This year saw the strengthening of the Education Department’s research in the area of mathematics education, led by the two Chairs in mathematics and numeracy education. In line with the mandate of these Chairs to carry out both research and professional development, the Departmental outputs in mathematics (and numeracy) education have ranged from peer reviewed journals, through conference presentations to teacher workshops and reports on teacher professional development initiatives. This is not the only high profile specialist area in the Department.

The Chair in Environmental Education has continued to develop its strong trajectory of research in environmental education and education for sustainable development, publishing a journal article and presenting addresses and keynote talks at a number of international conferences. A number of outputs were also produced in the focus area of ICT in education, as well as in research methodology, science, literacy, language and HIV/AIDS in education.

Postgraduates

In keeping with our commitment to the development of research capacity in South and Southern Africa, we celebrated the graduation of a number of students at the graduation ceremony in April 2011. These included two PhD students (Elna Barnard and Nthalivi Silo), twenty six Masters students, and sixty three Honours students.

Distinguished Visitors / International Events

The Department was visited by Professor H Linneweber-Lammerskitten from the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), Professor M. Schaffer, the FRF Chair in Mathematics Education, paid two visits to FHNW. Professor L Dalvit visited the University of Padua, Italy.

Significant Research Aligned Events

• In September, the Education Department hosted the 11th International Conference of The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project.

• A European Union funded project for research and policy support in Foundation Phase education was established and initiated its research and postgraduate development programme in 2011.

Dr Bruce Brown
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Books/Chapters/Monographs


Stevens, AV

Publications


Graven, M H


Jostice, Z C

Lotz-Sisita, H

Samson, D A


Sama son, D A and Schafer, M


Schafer, M

Schafer, M and Samson, D A

Other Publications

Dalvit, L.

Mukutu, M

Samson, D A

Research Papers Presented at Academic/Scientific Conferences/Proceedings, Booklets and Attendance

Abdul, H and Schafer, M

Brown, B J L

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Dalvit, L.
