

Libby V. Morris, Ph.D.

Current Appointment

Director, Institute of Higher Education, University of Georgia
Zell Miller Distinguished Professor of Higher Education, 2014-current

Administrative Responsibilities

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Georgia, interim 2013-14

Direct reports include 5 vice presidents, vice provost, 8 associate provosts, 18 deans, plus other academic offices.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Georgia (2010-2013)

- Direct report to the provost as the single vice provost;
- Led the working group on distance education that established the Office of Online Learning with an allocation of \$1 million from the university system (USG);
- Established the UGA Arts Council in 2011, comprised of 11 units representing the performing, visual, and literary arts at UGA and coordinated the council's first Spotlight on the Arts festival, which featured more than 50 performances over 9 days and brought over 15,000 people to performances;
- Led the merger of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography into the University of Georgia;
- Coordinated 3 Presidential Hiring initiatives to increase number of tenured and tenure-track faculty;
- Direct reports included the UGA Performing Arts Center, the Georgia Museum of Art, and Office of Faculty Affairs.

Director of the Institute of Higher Education (2006-10 and 2014-current)

- Provided leadership to the development and subsequent UGA and USG approval of the Executive Doctoral Program in Higher Education Management in Atlanta (2009) and the master's program in higher education (2010) in Athens.
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of the Institute's doctoral programs moved from 14th in 2006 to 5th in 2011 and 2012.
- Diversified the faculty to include greater representation of minorities and visiting faculty from international programs of higher education.
- Established the first post-doctoral program in the Institute.
- Encouraged and grew the presence of international students from China, Korea, Vietnam, Uganda, Ecuador, Taiwan and Croatia.

- Signed MOUs with universities in Croatia and Austria.
- MOU is under consideration (2017) with Japan's Institute of Statistical Mathematics.

Academic Responsibilities and Achievements

Research

- Editor of *Innovative Higher Education*, a peer-reviewed, international journal which focuses on innovations in post-secondary education and is published five times annually by Springer, LLC, (2002-current).
- Grant activity:
 - More than \$3 million to support the Georgia College Advising Corps, a college access program which places near-peer advisers in Georgia high schools to assist underserved and first-generation students with college going activities (2010-current).
 - More than \$500,000 from University System of Georgia Advanced Learning Technologies to support research into online learning (2001-2006).
 - More than \$150,000 to support needs assessment studies for the development of health professions education (multiple years).
- Numerous research studies on instructional technology and online learning published in peer-review journals, e.g.,
 - "Tracking student behavior, persistence, and achievement in online courses," *Internet and Higher Education*, 8(3), 221-231.
 - "Predicting retention in online general education courses," *The American Journal of Distance Education* 19(1), 23-26.
 - "Roles of faculty in teaching asynchronous undergraduate courses." *Journal of Asynchronous Learning Networks* 9(1), 65-82.
- Book. Morris and S. Parker, *Multiculturalism in Academe*. New York, NY: Garland Publishing, Inc., 1996.
- More than 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals, 20 book chapters, 15 monographs, 2 books, multiple technical reports and numerous invited or juried presentations at the state, national and international levels.
- Regularly invited to review proposals for NIH section, NIGMS.
- Current proposal is under review by the National Commission for Educational Sciences, Ministry of Education, China, to examine the affiliations with MOOCs across Asia, USA, and Europe (collaboration with Dr. Haixia Xu, China Ministry of Education).
- Conducted extensive analysis of the Black Belt's economic, educational, and demographics leading to the establishment of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (U.S. Congress 2008 Farm Bill, Public Law 110-246).

Instruction/Graduate Education

- Directed more than 35 doctoral dissertations.
- Served on an additional 70+ doctoral committees within the Institute and across the University of Georgia.
- Institute of Higher Education's Graduate Program Coordinator, 1999-2006.
- Prior advisees serve as college presidents, vice presidents, deans, faculty members, executive director of professional associations, and university system professional staff across four-year and two-year sectors.
- Elected to the University of Georgia Teaching Academy in 2004.
- Frequently taught courses include EDHI 9010: Academic Programs; EDHI 8600: Evaluation and Assessment; and EHDI 9700: Internships in Higher Education.

International Education Activities

- Invited lectures at the University of Rijeka (2016), University of Danube (2017) and University of Liverpool (2015).
- Invited to teach at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, summer 1996, on "Contemporary Issues in U.S. Higher Education."
- Led the Institute of Higher Education in the establishment of the Higher Education Initiative for Southeastern Europe (HEISSE), in collaboration with the Institute for Social Research's Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD). Located in Zagreb, the HEISSE initiative serves the region in efforts to advance higher education. Support is provided by the Ministry of Education and the U.S. Embassy Educational Division, among others. HEISSE offers workshops and educational consulting with annual meetings in Croatia and at UGA. Exchanges began in 2007.
- Presented research and/or conducted workshops at meetings of the European Association for Institution Research.
- Established the executive doctoral program's study abroad programs at Peking University in China and at CHEPs in the Netherlands (the number one program for higher education in Europe).

Professional Service (2015-17)

- Member, Grant Advisory Board for "Improving and Transforming Institutional Research in Post-Secondary Education" awarded to the Association for Institutional Research by the Gates Foundation;
- Moderator and discussant, Institutional Research Summit, Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 8/2014;
- Invited participant in USA Funds Strategic Planning Meeting, 1/2017;
- UGA Division of Academic Enhancement, Innovations Group Advisory Member;
- Search committee member for the Performing Arts Center Director, 2017.

- UGA Honorary Degree Committee, 2015-current;
- Invited speaker, Mercer University Leadership Retreat, 2016;
- Regular guest reviewer for *Higher Education*, a Springer journal.

Education

Ph.D., Adult and Higher Education
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

M.Ed., Adult and Higher Education
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

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University of Georgia

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