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## SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Liaisons (2016-17)

### University of Alabama



**Jennifer Greer** – Dr. Jennifer D. Greer is the Associate Provost for Administration at the University of Alabama. She previously was Interim Dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences and Chair of the Department of Journalism at UA. She has worked in higher education administration for more than 15 years, serving as a graduate director, department chair, associate dean or interim dean before joining the Office of Academic Affairs. Greer also has taught journalism and mass communication courses, including news writing, reporting, digital journalism, research methods and media ethics at Alabama, the University of Nevada and the University of Florida. She has won four college-wide teaching awards and a university-wide award for excellence in academic advising. Greer served as Executive Director of UA's Knight Fellowship in Community Journalism for two years, working in conjunction with *The Anniston (Ala.) Star*. Dr. Greer researches media credibility, online news delivery, media effects, and sport and gender issues and has published numerous journal articles, book chapters and an edited book, *Media Issues*. She serves on the editorial boards of several of the field's leading research journals. In 2012-13, Greer was a fellow in the SEC ALDP.

### University of Arkansas



**Terry Martin** – Dr. Terry Martin serves as the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Martin has been on the faculty at Arkansas for 24 years, and is a professor of electrical engineering. He has served as senior associate dean, associate dean, and interim dean for the College of Engineering and interim department head of biomedical engineering. Prior to joining the University of Arkansas, he worked for Reynolds Metals Company, where he served as a project engineer, process control engineer and reduction supervisor at the Jones Mills Reduction Plant in Arkansas and as a research engineer at the Reduction Research Laboratory in Sheffield, Alabama. During this time, he worked on the design team that developed the first automated digital temperature controller for a ring-baking furnace for carbon anodes. Martin holds a Ph.D. in engineering and master's and bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Arkansas. He has conducted research in the fields of control systems, digital signal processing, intelligent control and power electronics. He has received several awards for his academic performance and has also been inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Electrical Engineers.

## Auburn University



**Andrew (Andy) Gillespie** – Andrew (Andy) Gillespie is Assistant Provost for International Programs at Auburn University and serves as Director of the International Students and Scholars Services Office, the Office of Study Abroad, and the English as a Second Language Office. His additional responsibilities include international alumni development, international student recruiting and admissions, development of international campuses, and on-campus curriculum internationalization. Dr. Gillespie is also a professor of natural resources in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. He came to Auburn in 2010, after 20 years at Purdue University on the faculty of the College of Agriculture and in academic administration, overseeing international programming and strategic planning as Associate Dean. A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Gillespie was trained as a soil chemist and plant physiologist and his area of research was in food and fiber production systems of indigenous peoples and their relation to temperate and tropical production systems in developed countries.

## University of Florida



**Angel Kwolek-Folland** – Angel Kwolek-Folland is a professor of history and women's studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She came to UF in 2000 to assume the directorship of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research and in 2005 became an Associate Dean in the College. She joined the Provost's Office in 2007. She earned her Ph.D. in women's history from the University of Minnesota in 1987, and taught at the University of Kansas for 13 years prior to coming to UF. Kwolek-Folland has taught courses in history, women's studies and American studies, and her research focuses on U.S. women's history, women's labor and business history, gender studies and material culture studies. Currently, she is researching international dimensions of contemporary gender rights categories. Her first book, *Engendering Business: Men and Women in the Corporate Office, 1870-1930*, was published in 1994 and won the 1995 Sierra Prize for best historical monograph from the Western Association of Women Historians. Her second book is *Incorporating Women: A History of Women and Business in the United States*. Kwolek-Folland is a J. William Fulbright Senior Specialist candidate, which allows her to work with college and university departments outside the U.S. on research and program development and curricular transformation. In 2004, she received a Florida Blue Key Distinguished Faculty Award.

## University of Georgia



**Meg Amstutz** – Meg Amstutz serves as Associate Provost for Academic Programs at the University of Georgia and adjunct assistant professor of English. Dr. Amstutz holds an A.B. degree in English from Centre College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English and American Literature from Washington University in St. Louis. Her doctoral research focuses on nineteenth century American literature and the writings of Elizabeth Stoddard and Nathaniel Hawthorne. As Associate Provost, Dr. Amstutz is responsible for annual institutional academic programs such as Commencement, Honors Day and the Charter Lecture Series. She also is responsible for helping benchmark the university's academic policies and faculty support programs with peer and aspirational institutions. Prior to joining the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in 2013, Dr. Amstutz served for six years as Chief of Staff in the Office of the President, providing general administrative oversight for the Office of the President and its reporting units: Internal Auditing, the Office of Legal Affairs, and the Equal Opportunity Office. A member of Leadership Georgia's Class of 2010, she currently sits on the President's Advisory Council of Centre College. She has previously served as a member of the Centre College Alumni Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Georgia.

