

# THE 1968 SIT-IN

Taking a stand for academic freedom

50 years on...

## Some significant dates

**1953:** Dr D.F. Malan announces Government's plans for introducing academic apartheid at UCT and Wits.

**1953:** Holloway Commission of Inquiry investigates financial and practical aspects of separate university training for black students.

**1957/8:** Introduction of Seperate University Education Bill, followed by introduction of the Extension of University Education Bill.

**1959:** Extension of University Education Act passed.

**1959:** First T.B. Davie Memorial Lecture on academic freedom at UCT, and ceremony of Dedication to academic freedom.

**1968:** The "Mafeje Affair" leads to academic freedom protest at UCT

**1968:** A second brass plaque unveiled at UCT recording the restriction on the right to appoint teachers; "Re-dedication" to academic freedom

**2008:** 40th anniversary of sit-in held; formal apology to Archie Mafeje's family, posthumous honorary doctorate

**2018:** 50th anniversary commemorated at UCT