



SUCCESS STORY

PARTNER UNIVERSITY LECTURERS VISIT NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL

Uganda Parliamentary Research and Internship Program (PRIP)

SUNY Center for International Development/Islamic University in Uganda/Nkumba University/Uganda Martyrs University



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Ugandan Lecturers from left, Abdu Kakaire (Islamic University in Uganda), Deogratias Matovu (Uganda Martyrs University) and Solomon Asimwe (Nkumba University) with New York State Assemblyman John J. McEneny on the floor of the New York State Assembly in Albany.

In October 2011, SUNY's Center for International Development organized an extended seminar for three lecturers, one from each of our partner universities in Uganda. The seminar is being conducted for approximately two months and includes participation in graduate courses at the University at Albany's renowned Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy. The course work focuses on learning about legislatures, the legislative process, and how such bodies fit into the context of African governance development. In addition to their class work, the lecturers will be participating in number of meetings with University at Albany and Rockefeller College officials, experts in legislative internship programs and members of the New York State Legislature. The goal of the program is to help each of our partner universities establish curricula and course work focused on democratic governance and legislatures. This will increase opportunities for students who aspire to internships with the Parliament.

As part of their visit, the lecturers were given an introduction to the NYS Legislature and a tour of the state Capitol by local Assemblyman John J. "Jack" McEneny, who also serves as the informal historian of the Capitol. The lecturers got to see both chambers of the Legislature and learned insights into the art of politics and policymaking in New York.