

## **DISTINGUISHED SOCIAL WORK EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017**

The Distinguished Social Work Educator of the Year Award for 2017 is awarded to **Prof Antoinette Lombard** of the University of Pretoria.

Prof Lombard has a long and distinguished history as a social work academic in South Africa. She first began teaching social work in 1988, becoming a full professor in 2002 and serving as Head of Department at the University of Pretoria since 2004.

Prof Lombard has made a notable and enduring contribution to social work education in South Africa, through chairing the Standards Generating Body for Social Work for nine years, which resulted in the development of minimum standards for social work education. She also led the development of social work's Continuing Professional Development policy, and served on the BSW Standard Development Reference Group with CHE to draft standards for the BSW qualification.

Prof Lombard served as Vice President of ASASWEI from 2007 to 2009, and as Secretary and Treasurer from 1989 to 1995. She also represented ASASWEI at the IASSW, where she became the IASSW Chair of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development. She is the Africa Coordinator for the Global Agenda for Social Work.

Prof Lombard has played an important role in developing social work and social development in South Africa and also in East Africa. Her research outputs, focussing consistently on social development issues, especially contributed to the conceptualising, contextualising and operationalising of developmental social work within the social development paradigm, and strengthened the capacity of not only social work academics, but also practitioners to challenge various policy formations on a national level.

Prof Lombard has C1 NRF Rating, indicating a sustained and in-depth investment in research. She has the highest NRF Rating among academics teaching social work. Prof Lombard has more than 60 accredited research outputs and has supervised more than 60 postgraduate students to graduation. She co-publishes with her students and junior colleagues, and is committed to developing the professional competencies and stature of her colleagues. She continues to be a highly productive researcher, while also teaching, supervising and running a department.

For her outstanding and sustained contribution to social work education in South Africa, in Africa and globally, the Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions is honoured to award Prof Antoinette Lombard the Distinguished Social Work Educator of the Year Award for 2017.



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