

Faculty Members Receive Tenure at The University of Scranton

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University of Scranton President Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., has announced that Tata Mbugua, Ph.D., Clarks Summit, assistant professor of elementary education, Gloria Tansits Wenze, Ph.D., Moscow, assistant professor of early childhood education, and Peter Leininger, also of Clarks Summit, assistant professor of physical therapy, have been granted tenure. They join eight other faculty members who received promotions and/or tenure this fall.

Dr. Mbugua joined the university faculty in 1998 as an assistant professor. She is a graduate of Nairobi University, Kenya, where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. She earned a master's degree in international studies from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, as well as a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. Before joining the Scranton faculty, Dr. Mbugua taught at Ohio State University. Her scholarly activities and research interests focus on four interrelated areas: cross-cultural and global perspectives in education, the educational and psychosocial needs of HIV/AIDS Orphans in Kenya, technology integration in teaching and learning; and school/university collaboration in teacher education. She has published extensively. Dr. Mbugua is a member of the task force that drafted the Global Guidelines for Early Childhood Education and Care for the 21st Century in 1999, and has made presentations at several international conferences in her field. She initiated the establishment of The University of Scranton's International Service Program to Kenya in 2004.

Dr. Wenze joined the university faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor. She is a graduate of Mansfield State University, Pennsylvania, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, California State University, Long Beach, where she earned a master's degree in early childhood education, and the University of New Mexico, where she earned a Ph.D. in education and an Ed.S. in educational administration. Dr. Wenze was a first-grade teacher in the Montrose Area School District before joining the Naval Reserve Program. She also held several positions in Albuquerque Catholic and public schools, and served as a clinical support teacher in the University of Mexico/Albuquerque Public Schools Collaborative Programs. Dr. Wenze is president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Association for the Education for Young Children, and a member of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education. Upon accepting her position at The University of Scranton, Dr. Wenze retired from the Naval Reserve Program with the rank of captain.

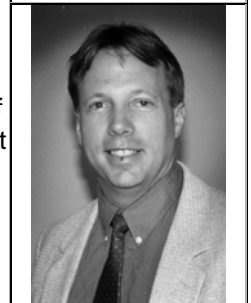
Mr. Leininger joined The University faculty in August of 1999 as a lecturer. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a master's degree in physical therapy from Boston University, and is a doctoral candidate in physical therapy at Temple University, Philadelphia. Mr. Leininger acted as the clinical director of physical therapy for Park Center Physical Therapy in Alexandria, Va., the National Center for Sports Medicine in Arlington, Va., and the Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Associates in Vienna, Va. He has also been an instructor at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and Marymount University in Arlington. He was a home care physical therapist for INOVA in Springfield, Va., and is currently a physical therapist at Viewmont Physical Therapy in Dickson City, and SPRINT physical therapy, Clarks Summit. Mr. Leininger has conducted various research projects and published several articles within the physical therapy field. He has been involved in many professional presentations, including video production.



Tata Mbugua, Ph.D.



Gloria Tansits Wenze,
Ph.D.



Peter Leininger