

# ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE

## SHELLEY FARRINGTON

Shelley Farrington grew up in Plettenberg Bay and moved to Port Elizabeth in 1986 to study at the University of Port Elizabeth (UPE).

In 1988 she obtained her BCOM degree from UPE, majoring in Accounting and Business Economics; and in 1989 obtained a HIGHER DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (**Cum Laude**).

In January 1990 she started teaching at Pearson High School in Summerstrand, where she taught Accounting and Business Economics until June 1994.

Studying part-time Shelley obtained her BCOM (HONS) degree in Business Economics (**Cum Laude**) in 1994 also from UPE.

After spending a year lecturing at Russell Road College, Shelley joined the University of Port Elizabeth as a lecturer in the Department of Business Management in June 1995.

With the assistance of her HOD at the time, Prof Johan Bosch, in 1996 Shelley obtained a scholarship and went to study an MBA at the Dutch speaking Vlerick-Leuven School of Management at the University of Ghent in Belgium. In 1997 she obtained her MBA **Magna Cum Laude**, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of 42 students. Upon her return to South Africa she resumed her duties at UPE.

Shelley obtained her DCOM - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT at NMMU in 2009. The title of her thesis: Sibling Partnerships in South African small and medium-sized family

businesses. She was promoted to senior lecturer in 2010, Associate Professor in 2013 and Full Professor in 2015.

Shelley has lectured both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the areas of Introduction to Business Management, Entrepreneurship and Research Methodology. She served as the coordinator of the first year Business Management module in the Department of Business Management for nearly 20 years. Shelley is also the coordinator of recess programmes in the Department which have been running successfully for more than 18 years.

Shelley is an NRF rated researcher. She was the Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences **researcher of the year** in both 2012 and 2013 and was given a **research excellence award** by NMMU in 2013. She is also the **runner-up researcher of the year** for the Faculty this year (2016). To date Shelley has authored/co-authored 39 national and international journals articles, all of which have been ISI, IBSS or DHET accredited. Most notable is an article based on her doctoral studies which was published in the *Family Business Review* in 2012. Shelley has authored/co-authored 80 papers which have been presented at either national or international conferences. On 10 occasions these papers have either won the best paper award at the conference or been runner up to the best paper.

Shelley has supervised over 40 honours treatise, 15 masters dissertations and is currently supervising 5 doctoral students. Shelley has written several chapters in books and is the co-author of a book titled "Starting and managing your own business" which is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Shelley is regularly asked to undertake both internal and external peer evaluations for the NRF, to act as track chair and to review papers for conferences, and is part of the review boards for several national and international journals. She has also served as the external examiner of postgraduate research projects for several universities in South Africa.

Shelley is actively involved in the mentoring of inexperienced researchers and initiated the Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences RTI mentoring programme in 2014. She is also a founder member of the NMMU Family Business Unit which continues to undertake several initiatives to support family businesses in the Eastern Cape and in

South Africa. In addition, she is the coordinator of a business plan project where together with her entrepreneurship honours students they have assisted more than 30 entrepreneurs with business plans. Shelley has acted in an advisory capacity to several start-up small businesses and was also the owner of a family business together with her two brothers for 13 years.

In June this year Shelley has been at this institution (UPE/NMMU) for 21 years. Only once did she consider leaving the university. In an interview for a position in the corporate environment she was asked to describe her current job and responsibilities. After a lengthy and enthusiastic description, the interviewer asked why she would even consider leaving and that he would be quite interested in her job for himself. After that she decided that academia and NMMU was where she wanted to be.

On a personal note Shelley is married to Robin and they have two children, Kayden who is 4½ and Taylor who is 2½. Shelley has always been a keen and adventurous sportswoman as has played squash at provincial level for several years and has also cycled the Cape Argus cycle tour 9 times. Given her small children most of these activities have, however, been put on hold.