

PROFESSOR DENISE ZINN



Currently Prof Denise Zinn is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education at NMMU (since 2009), and previously was Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education at Fort Hare University. At both Fort Hare and NMMU, as well as in previous work for the Tertiary Education Linkages Project, she has been deeply involved in curriculum review, development and curriculum renewal, as well as participatory initiatives to build a transformative institutional culture in higher education environments.

Her most recent publications and research explore the theory and praxis of a humanising pedagogy, and social justice and diversity issues in education. In terms of academic qualifications, her undergraduate and teaching degrees were obtained at UCT and after teaching in Port Elizabeth high schools for 12 years, she received scholarships to do an M.Ed. (Language and Literacy) and then a Doctoral degree in the area of Teaching, Curriculum and Learning Environments (TCLE) at Harvard University

Graduate School of Education (HUGSE). During her time at Harvard, she was a board member and co-chairperson of the Harvard Educational Review, and also taught in several programmes in different US universities while there.

She has throughout her life been involved in community activism, non-racial civic organisations and sports organisations, teacher organisations (TLSA & ECTU) and community cultural, educational fellowship & organisations.