



APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE DEANS

PROFESSOR MUNYARADZI MANYANGA

EXECUTIVE DEAN, ROBERT MUGABE SCHOOL OF HERITAGE & EDUCATION

Professor Munyaradzi Manyanga has been appointed Executive Dean of the Robert Mugabe School of Heritage & Education with effect from 01 September 2022.

Professor Manyanga is a veteran archaeologist and heritage manager who brings a wealth of experience in teaching, research and administration in higher education. He has taught at various universities in southern Africa that include the University of Zimbabwe, Midlands State University, University of Botswana, University of Pretoria and the University of the Witwatersrand. He is widely published and has provided extensive consultancy services on heritage related matters.

He earned his doctorate from Uppsala University, Sweden. Professor Manyanga is expected to lead the School in its transition to the new higher education philosophy that emphasizes on teaching, research, community engagement, innovation and industrialisation. Professor Manyanga is a member of the National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe Board.



PROFESSOR BERNARD CHAZOVACHII

EXECUTIVE DEAN, JULIUS NYERERE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Professor Bernard Chazovachii has been appointed Executive Dean of the Julius Nyerere School of Social Sciences.

A guru in geography as well as rural and urban planning, Prof Chazovachii joined Great Zimbabwe University 15 years ago. Starting off as a temporary full-time lecturer in the Department of Rural and Urban Planning in 2007, Professor Chazovachii served as Departmental Chairperson, Acting Deputy Dean, School Research Chairperson, Work Related Learning Coordinator and Research and Innovation Hub Chairperson before his latest assignment.

Prof Chazovachii holds a PhD in Geography from the University of the Free State (South Africa, 2016), MSc in Rural and Urban Planning (UZ, 2007), a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management (UZ, 2004), BSc Special Honours in Geography and Environmental Sciences and Bachelor of Arts General Degree (UZ, 2001). He is also a holder of a Post Graduate Diploma in Higher and Tertiary Education (GZU, 2018).

He is a member of BRAND Zimbabwe Campaign Committee, a reviewer of the Dzimababwe Journal of Multidisciplinary Research (GZU). Professor Chazovachii has published several articles in refereed national and international journals. He has also presented numerous papers at national and international conferences. He supervises research projects for masters' and PhD candidates at several institutions in Zimbabwe and South Africa. His research areas are rural and urban livelihoods, rural institutions and production systems, smallholder irrigation agriculture sustainability, urban policy and planning, project planning and management, and monitoring and evaluation. He has collaborated in researches funded by Care International (Zimbabwe), Dialogue on Shelter for the Homeless in Zimbabwe Trust and the Homeless people's Federation.



DR XAVIER POSHIWA

EXECUTIVE DEAN, GARY MAGADZIRE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING & NATURAL SCIENCES

Dr Xavier Poshiwa has been appointed Executive Dean of the Gary Magadzire School of Agriculture, Engineering & Natural Sciences. Dr Xavier Poshiwa graduated in 1997 with a BSc Honours in Agriculture (Animal Science), an MSc in Animal Science in 2000, from the University of Zimbabwe and a PhD in Rangeland Ecology in 2013 from Wageningen University, The Netherlands. After graduating with an MSc, he started his research career at Grasslands Research Station, Marondera, Zimbabwe as a Rangeland Ecologist in the year 2000. In 2007, he joined the Resource Ecology Group, Wageningen University, through the INREF project "Competing claims on natural resources: overcoming mismatches in resource use through multi-scale perspectives".

Dr Poshiwa served as senior lecturer at Great Zimbabwe University in 2012, Acting Dean of Studies and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (2013-2019). He rejoined Great Zimbabwe University in 2020 as the Dean of the Gary Magadzire School of Agriculture before his latest assignment.

Dr Poshiwa is a Rangeland ecologist who has research interests in pasture & rangeland sciences, animal nutrition and nature conservation & management. He has published twenty-four (24) publications in International peer-reviewed books and refereed journals. He has taught and supervised several undergraduate and postgraduate students.

