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CURRICULUM VITAE : W.M. KGWARE

WILLIAM MOSHOBANE KGWARE was born in 1916 on a farm, (1)  
Roodevlei, in the district of Brandfort in the Orange (2)  
Free State. He received his primary education at the  
Methodist Primary School in Brandfort and from 1933 to (3)  
1936 he attended the Healdtown High School, a Methodist (4)  
institution, in the Cape Province, where he obtained  
the Junior and Senior Certificates of the Cape Education  
Department, both in the first class.

In 1937 he went to the South African Native College (5)  
(now the University of Fort Hare) where at the end of  
1939 he obtained both the B.A. degree of the University  
of South Africa and the Fort Hare Education Diploma. (6)

His teaching career began at his old school, the Healdtown (7)  
High School, in 1940; but later that year he was invited  
to join the staff of a newly established secondary and  
teacher-training school in his home province, namely the (8)  
Moroka Missionary Institution at Thaba Nchu. It was while  
on the staff of that institution that Prof. Kgware obtained  
in 1944, the M.A. degree of the University of South Africa (9)  
in the Department of African Studies.

The following year Prof. Kgware was appointed principal of the  
Bantu High School at Heilbron, O.F.S., a post that had been (10)  
vacated by a White headmaster. It was while at Heilbron that  
he obtained the University Education Diploma (1948), the (11)  
Bachelor of Education (1951) and the Master of Education (12)  
(1954) degrees cum laude from the University of South Africa (13)

In 1969 Prof. Kgware obtained the degree of Doctor of Educa- (14)  
tion of the University of South Africa in the field of Com-  
parative Education.

Prof. Kgware was for many years President of the O.F.S. (15)  
African Teachers' Association and also Treasurer of the  
Federal Council of African Teachers' Associations of South (16)  
Africa. He was among the first Black inspectors of schools (17)

appointed by the Department of Native Affairs in 1955.

In 1960 he was among the first members of the teaching staff of the newly established University College of the North, his post being that of Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Didactics and Educational Administration. (18)

At the beginning of 1961 Prof. Kgware was appointed to the chair of the department. (19)

By 1969 Prof. Kgware's department had grown so large and complex in its functions that the Council of the University agreed to his request that the department be divided into two, namely the Department of Didactics and the Department of Comparative Education. Prof. Kgware took charge of the latter department at the beginning of 1970. This became the first Department of Comparative Education at a South African university and its head the first professor of this discipline in the country. (20)

In 1962 Prof. Kgware was elected an exchangee by the United States - South Africa Leader Exchange Program (Inc.). Accompanied by his wife, he visited the United States for six months to study Educational Administration in general and teacher education in particular. He also gave a course of lectures at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and at the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. A number of individual lectures were also given at several American universities that were visited - some twenty odd, including the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. On his return from the U.S. he gave lectures in London, Amsterdam and Kampala. (21)

In 1964 Prof. Kgware was appointed member and chairman of the first all-Black Advisory Board for Bantu Education in the Republic of South Africa. (22)

In March 1968 he represented the Minister of Bantu Education at the All Africa Inter-University Education Conference held at the University of Malawi. (23)



Prof. Kgware has written a number of articles on education for South African and overseas educational publications. In 1972 Prof. Kgware was invited by the Senior Editor of the Encyclopedia Americana to write the section on Education in South Africa for publication in the 1973 edition of that work.

Prof. Kgware is a member/trustee of the following organizations:

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1. American - South African Study and Educational Trust (ASSET). (Trustee)
2. Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Ltd. - Committee on Assistance to African Schools. (24)
3. Bantu Welfare Trust. (Trustee)
4. International Institute of Education (Selection Committee in South Africa)
5. Rhodes Scholarships in South Africa (Selection Committee)
6. South Africa Foundation (Trustee)
7. S.A. Institute of Race Relations (Editorial Board)
8. S.A. Institute of Race Relations (Research Committee)
9. United States-South Africa Leader Exchange Program. (Management Committee)
10. Instituut vir Taalonderrig, Universiteit van Stellenbosch (Beskermheer)
11. Instituut vir die studie van plurale samelewings (IPSA), Universiteit van Pretoria (Beskermheer)

He was appointed rector of the University of the North, Turfloop, as from 1st January 1977. He is the first black man to hold such an appointment. (25)