## University of Kentucky



***G.T. Lineberry*** – A native of Bluefield, WV, G. T. Lineberry is Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement and professor of mining engineering at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Lineberry holds an A.S. from Bluefield College, Bluefield, VA ('75) and a B.S. and M.S. from Virginia Tech ('77 and '79), and a Ph.D. from West Virginia University ('82), all in mining engineering. Dr. Lineberry has been on the mining engineering faculty at UK for more than 30 years. In his role as Associate Provost, he has responsibility for matters relating to the full span of the career of UK faculty members. He has worked internships, a summer appointment, and a sabbatical with Consol, the Army Research Institute, and the former U.S. Bureau of Mines, respectively. Dr. Lineberry's research interests lie in the areas of engineering education, mine excavating and bulk materials handling, and occupational health and safety. He has authored or co-authored approximately 70 journal articles, conference papers, books, book chapters, and government documents and has given more than 140 conference presentations, seminars, and invited lectures. He is a recipient of the Stefanko Best Paper Award (Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) Coal Division), the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America (PCMIA) Educational Excellence Award, a Life Member of SME, was instrumental in establishing the cooperative engineering programs in Paducah and the joint engineering programs in Bowling Green, and he is a three-time winner of the UK Departmental Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Teacher award, most recently in 2013. He is the founder of Mu Nu Gamma, an honorary society for mining engineering students.

## Louisiana State University



***Jane Cassidy*** – Dr. Jane Cassidy is Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Louisiana State University and holds the Roy and Margaret Gianelloni Alumni Professorship in Music. Dr. Cassidy's responsibilities include serving as chief deputy for the Executive Vice President and Provost, and advising the Provost on matters such as general campus administration, promotion and tenure, faculty development, academic space utilization, academic policy, Board of Supervisors/Board of Regents relations and budgetary issues. She also oversees the LSU Rural Life Museum, LSU Museum of Art, LSU Press and The Southern Review. Previously, Dr. Cassidy served as the Director of the School of Music and Interim Associate Dean of the College of Music and Dramatic Arts. Her field of expertise is music education, having taught courses in elementary music education, music in special education, psychology of music, measurement and evaluation, and supervision of student teachers. Dr. Cassidy's research interests center around musical development of infants and children, music education for children with special needs and teacher effectiveness.

## University of Mississippi



***Anthony (Tony) Ammeter*** – Dr. Anthony (Tony) Ammeter is Interim Associate Provost for Outreach and Continuing Studies at the University of Mississippi. In this role, Dr. Ammeter's leadership responsibilities include regional campuses, summer and winter school, online education, college and pre-college special programs, and professional development and lifelong learning. He also serves as Interim Dean for the Bachelor of General Studies Program and assists and advises the Provost in a variety of academic matters. Dr. Ammeter holds a joint appointment as an Associate Professor of Management and Management Information Systems in the School of Business Administration. Prior to his appointment with the Provost's office, Dr. Ammeter was Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs in the Ole Miss School of Business Administration. He received his Ph.D. in Organization Science from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Ammeter is interested in organizations made up of knowledge-based workers and the impact of information systems on working, managing and leading in these organizations.

## Mississippi State University



**Peter L. Ryan** – Dr. Peter Ryan has served as the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Mississippi State University since May 2011. His responsibilities include management of international academic agreements and study abroad policies, coordination of the self-study review process for academic departments and supervision of new faculty development. Dr. Ryan received his Ph.D. degree from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Canada. Dr. Ryan is a professor in the Departments of Animal and Dairy Sciences and Pathology and Population Medicine. He has served as coordinator of the Animal Physiology Graduate Program since 2000. His research is in the area of reproductive physiology with a major focus on uterine pathogenesis and pre-term delivery using domestic animals as models for the human condition.

His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and other public and private sources. Dr. Ryan is Co-Director of the Facilities for Organismal and Cellular Imaging that utilizes bioluminescent, fluorescent, ultrasound and digital thermal imaging technologies to investigate physiological events in living systems. In August 2009, he joined the Office of the Provost as the Associate Vice President Intern for Academic Affairs and was appointed Interim Associate Provost in April 2010.

