

## The UKZN Teaching & Learning Office

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### **CURRICULUM TRANSFORMATION: NARRATIVES AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION**

by



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#### **Seminar Overview**

Curriculum transformation requires of instructors and educators to deliberate on what we teach and how we teach historically and culturally situated lived experiences. How does one therefore teach to transgress in a world where local, national, and global knowledge systems often seem to be in conflict? How do narratives of everyday discourse—literary, scientific, cultural, political, etc. - inform systemic inequalities and challenge our approaches to identity, difference, agency and self-determination? Drawing on literature and oral histories, Professor Nfah-Abbenyi will address the need to be intentional about interdisciplinary pedagogical approaches that rethink social and cultural differences to the benefit of teaching for social justice.

#### **About Professor Juliana Makuchi Nfah-Abbenyi**

**Professor Juliana Makuchi Nfah-Abbenyi** is a University Distinguished Professor in English and Comparative Literature, and Assistant Dean for Diversity in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at North Carolina State University. She was born and raised in Cameroon and holds doctorates from the University of Yaounde, Cameroon, and from McGill University, Canada. Professor Nfah-Abbenyi is the author of *Gender in African Women's Writing: Identity, Sexuality, and Difference*, *Your Madness, Not Mine: Stories of Cameroon*, *The Sacred Door and Other Stories: Cameroon Folktales of the Beba*. She is co-editor of *Reflections: An Anthology of New Work by African Women Poets* and many book chapters. In addition, she has served as Guest Editor for special journal issues of *Journal des Africanistes*, *Free Verse*, *The Global South* and *Tydskrif vir Letterkunde*.

Professor Nfah-Abbenyi was awarded a fellowship by the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program to travel to South Africa to work with the University of KwaZulu-Natal and Professor Priya Narismulu on graduate student development and curriculum co-development as well as collaborative research in English Studies, with a focus on social justice in African writing in English.

#### **Seminar Details**

**DATE:** Tuesday, 11 August 2015

**TIME:** 14h00-16h00

**VENUE:** Howard College Theatre, Howard College Campus,  
UKZN

#### **RSVP Essential**

**Online at:** <http://utlo.ukzn.ac.za/rsvp>

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