



Unisa Library and Information Services

“Community over Commercialization”

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BIOGRAPHY

Professor Meyiwa, a feminist scholar, is part of the Executive Management of the University of South Africa, serving as Vice Principal for the Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation portfolio. She has also served as University Registrar at DUT.

Professor Meyiwa has extensive experience in higher education, as a teacher, researcher and administrator. Prior to her appointment at Unisa she worked at various higher education institutions, including the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) as a senior manager and researcher. Professor Meyiwa has an impeccable academic, leadership and mentorship record with a strong focus on social science research in general and indigenous knowledge systems in particular.

She is a member of various parastatals, community and civil society organisations, such as the Rural Women's Movement where she is the Advisory Board Member. She is the Chairperson of the External Evaluation Panel of the South African Centre for Digital Language Resources (SADILaR), and a member of the Council on Higher Education's Institutional Audits Committee (IAC), to name but a few.

She has also served on the National Heritage Council and the South African National Heraldry Council as Chairperson. She has presented numerous conference papers at national and international forums and authored a significant number of research articles, including co-publishing six books.