

SOUTH AFRICA

February 15 – 24, 2024



In South Africa, we will hold wide-ranging dialogue around the nation's evolving education policy and its implications for a new generation of young leaders. We will have our professional learning experience in the Western Cape, a province that promotes the foundational elements of education; geographically, it includes the City of Cape Town.



The theme of our program is:
**"SOUTH AFRICA: A STRATEGY
FOR EDUCATING A DIVERSE
NATION."**

This program features university workshops, school & other site visits, and wide-ranging dialogue; the discussions and workshops will be led by South African educators whose collective efforts seek to create high-quality accessible education for a diverse group of students nationwide.



We'll be joined by formidable active and retired educators, many of whom served in the forefront of the political struggles of the 1970s and '80s – right up to freedom in 1994. Throughout, these esteemed colleagues will share their professional experiences and personal reflections with us. South Africa is a nation of many cultures, 11 official languages, and a great variety of religious faiths, histories, and traditions. Our workshops will focus on how educators instruct youth from multiple communities, ethnicities, and life experiences. We will discuss issues inherent in the transformation of the curriculum and the teaching culture from apartheid-era education policies to a policy that reaches all learners at all levels.

During our learning experience, delegates will not only directly interact with academics, education consultants, and activists, but also make optional visits to world-famous historical sites and museums; attend concerts; and become involved in the hectic everyday life of the modern South African nation.

Our professional development program to South Africa offers a unique chance for US educators to reinforce their schools' commitments to global education, with opportunities to understand the South African education system, best practices in teaching, 21st Century diversity training for educators, and innovation in curriculum development and strategy.

\$3800.00 per person sharing
\$3500 Early Bird
Single room is an additional \$550



HUMANIZING EDUCATION IN THE FACE OF A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

- Dialogue on approaches to humanizing education in the face of a global health challenge
- Strategies on handling/dealing with resultant social-emotional issues
- Dialogue on the 'rhetorically new normal' in education amidst COVID-19 – in and beyond the classroom

TEACHER TRAINING & TEACHING DIVERSE STUDENTS

- The implementation of training to support and equip teachers with the skills, understanding, and sense of responsibility to teach diverse learners
- 21st education program to teach new curricular elements – from linguistic diversity to innovative technology to rigorous college preparation



ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT GLOBAL CHALLENGES: RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Explore how a group of young South Africans is creating the next generation of leaders, incorporating student voice, choice, and action in the school community.
- Discuss the variety of opportunities and challenges to promote youth employment. Our key group question: "Do school faculty, students, and alumni see their graduates as prepared for the South African and global workforce?"



PROMOTING LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION

We'll engage with a variety of groups that encourage a commitment to reading and literacy in the students' own indigenous languages. Session with education groups who are putting in place early-intervention programs to promote a culture of reading amongst very young children throughout the nation in their mother tongue. Parental involvement is highly encouraged.

Note: This day features the chance to interact with students making use of such initiatives.

- The importance of multilingualism education to developing a suite of skills critical to navigating adopted-country realities
- Perceptions of the value of teaching mother tongue and perceptions of the value of teaching English
- The impact and challenge of teaching the mother tongue (for a country with 11 official languages), and its relationship to the development of cognitive skills.

PROMOTE READING & LITERACY

A focus on reading and literacy promotion efforts underway in schools, libraries, and educational institutions throughout South Africa. With these features:

- The importance of reading at the elementary and secondary levels
- What is the reading and writing nexus and its importance in elementary-level education? Our discussion will place emphasis on how and why reading can enhance intellectual and human capital.

**DISPARITIES IN EDUCATION FROM
PERSPECTIVES OF THE US AND SOUTH AFRICA**

Meet with officials collaborating with South Africa educators and a host of South African educators. The US and South Africa both face issues around teaching diverse students and significant disparity in educational opportunities. Issues include racial tension and immigration pressures.

In this module, US and South African delegates will share their efforts to equalize educational opportunities in their respective countries and discuss the similarities and differences between the US and South African education sectors. We'll also discuss how to build on student and teacher exchange programs.



CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS AS CONTEXT

Our visit to South Africa emphasizes education reform. However, we'll also make time for cultural encounters on certain afternoons and evenings. Workshops and discussions take place roughly from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each weekday, with time left over for cultural awareness modules and a bit of sightseeing.

On work-week afternoons as well as on weekends, we'll increase our awareness of South Africa's contemporary realities. We'll take part in a wide variety of enjoyable activities that highlight the nation's history, culture, and ecology. Community visits, human rights dialogues, and other outdoor leisure will heighten our appreciation of this nation's rich, multi-ethnic identity.

Activities are designed to reinforce our workshops and discussions, training and observations, and to promote respect for South Africa's unique heritage. By Wednesday, our final professional day, we'll have made a difference in many lives; learned a great deal about ourselves, our students, and our colleagues; and had fun in the process.



PRICING

Early Bird: \$3500; register before July 1, 2023 and subject to availability.

Regular Price: \$3800; register after July 1, 2023
Single rooms are an additional \$550

Payment schedule:

Registration Opens on May 1, 2023 & Deposit Due Upon Registration | \$500.00

2nd Payment | September 1, 2023 | \$1000.00

3rd Payment | October 14, 2023 | \$800.00

Final Payment | January 7, 2024 | \$1200.00 (Early Bird)
\$1500.00 (Regular)

INCLUDED IN THE COST:

- Registration for 4 days of professional development, to include seminars, professional programming, university and school visits and honoraria
- International airfare from Boston Logan International Airport, and domestic air travel within South Africa
- 7 nights' shared accommodation incl. 2 nights in Pilanesberg Wildlife National Park
- Daily breakfasts
- 6 lunches, 2 dinners and 2 game drives
- Luxury coach transport in South Africa, with a professional local guide
- Daily luxury transfers to and from all meetings and professional events
- Orientation and cultural tours on Saturday & Sunday

CULTURAL & HISTORIC TOURS INCLUDED:

- Orientation and a city tour of Cape Town and Johannesburg
- Robben Island Museum tour
- Historic Tour of Langa Township in Cape Town
- Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg
- Soweto Tour, incl. tickets to Mandela House in Johannesburg

OPTIONAL TOURS AT AN ADDITIONAL COST:

Cape Town

Saturday: Half day Winelands: \$70 (excluding lunch)
Sunday: Half day Cape Peninsula: \$60 (excluding lunch)



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