

**Professor Mashudu Mashige, Associate Professor at the Department of Applied Languages at the Faculty of Humanities has been appointed the new Scientific Editor of the *Southern African Journal for Folklore Studies*. The appointment, announced by the Executive Committee of SAFOS (Southern African Folklore Society), is effective from 2 February.**



***Prof Mashudu Mashige***

The *Southern African Journal for Folklore Studies* is a peer-reviewed journal that is fully accredited by the Department of Education. He held the same position between 2002 and 2008, after which he resigned to take a break from academic life.

"I am honoured and humbled that the SAFOS Executive Committee has decided that I should take the reins of this peer-reviewed accredited journal, so soon after my return to academia.

Needless to say, I believe this will add value to my academic life and scholarship. It will also make a contribution, albeit small, to the promotion of research both within my department, the Faculty of Humanities and TUT in general," says Prof Mashige.

"I am excited to be appointed scientific editor for the second time and hope that my experience will assist in giving shape and direction to the journal, especially within the current context in which research and publications are conditions of service for academics."

"This is a great opportunity to use my experience to transfer skills amongst colleagues who have yet to carve a niche for themselves in the world of publishing in accredited journals. If my being Scientific Editor can inspire a few TUT colleagues to write and start publishing, that will give me a great sense of fulfilment," he adds.

Prof Mashige has been Editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Educational Studies* between 2004 and 2005, as well as Deputy Editor of the *International Journal of African Renaissance Studies* between 2006 and 2008.