

Biography

Name: Prof Saloshna Vandeyar

Position: Full Professor and Director: Centre for Diversity and Social Cohesion

Professor Vandeyar is a National Research Foundation C rated scientist and the winner of four international research awards, from the Venus International Foundation (2015), the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) (2012), the American Educational Research Association (AERA) (2011), and the International BMW Award for Intercultural Education (2006). Vandeyar has won three national research awards, the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) Senior Black Researchers Award (2007), the Higher Education South Africa's Leadership Fellowship (2013), and the Education Association of South Africa (EASA) Research Medal (2011). She was a finalist in the Standard Bank Top Woman awards in the category Woman in Science (2019); the first runner-up of the Women in Science Award (2017) a finalist for the NSTF Lifetime Award (2014), and for the Shoprite Checkers Woman of the Year (2006). She was the recipient of the Gauteng Woman in Excellence award in 2018. She has also won five institutional research awards from UP – the Laureate Award for Educational Innovation (2012), the Exceptional Young Researcher Award (2009), the Dean's Award for International Scholarship (2013), Gold Medal for Research, Excellence and Achievement (2009) and Research Perseverance (2002) – two community awards for research, and two merit awards for teacher professionalism and teaching excellence.

Prof Vandeyar's research is in the field of social/cultural/cognitive justice in education; addressing all kinds of (in)equalities, namely, race, identities, ethnicity, culture, socio-economic status, class, language, gender, religion, nationalities, political orientation, disabilities, rurality that are produced and reproduced in educational spaces by educational processes, discourses and practices. Vandeyar is a member of AERA, CIES and EASA, and serves on a number of international and national editorial boards; has published widely, internationally and nationally (six scholarly books; 45 journal articles, 14 book chapters, numerous conference proceedings); has numerous international networks and has presented many invited keynote addresses. Vandeyar is the primary researcher of several funded projects, and has supervised numerous PhD and master students. She has established a strong multidisciplinary research group and has recently established the *Centre for Diversity and Social Cohesion* at the University of Pretoria. This is her 20th year at the University of Pretoria,