

Distinguished University Professor Stewart I. Donaldson: Transforming Lives Through Innovation and Impact

Join Professor Donaldson at CGU to ignite your potential and make a meaningful difference in the world. Under his guidance, you won't just study solutions—you'll help create them.

Dr. Stewart I. Donaldson is a globally renowned scholar, educator, and leader who has dedicated his career to creating a better, more equitable world. A Distinguished University Professor at Claremont Graduate University (CGU), he is the driving force behind transformative initiatives in positive psychology, evaluation science, and global health.

Dr. Donaldson's expertise spans a remarkable range of fields, making him a true innovator in tackling complex societal challenges. As the founding dean of CGU's School of Social Science, Policy, & Evaluation and a past dean of the School of Community & Global Health, he has built interdisciplinary programs that empower students to make a lasting impact. He also serves as Executive Director of the Claremont Evaluation Center and The Evaluators' Institute, where he fosters global collaborations to advance evaluation practices and solve critical issues.

A prolific author with over 20 books and 200 peer reviewed articles & chapters (many with his students), including many widely cited influential books and articles, Dr. Donaldson is a thought leader whose work bridges the gap between research and real-world application. His groundbreaking research in positive organizational psychology and evaluation has inspired new ways to improve well-being, organizational performance, and community resilience.

Dr. Donaldson is also an award-winning mentor, celebrated for his ability to empower diverse students and professionals. Recognized with his Directorship of the American Evaluation Association's Graduation Education Diversity Internship (GEDI) and the International Positive Psychology Association's Inspiring Mentor Career Achievement Award, he is deeply committed to helping others reach their full potential.

Whether mentoring future leaders, pioneering cutting-edge research, or building programs that address global inequities, Dr. Donaldson embodies a rare blend of academic rigor, visionary leadership, and compassionate mentorship. His students don't just learn—they thrive, innovate, and create positive change. Please email stewart.donaldson@cgu.edu to explore ways to join his amazing team of CGU students and alumni.