dentistry and oral hygiene students which suggests that working class students and middle class students experience the transition very differently - especially in how they understand what it means to "come to university". Wendy will show how the theoretical framework which she used for the study allowed her to construct a more nuanced interpretation than would have been possible from a descriptive study. She will argue that the findings from the study are significant because they identify the emotional aspects of the university educational climate and so suggest ways in which universities and health sciences faculties might provide better support for all the students who register for their programmes."*