

**Citation for Dr Hilary Winchester**  
**Graduation: Friday 1 April 2011, 10.30 am**



**Officiator:** Dr Ian Gould

**Award recipient:** Dr Hilary Winchester  
MA, DPhil, FAICD, FIAG

**Award being conferred:** Emeritus Professor Award

**Citation delivered by:** Professor Pal Ahluwalia  
BA(Adv), MA, PhD, FASSA

**Chancellor, the University of South Australia confers the honorary title of Emeritus Professor upon retired academic staff holding the title of Professor who have given distinguished service to this institution. It is my pleasure to present to you Dr Hilary Winchester for the title of Emeritus Professor in recognition of such service.**

Dr Winchester was brought up in the United Kingdom and attended the University of Oxford for an undergraduate honours degree in Geography and for her Doctor of Philosophy, with a thesis on migration in France.

She migrated to Australia in 1987 and held academic appointments at the University of Wollongong and then Newcastle in New South Wales, where she was elected three times as the President of Academic Senate. In 2001 she was appointed as Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) at Flinders University and in 2003 became Pro Vice Chancellor: Strategy and Planning at the University of South Australia, where she held senior management roles until mid-2010.

Dr Winchester's significant contribution to the University has included leading it through two highly successful quality audits of the Australian Universities Quality Agency, in 2004 and 2009. She also led the development of the University's strategies to increase participation in higher education, which included establishing the Centre for Participation and Community Engagement. In 2008 she championed a Northern Community Summit, which brought significant federal funding to strengthen linkages between the University and northern suburbs schools. Dr Winchester was the senior manager responsible for the Centre for Regional Engagement, and was a strong advocate for its role in regional South Australia.

Dr Winchester has always supported the development of women leaders, and has been a mentor to many women. On a national level she developed the National Action Plan for Women 2006–2010, which was adopted by Universities Australia.

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Dr Winchester now runs her own consultancy business specialising in higher education quality assurance. Some of her current work in the Middle East has been developing quality systems with the women's sections of universities in Saudi Arabia, which has encouraged her to learn Arabic. She is now an enrolled student in UniSA's Graduate Diploma in Languages and Culture.

Dr Winchester is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and of the Institute of Australian Geographers. She was entered on the South Australian Government's Women's Honour Roll in 2009.

**Chancellor, on behalf of the University of South Australia, I am pleased to present Dr Hilary Winchester to you for the honorary title of Emeritus Professor in recognition of her distinguished service to this institution and the community.**