## University of Missouri



**Anna Ball** – Dr. Anna Ball is a Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Provost, Department Chair for Agricultural Education and Leadership, and Professor in the Division of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Missouri. Dr. Ball is the Founder and Director of the Center for the Collaboration and Development of Educational Innovations and leads efforts to help faculty campus-wide in designing the educational, broader impacts and evaluation components of large integrated grants. The 2014 recipient of a national teaching award from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, Dr. Ball teaches graduate courses in advanced teaching methods and qualitative research methods. Dr. Ball's research focuses on the intersection of teaching innovations on student learning outcomes and the influence of competition within

academic and intracurricular settings. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and her master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri. Prior to joining the faculty at Missouri in 2008, she was a faculty member at the University of Illinois and the University of Florida. Dr. Ball was a member of the SEC Academic Leadership Development Program's 2015-16 cohort.

## University of South Carolina



**Cheryl Addy** – Dr. Cheryl Addy is Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Addy's responsibilities include oversight of faculty affairs, direction of faculty leadership development opportunities and grants programs, along with serving as Dean of the Graduate School. Prior to this appointment, she chaired and served on numerous university committees and councils, including the Graduate Council, Space Reservation Policy Task Force, Carolina Core (general education) Committee, Academic Program Liaisons Committee, and Interprofessional Education for the Health Sciences Steering Committee. Dr. Addy is a Professor of biostatistics in the Arnold School of Public Health and served in various administrative positions, including Graduate Program Director and Chair at the department level, and most recently, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the school level. She has more than 100 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *Journal of the American Public Health Association*, and *Epidemiology*.

## University of Tennessee



**Matthew T. Theriot** – Dr. Matthew T. Theriot is Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Associate Provost for Teaching and Learning Innovation at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Theriot earned his B.S.W. and M.S.S.W. at the University of Texas and his Ph.D. in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley. As a Professor of social work, his research focuses primarily on school violence and school security with secondary interests in social work education and mental health. Prior to his career in higher education, Dr. Theriot worked as a school social worker, child welfare worker and mobile crisis counselor. Since arriving at Tennessee in 2003, Dr. Theriot has served as Director of the College of Social Work’s undergraduate program from 2006 to 2013 and then served for three years as Director of the college’s Ph.D. program. He has chaired the university’s Undergraduate Council and Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and recently led the development of the campus’ Quality Enhancement Plan, Experience Learning. In his role as Associate Provost, Dr. Theriot leads the implementation of the Experience Learning initiative and has oversight for the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center and the Office of Service-Learning. He was an SEC Academic Leadership Program Fellow in 2010-11.

## Texas A&M University



**Michael Benedik** – Dr. Michael Benedik serves as Vice Provost for Texas A&M University. After earning his B.A. degree at the University of Chicago and Ph.D. at Stanford University in Biology, Dr. Benedik worked in the biotechnology industry in northern California. He joined the faculty at Texas A&M in 1984, moved to the University of Houston in 1989 and then returned to Texas A&M in 2004 as a Professor in the Department of Biology and the Faculty of Genetics. Dr. Benedik has served both his department and the university extensively in many roles. Most notably, he chaired the University Grievance Committee for four years, served on the Committee on Academic Freedom Responsibility and Tenure (CAFRT), the University Undergraduate Appeals Panel and as a Research Standards Officer. Dr. Benedik was Texas A&M’s Faculty Ombuds Officer from 2010-12 and was elected as Speaker of the Faculty Senate for 2011-12 after serving two terms in the Faculty Senate. In 2010, he was awarded an international professorship from the American Society of Microbiology and named a Regents Professor at Texas A&M in 2013. Dr. Benedik has authored more than 90 publications.

## Vanderbilt University



**John M. Sloop** – Dr. John M. Sloop is Associate Provost for Digital Learning and Professor of Communication Studies at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Sloop earned his B.S. from Appalachian State University, M.A. from the University of Georgia and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He has served as Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Science, as well as Chair of the Department of Communication Studies. Dr. Sloop came to Vanderbilt in 1995 after three years at Drake University. Dr. Sloop teaches courses in media theory and criticism, rhetorical/cultural criticism and theory, and gender studies. He has published numerous research articles and book chapters, three books, two edited volumes and has served as Editor of the journal, *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*. Dr. Sloop serves on the Board of the Belcourt Theatre, a local, nonprofit film center.