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African Education:	Worldviews, Ways of Knowing & Pedagogy
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Education**Friday November 24, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Scarfe 310 (and 308A, 304)****Abstract**

This one-day symposium examined African *worldviews, ways of knowing* and *pedagogy*, which will shape African students' knowledge construction processes. These are vitally important constructs for understanding African students' developing knowledge and interpretation of their world. The symposium aims to promote understandings the African *worldviews, ways of knowing* and *pedagogy*, which in many respects are unique and in other respects have similarities with the Western paradigm of the education process. Presenters at the symposium will draw on their experience and research in African contexts to elucidate these culturally rooted constructs. The afternoon session will provide an opportunity for all participants to share experiences and perspectives with the guidance and input of Africans and Africanists. Students' *ways of knowing* are shaped by their socio-cultural backgrounds that in turn translate into their *worldviews* and perceptions of knowledge. The symposium will bring together leading and emerging scholars and experts who have undertaken research in areas that in one way or the other lend to understanding of the African learner. The one-day symposium will comprise formal paper presentation sessions followed by group discussions based on themes congruous with symposium focus. It is hoped that at the end of the symposium the participants will gain an appreciation of the unique culturally rooted African *worldviews, ways of knowing* and *pedagogy* in the context of African education process. **We invite all those who share an interest in understanding non-western ways of knowing to attend and participate.**

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**Time:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Place:** Scarfe Building, Room 310

### ***Morning***

- 8:30 – 9:00 Light breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:05 Welcome- Drs. Samson Madera Nashon, David Anderson & Handel Kashope Wright
- 9:05 – 9:15 Opening Remarks- Dean Rob Tierney
- 9:15 – 9:20 Introduction of Keynote Speaker and Respondent- Dr. Handel Kashope Wright
- 9:20 – 10:05 Keynote Address- Dr. Ali Abdi
- 10:05 – 10:15 Response to keynote address- Dr. Kogila Adam-Moodley
- 10:15 – 10:30 Policy Issues Pertaining to Africa- Dr. Yvonne Brown.
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break (tea, coffee)
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Panel 1:** Dr. David Anderson (Chair), Dr. Dalene Swansen, Mathabo Tsepa, Constatine Ngara (3 presentations - 15 mins. each)
- 11:30 – 11:45 Questions/discussion
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Panel 2:** Dr. Samson Nashon (Chair), Dr. Bonny Norton & Juliet Tembe; Dr. Maureen Kendrick, Harriet Mutonyi, & Shelley Jones; Jenipher Owuor (20 mins. each)
- 12:45 – 1:00 Questions/discussion
- 1:00 – 2:00 Lunch

### ***Afternoon***

- 2:00 – 2:15 Introduction to group discussions/activities by Drs. David Anderson & Samson Nashon
- 2:15 - 3:00 Split into 4 groups and work on assigned group tasks (Mathabo Tsepa, Jenipher Owuor, Harriet Mutonyi & Constantine Ngara to chair group discussions)
- 3:00 – 4:00 Reporting (4 groups – 15 min for each chair to report)
- 4:00 – 4:15 Closing remarks by Dr. Samson Nashon & Dr. David Anderson.