Biography

Associate Professor Wayne Mackintosh is Director of the Centre for Flexible and Distance Learning (CFDL) at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. This is a new Centre that was established as a strategic initiative in 2002, and Wayne is the founding director of the Centre. The University of Auckland (http://www.auckland.ac.nz) is a conventional campus-based university serving approximately 27,000 students. The chief remit of CFDL is to lead the development and implementation of a high-level strategy for e-learning at the University.

Wayne spent the majority of his professional academic career working at the University of South Africa (Unisa) — one of the mega, single-mode distance learning universities of the world. At Unisa he worked in a wide and diverse range of capacities, including: lecturing in the Faculty of Education, professional academic development; instructional design and the development of a high-level technology strategy for the University. During his tenure at Unisa he was head of the Central Planning Unit of the University, which was responsible for leading the transformation of Unisa’s pedagogical processes.

Wayne is a keen theorist and practitioner in the field of open distance learning. He serves on the Editorial Board of Open Learning and was responsible for leading the design and development of the first postgraduate qualification specialising in the professional training of distance education practitioners on the African continent. He is frequently commissioned for international work in open distance learning and has worked for the Commonwealth of Learning, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and UNESCO.

Wayne has published widely on the range of issues that are important for successful distance learning practice. His particular field of research interest and expertise concerns strategy innovation and leadership for technology futures in education.
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