

Final Report for Faculty Development Grant Award

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In compliance with Lincoln University, Faculty Development Grant Award, received in April 2024: which provided the generous support of \$7000, the following is noted:

1. Description of the project

This project is a continuation of previous research. Specifically, the research is divided into two parts: Part I is a research based theoretical examination of Developmental States in Southern Africa. Part II examines the Developmental States of Southern Africa, by surveying Youth Influencers, who are impacting their nations in unique ways.

2. Measurable goals and objectives for the project

My colleague, Dr. Kealeboga Maphunye (from the University of South Africa) and I, have been working on this project for 4 years, and continue to conduct research on the topic, to date, with a great deal of success. The research was deeply impacted by two significant events. In fall 2023, I applied for the Fulbright Scholar in Residence (SIR) program on behalf of Dr. Maphunye. The SIR was granted by the Fulbright Foundation, and Lincoln University, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, hosted Dr. Maphunye for the 2024-2025 academic year. As he prepared to come to the USA, on the Fulbright SIR program, Dr. Maphunye and I, shifted from the interviews with youth influencers, to carrying out in depth analysis comparing the Developmental States of Southern Africa.

The research carried out with the project funds have specifically led into the following areas

- a. Journal on The Botswana Developmental State is being revised, and currently is on the verge of completion. We suspended publication of the initial journal, after the arrival of Dr. Maphunye in the USA in August 2024. Specifically, exercising an excess of caution, we sought to wait until after the general elections that were held in Botswana, during the last week of October 2024, before publishing our research. To our absolute surprise, for the first time in 59 years of independence, the ruling, Botswana Democratic Party lost the election. So our decision to wait before publication now seems prophetic.
- b. Publication of research findings on Botswana in a new, Special Edition of the Lincoln University, Department of Political Science, Journal. This represents a major contribution to both the university, and the Department of Political Science. An editorial Board is currently being composed, while the contributors are in the process of revising their articles, and will be completed by Mid-March, 2025. Instead of the traditional hard copy journal, the new Journal will be published online, and thus circulated worldwide.
- c. Simultaneous to the revisal of the Political Science Journal; working in collaboration with numerous Lincoln University faculty and staff, Dr. Maphunye and I are in the process of revising the Lincoln University Press. There is a book planned to launch the next edition of the press. Its basic theme is "Comparing the Southern African Developmental States with Latin American Developmental States."

d. In addition to the Political Science Journal, and the Book revitalizing the Lincoln University Press, there are a series of articles, flowing out of the Faculty Research and Development Grant, as papers, being presented at major Political Science conferences.

1) Dr. Maphunye and I are presenting papers at the National Conference of Black Political Scientist, being held in mid-March in New Orleans. Attached is the invitation letter.

2) At the International Political Science Associations 28th World Congress our research Comparing the Developmental States of Southern Africa, with the Developmental States of Latin America, has been accepted as a panel and a paper, under research committee #40 New World Order.

e. Presentation of Research Findings to the university community will be made as an oral presentation at the Annual Faculty Research Symposium in April 2025

3. How the project will enhance teaching and research at Lincoln University.

Providing another form of Experiential Education, to Lincoln University students, is the primary outcome of this project. The Developmental States of Southern Africa, present the continents hopeful future. They represent what African success looks like. The revitalization of the Lincoln University Press, is a major contribution to the university.

In an effort to stay up to date on trends in Africa, our research findings are brought into classes, as lectures in International Relations, Comparative Politics, African American Politics, African Politics, Public Administration, and Research Methods, at Lincoln and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support for our important research on Africa. Further documentation is available upon request. This is the final report submitted.

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