

Citation for Dr Peace Kiguwa

Dr Peace Kiguwa, a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Humanities, has been nominated as the winner for the Vice-Chancellor's Individual Teaching and Learning Award.

Dr Kiguwa was also unanimously selected by colleagues in the Faculty as one of the recipients of the Faculty Teaching and Learning Award for 2016.

Dr Kiguwa, born in 1977, obtained her PhD in 2014 with the thesis title being: Telling stories of race: A study of racialized subjectivity in the post-graduate academy, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

Despite her impressive academic record, Dr Kiguwa currently works as an Independent Researcher on two joint projects funded by the Ford Foundation on Young Women's Leadership in Higher Education and Destabilising Heteronormative Practice within Higher Education (funded by Aid International). She currently also serves as research consultant for Poetso Music Project, an NGO-based venture focused on the rehabilitation of male prisoners through music

Dr Kiguwa is regarded as a deeply thoughtful scholar who offers nuanced, fresh ideas that are deeply rooted in a constant rethinking of what the social and psychosocial may mean. In applying her mind to teaching Psychology, she displays an intimate understanding of how teaching and learning, research and community engagement intersect. In addition, she ensures a relevant, ethical and critical consciousness among many of her students by using innovative teaching methodologies in the classroom. What makes her work significant is that she draws on globally significant debates about teaching difference to understand African and South African transformation realities. This combined teaching and learning and research excellence is crucial and Dr Kiguwa is truly a scholar that finds ways to teach creatively while incorporating solid theoretical bases that have been shown to contribute to critical and transformative thinking in higher education.