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The Institute for Human Development invites you to meet

Professor Winnie Mucherah

Visiting Scholar, Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme

Institute of International Education & Quinipiaq University

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Professor Winnie Mucherah of Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, will be a guest scholar-in-residence at AKU-IHD in May and June 2015. In her role, she will work with interested faculty across AKU and local universities, public as well as private, on issues pertaining to context-relevant research and post-graduate research education, including research mentoring.

Prof Mucherah has a wide range of expertise and interests in the areas of human development, classroom learning and related psychological processes (such as motivation and self-concept), immersive service learning in the context of teacher education, assessment of psychological processes, and statistical analysis of the psychometric properties of assessment instruments. Above all, a significant part of her research and scholarship has been done in the Kenyan context, and she brings rich insights from this work and her own background as a Kenyan to discussions of the importance of understanding the role of context in developmental, learning, and instructional processes.

We are pleased to extend an open invitation to all academic colleagues within and outside AKU to consider joining us for formal colloquia, informal bring-your-lunch conversations, and small-group discussions around specific research topics during the period of her visit at AKU. We will soon circulate information on planned presentations and conversations, which will take place at AKU's Office of the Provost. Formal presentations will be available to faculty and staff across AKU campuses via WebEx or videoconferencing.

In the meantime, we invite you to let us know if and when you would like to meet with Prof Mucherah for one-on-one conversations or meetings arranged for small teams of colleagues within or across individual universities. We will be scheduling requested meetings between June 1 and June 19. To request a meeting with Professor Mucherah during that period, please send us a brief e-mail message indicating a date and a time that would work best for you to meseret.belachew@aku.edu.

ABOUT DR MUCHERAH

Winnie Mucherah is a professor of developmental psychology in the Department of Educational Psychology at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, USA. She earned her doctoral degree in Human Development in 1998 at the University of Maryland. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in human development and serves as the director of the minor programme in the Psychology of Human Development. She was involved in the award-winning immersive learning project, School Within the Context of Community, and she teaches classes for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program.

Prof Mucherah has earned national recognition for her cross-cultural research in motivation and academic achievement, primarily among Kenyan adolescents. She has forged several research collaborations with universities in Kenya and currently serves as a Fellow for the Center for International Development for her work in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In her few years at Ball State, Winnie Mucherah has been the recipient of the university's Excellence in Teaching Award and the Diversity Advocate Award, as well as the Teachers College Outstanding Teaching Award.

Prof Mucherah has also developed a partnership with two Kenyan universities involving student/faculty exchanges and research. Through this partnership, she takes Ball State students to Kenya in the summer for immersive learning. She also writes grants for a rural primary school in Kenya on various projects like nutrition, barriers to academic success and health and hygiene among preadolescent and adolescent girls. In addition, she raises funds to support a women's group and buy school uniforms and supplies for students from disadvantaged families.

Prof Winnie Mucherah is a faculty advisor for the following student organizations: Zeta Phi Beta, Swing Club, and DESK (Delivering Educational Supplies to Kenya). She also mentors high-achieving under-represented undergraduate students through the PhD Pathways program at Ball State.