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## SEHS professor receives prestigious Fulbright Specialist Award

Oakland University's Chaunda L. Scott, Ed.D., a native of Minneapolis, Minn., recently received a prestigious Fulbright Specialist Award that will take her to Cape Town, South Africa, to assist in the development of diversity education curriculum in higher education.

The Fulbright Specialist Program, which is very competitive, promotes linkages between U.S. scholars and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Dr. Scott, an associate professor and graduate coordinator of the Master of Training and Development Program in the Department of Organizational Leadership in the School of Education and Human Services, also serves as the diversity and inclusion specialist for the Office of the Dean in the school. She will leave for Cape Town in October.

In South Africa, Dr. Scott will provide a series of professional development higher education workshops in the focused areas of diversity education and workforce diversity education for administrators and faculty. She will also replicate the Diverse Voices Conference model, which she founded 17 years ago.



*Dr. Chaunda L. Scott will be helping South African higher education leaders develop a diversity education curriculum by replicating her Diverse Voices Conference program.*

The Diverse Voices Conference is a student-centered conference that provides a forum for OU students, faculty, administrators and community members to discuss the value of human diversity. Dr. Scott is founder and president of the Diverse Voices conference.

Dr. Scott's expert knowledge in the areas of diversity education and workforce diversity education will assist South African higher education administrators and faculty in developing a diversity education curriculum, along with supporting diversity education initiatives.

"What a phenomenal opportunity this is for me to facilitate and assist South African higher education educators in developing their diversity education curriculum and related diversity education efforts as a Fulbright Scholar as they strive to move beyond their post-apartheid state of being," Dr. Scott said.

Some of Dr. Scott's published scholarly research includes topics such as diversity education; workforce diversity education; workforce diversity leadership; eradicating racism; human resource development and training and development. She also has presented her research around the country in Chicago, Minneapolis, Houston and Washington D.C. and worldwide in such locations as Limerick, Ireland; Beijing, China; Oxford, England; Cape Town, South Africa and Toronto, Canada.

In August 2015, Dr. Scott received the Niagara Foundation — Michigan Chapter Education Award for her work in the area of diversity education. In 2013, she was named as one of the top 25 education professors in Michigan by Online Schools Michigan.