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2017 Dr Killie Campbell Memorial Lecture

Topic

Dualism, Segregation and Identity Change-Aspects of the
University of Natal (1909-2003)

Guest Speaker

Professor Bill Guest



Date

Thursday, 5 October 2017

Time

16h30 for 17h00

Venue

Professor Jeff Guy Masakhane Room | Campbell Collections | UKZN
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Bill Guest was born in Johannesburg but spent his early years in Aliwal North on the Orange River before his family moved to Durban where he went to Chelsea Drive Primary School and matriculated at the then Northlands Boys' High. It was at the former where he first got hooked on history. He acquired a BA Honours degree in that subject at Howard College and a post-graduate teacher's diploma at UCT before being offered a junior lectureship at Rhodes University. While there he completed a part-time MA

(*cum laude*) at the University of Natal in Durban. He lectured there in History from 1967 before moving to a senior lectureship on the Pietermaritzburg campus where he completed a doctorate and was subsequently promoted to associate professor, professor and senior professor prior to his retirement. He was then awarded the title of professor emeritus and taught for several years in the 'bridging the gap' programme for promising disadvantaged students before concentrating on his interests as a senior research associate.

During the course of his career Bill Guest served on the executives of the South African Historical Society and Economic History Society of Southern Africa as well as in several administrative capacities within the University of Natal, including departmental head and on the research committee. He published numerous journal articles and book chapters, edited/ co-edited seven works and authored/co-authored eight books on South African history. These included a biography of Transvaal politician Sir Percy Fitzpatrick but were primarily focused on the socio-economic history of the KwaZulu-Natal region. In his retirement he has focused on local institutional history, writing centennial studies of the Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal) Museum (2006) and the Msunduzi/Voortrekker and Ncome Museums (2012) as well as a history of the Faculty of Agriculture in Pietermaritzburg (2010) and, more recently, a three-volume history of the 1909-2003 University of Natal. The last of these is due to be published in 2018. In 2013 he won an Amafa AKwaZulu-Natali Heritage Award for his contribution to heritage conservation in the region.