



**Belinda Beresford** is presently writing a book on Aids in South Africa, which is due to be published later this year. The decision to write a book came out of her reporting on HIV/Aids for the Mail & Guardian newspaper. She has been a journalist for more than seven years, mainly at the Mail & Guardian where she held a number of specialist editorial positions, ending up as Assistant Editor. She won an award for her Aids coverage, specifically on her work debunking Aids dissident theories, and this year was one of the three finalists for the Nieman fellowship. Belinda has two children, and freelances for local and overseas organisations to support her book writing habit.



**Colleen Lowe Morna** began her career as a journalist specialising in gender and development. Among positions she held were co-ordinator of the Africa office of Inter Press Service in Harare; correspondent for South Magazine and Africa Editor of the New Delhi- based Women's Feature Service. She worked for the Commonwealth Secretariat as a senior researcher on the Africa desk in 1991, and later served as Chief Programme Officer of the Commonwealth Observer Mission to South Africa. She subsequently served as founding CEO of the South African Commission on Gender Equality. She holds an MA in Communications from Columbia University; BA in International Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of International Relations, Princeton University; and a certificate in executive management from the London Business School.



**Liesl Gertholtz** is the former head of the legal department of the Commission for Gender Equality and the current head of the legal unit of the AIDS Law Project. She has worked extensively on issues of gender – based violence and is a past Deputy Chairperson of POWA (People Opposing Women Abuse).



**David Lush** is a media consultant specialising in HIV/AIDS communication and media development. He is also a founding member and current Chair of Lironga Eparu, the Namibian network of people living with HIV/AIDS. Based in Namibia, David has worked in and with media in southern Africa for the past 15 years. He was a journalist with The Namibian newspaper and the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, before heading the Media Institute of Southern Africa's (MISA) information department. David ran the media programme of the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) from 2000 – 2002, and holds a Masters degree in Political Communication.



**Thenjiwe Mtintso**, a veteran freedom fighter and gender activist is Chair of GL, South Africa's ambassador to Cuba, former Deputy Secretary General of the African National Congress and former Chair of the Commission on Gender Equality. She recently completed her master's dissertation on the impact of, and constraints faced by women parliamentarians in the new South Africa. Highly regarded in gender circles, Thenjiwe writes and speaks regularly on gender issues. Her framework for analysing women in decision-making, found in the book "Redefining Politics" has become a frame of reference in gender training in Southern Africa.



**Patricia Ann Made** is a Zimbabwean-based journalist, and independent editor and media trainer and board member of GL. She has worked in the media in Zimbabwe, regionally and for international media for more than 15 years. Pat has published several articles on the media, and gender issues and co-authored two publications: *Women in Industry in Zimbabwe* (Zimbabwe Publishing House, 1985) and *Beyond Beijing: Strategies and Visions Towards Women's Equality* (published by SADC Press Trust in 1996). She was instrumental in the development of a gender editorial policy and a pioneering Gender and Media Programme of work for Inter Press Service (IPS) international news agency, which is based in Rome, and served as its first female Director General (May 2000-May 2002).



**Lindiwe Nkutha** has a formal academic back ground in accounting and auditing, and is the process of completing her Honors Degree in Gender Studies, with a view of grounding her passion for gender and feminist activism in theories of development as they affect gender and activism respectively. As one who loves reading contemporary women's literature, Lindiwe herself has a penchant for writing that has included in the past, a few journalistic pieces, some poetry and prose.



**Petronilla Samuriwo** is a 35-year-old trained journalist with some 13 years experience in print journalism, church media and developmental reporting in gender, health and HIV/AIDS issues. She started her career in 1988 as the first rural reporter for the Zimbabwe Mass Media Trust's Rural Newspapers' Project. In 1991 she joined Munn Publishing as production editor. In 1994 she joined the Zimbabwe Catholic Bishops Conference as editor for the national Catholic Church News, which dealt with issues of health, religion, social change and development. In 2001 Petronilla moved on to developmental media as publications/media officer for the Southern Africa AIDS Information Dissemination Service. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Gender Studies at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in the United Kingdom.



**Judy Siedman** was born in the USA in 1951, educated at Achimota School in Ghana, then at University of Wisconsin (BA sociology, MFA Fine Arts). She has lived and worked in Zambia, Swaziland, Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa (where she has lived since 1990). She currently works as a graphic artist, writer and educator on issues ranging from arts and culture to gender and HIV.