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International expert in linguistics to visit SUNO

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) welcomes Dr. Kemmony “Kems” Monaka to the North Campus on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 to give a lecture on language in education in South African countries. The lecture will happen at 11 a.m. in building 16. The lecture free of charge thanks to a Fulbright grant.

The lecture is a part of SUNO’s effort to introduce the student body to more external scholars and to encourage them to “go global.” Serving students from several foreign countries including Cameroon, Ethiopia, Jordan and Jamaica among others, SUNO has made an effort to attract more international students, post-Katrina.

Dr. Sudipta Das, Chair of the Department of Arts & Humanities, was contacted by Dr. Monaka. Dr. Das accepted Dr. Monaka’s offer to visit SUNO without hesitation.

“I thought it would be appropriate and interesting for the students, especially since this is an HBCU (Historically Black College or University),” she says.

Dr. Monaka is faculty in the Department of English at the University of Botswana, where she teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses. She received her doctorate in Phonetics at University College London (University of London) in 2001. Dr. Monaka’s research focuses on various linguistic aspects of languages such as Bantu, Khoesan and English. She has conducted a number of orthography workshops in Botswana for the development of some of the marginalized languages in the country.

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