International visitor to the Faculty of Education and Griffith Institute for Educational Research

Professor Ralph Mawdsley, who holds the Roslyn Z. Wolf Endowed Chair in Urban School Leadership in the College of Education and Human Services at Cleveland State University, has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Specialists Grant for July and August 2009 to visit with academic staff in education and law at Griffith University, as host institution, and QUT. Professor Mawdsley has worked extensively with Professor Joy Cumming on comparative education law publications over the last six years.

Professor Mawdsley will be visiting Griffith University between July 6 and August 14 2009. The purpose of his visit is to assist in the development of a specific course in education law to be taught within the Faculty of Education and to work with staff and students on matters of mutual interest.

Staff or students who would like to meet with Professor Mawdsley during his visit to Griffith to discuss their work or matters of joint interest should contact Professor Joy Cumming at j.cumming@griffith.edu.au to arrange the meeting.

Seminar: Professor Mawdsley will give a public seminar for school personnel, staff and students at a time to be announced.

He will also participate in a one-day conference on Teacher Regulation in July currently being planned by the Queensland chapter of the Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association. Details of the conference will be available at www.anzela.edu.au (Chapter Conferences and Seminars).

Professor Ralph Mawdsley: A brief biography
Dr. Mawdsley holds a Ph.D. degree in Educational Administration from the University of Minnesota (1974) and a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois (1966). He has an international reputation in school law and extraordinary accomplishments in research, teaching, and service. His teaching specialties include School Law, Special Education Law, and Sports Law. He has over 400 publications, including 80 solicited book chapters and 22 books. His most recent books, Special Education Law: Cases and Materials (2d ed., 2007), co-authored with two law school colleagues, and Searches and Seizures and Drug Testing Procedures: Balancing Rights and School Safety (2d ed. 2008), co-authored with Dr. Charles Russo, reflect two areas of interest.

He has been awarded CSU’s highest faculty honors: an Outstanding Teaching Award and the Dr. Jennie Hwang Award for Faculty Excellence, both in 2003.

He served as President of the Education Law Association (ELA) in 2001 and, in 2004, received the organization’s Marion McGhehey Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education Law. On the international stage, he was named a 2005 Fulbright Scholar and was appointed Visiting Professor of Law and Education at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. In 2007, he was appointed as a Visiting
Professor of Education Law at North-West University, Vaal Triangle, South Africa. Also in 2007, he was selected by Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia to be a Sir Alan Sewell Visiting Scholar to the faculties of law and education and was appointed Visiting Professor of Education and Law.

The Roslyn Z. Wolf Endowed Chair in Urban School Leadership

The Roslyn Z. Wolf Endowed Chair in Urban School Leadership was established by the late Ambassador Milton A. Wolf and his family in memory of their late wife and mother Roslyn Z. Wolf. Mrs Wolf was a member of the CSU Board of Trustees from 1990 to 1999 and had a particular interest in education. The holder of the chair has a particular focus on graduate preparation in school administration, be a prominent national and international scholar, and be dedicated to supporting urban school systems.

As the Roslyn Z. Wolf Endowed Chair, Dr. Mawdsley will focus attention on challenging topics such as mobility, diversity, poverty, assessment and accountability, and the achievement gap. Through publications and conferences, he will convene international scholars in Cleveland to address these issues with school and community leaders.


Fulbright Senior Specialists Grant

The U.S. Senior Specialist Scholarships support Australian educational institutions to bring U.S. Senior Specialists to Australia for two to six week periods.

The aim of the Fulbright U.S. Senior Specialist program is to support Australian educational institutions to exchange expertise and build collaboration linkages with United States faculty and professionals on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities.