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24 Deans
2023 - 2024 Cohort

COLLEGE REPRESENTATION

- Applied Health Sciences
- Business
- Engineering
- Fine and Applied Arts
- Graduate Studies
- Information Sciences
- Law
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Life Science
- Media
- Social Sciences

- Hispanic/Latina(o) 4.2%
- Prefer not to answer 4.2%
- Black or African American 20.8%
- White, non-Hispanic 70.8%

- Female 46%
- Male 54%

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Saara DeWalt is Dean of the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. DeWalt received a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a doctorate from Louisiana State University. She is a plant population and community ecologist and has worked in temperate and tropical forests around the world. She was a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Clemson University and served as the chair of that department from 2018 to 2023. She is also a former president of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation.
Dr. Brent Donnellan, professor of Psychology, began his term as Dean for the MSU College of Social Science in July 2023. Before serving as Dean, Dr. Donnellan was the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs. He served as the Chairperson of the Department of Psychology from 2018 to August of 2022.

Dr. Levon T. Esters is a nationally recognized scholar on mentoring, equity, and diversity in STEM-based agricultural and life sciences disciplines. Prior to joining Penn State, he served as Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Faculty Affairs for Purdue University’s Polytechnic Institute. Levon earned a B.S. in Agricultural Business from Florida A&M University, an M.S. in Agricultural Education from North Carolina A&T State University, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education from Penn State.
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Northwestern University

Dean and Kay Davis Professor of Music at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. Served as the Jack G. Buncher Head of the School of Music at Carnegie Mellon University and chair of Composition, Contemporary Music, and Core Studies at Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Founding faculty of the low-residency MFA program in music composition at Vermont College of Fine Arts, serving as faculty chair from 2016 until 2019, and has served on the faculty of the Curtis Institute of Music. Degrees in music composition from the Curtis Institute of Music and Harvard University.

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Deb Hope (she/her/hers) is a clinical psychologist by training with research interests in assessment and treatment of anxiety and LGBTQ health disparities. Across both lines of research, she seeks to encourage mental health providers to adopt the best evidence-based interventions. A first-generation student, Hope has been a member of UNL's faculty since finishing her doctorate at the State University of New York – University at Albany in 1990. She became AVC and Graduate Dean in 2021.

Carlos Jackson is a visual artist & writer, whose work is a reflection of Chicanx art praxis, engaging community-engaged cultural practices of social justice. Exhibited in national traveling exhibitions “Estampas de la Raza: Contemporary Mexican American Prints from the Romo Collection,” which began at McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas & “Printing the Revolution: The Rise & Impact of Chicano Graphics, 1965-Now,” at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Also the co-founding director of Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer, a community-based art center that was a collaborative partnership.
Deanna L. Kroetz is dean and professor of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy. Dr. Kroetz earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and her PhD in pharmaceutics from the University of Washington. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship with the National Cancer Institute. Prior to joining Ohio State as dean in 2023, Dr. Kroetz served as the Jere E. Goyan Presidential Chair for the Advancement of Pharmacy, and chair and professor of bioengineering and therapeutic sciences at the University of California, San Francisco.

Ben Lough is dean, School of Social Work, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
A first-gen college student, Matusik earned a BA from Colby College and earned her PhD from the University of Washington. After a brief time in consulting, Matusik joined the Jones Graduate School of Management at Rice University as an assistant professor. In '04, she moved to the University of Colorado Boulder, rising to full professor of strategy and entrepreneurship. In '17, she became dean of the Leeds School. Under her leadership, Leeds enjoyed increases in achievement, diversity, fundraising, and engagement. Matusik joined UM as Dean of Ross School of Business in August '22.
Jamie Darin Prenkert is the 13th dean of the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management, leading a school of 5,000 current students and 400 faculty and staff, with 60,000 alumni in more than 100 countries. In addition, Professor Prenkert is the Investors in Leadership Distinguished Chair. His research focuses on issues of employment discrimination and the human rights obligations of transnational corporations. He earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School and a B.A., summa cum laude with honors in Political Science, from Anderson University.

Chancellor, Dean, and Chief Academic Officer of Penn State Great Valley School of Graduate Professional Studies. Responsible for the quality of academic programs in teaching, research, and service, including the promotion and tenure process; strategic planning; budgeting; philanthropy; faculty and staff development; outreach and alumni and community relations. Previously Professor of Software & Systems Engineering and Director of Engineering at the School responsible for 6 graduate programs in engineering and technology, 18 full-time and 12 part-time faculty, and 1000 students.
Neil Romanosky has been Dean of Libraries at Michigan State University since September 2023. He was Dean of Libraries at Ohio University from 2019 to 2023. He held prior appointments at the libraries of University of Toronto, New York University, and Columbia University. He received a PhD in organizational development and change from Fielding Graduate University, an MS in information and library science from Pratt Institute, a master of communication and information studies from Rutgers University, and a bachelor of arts in English from Rider University.

Karen M. Rose, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, is the Dean and Professor at The Ohio State University College of Nursing. Her research focuses on meeting the needs of community-dwelling persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their family caregivers. She leads teams comprised of other nurse scientists, engineers, physicians, biostatisticians, clinical psychologists, and professionals in advocacy groups that focus on this vulnerable patient population.
Stuart Shapiro was named Dean, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, in April 2022. He joined Rutgers University in 2003. Prior to that, he received a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University – Kennedy School of Government and worked at the Office of Management and Budget under Presidents Clinton and W. Bush. Dr. Shapiro teaches classes in economics, public policy, and politics. He has written four books and published articles in law reviews, political science journals, and public administration journals. He writes op-eds for The Hill and occasionally other news sites.

Since joining the faculty in 2008, Professor Sharpe has held numerous academic leadership positions at the College of Law, on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus, and in the broader legal academy. He served as the College's Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2013-2016), as a Provost Fellow (2017 calendar year), and as a fellow in the CIC Academic Leadership Program (2015-2016). He chaired the AALS Conflicts of Law Section, was Chair-elect of the AALS Administrative Law, and served as President of the University of Illinois’ Phi Beta Kappa chapter. In 2018, Professor Sharpe chaired the Urbana-Champaign campus' Consensual Relationship Policy Review Task Force.
Stephanie Shonekan is Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at the University of Maryland. She earned a doctorate in ethnomusicology and folklore with a minor in African American studies in 2003 from Indiana University. She has published works on afrobeat, Fela Kuti, Nigerian and African American hip-hop, soul, and country music. Her books include *Soul, Country, and the USA: Race and Identity in American Music Culture* (2015), *Black Lives Matter & Music* (2018), *Black Resistance in the Americas* (2018), and *Dear Department Chair* (2023).

David Tolchinsky is dean of The Media School at Indiana University and brings extensive media and academic experience to the position, having a background in film scoring, media production, playwriting, screenwriting, sound design, and more. Before joining The Media School in September 2023, he co-founded Northwestern University’s M.F.A. in Writing for Screen and Stage and served as the director of the Pritzker Pucker Studio Lab for the Promotion of Mental Health via Cinematic Arts. Tolchinsky’s work has often focused on mental illness, memory, trauma, teenagers, and dystopia.
Kevin Van Den Wymelenberg
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Prior to becoming dean of the UNL College of Architecture, Kevin was the Julie Neupert Stott Chair in Design, director for the School of Architecture & Environment and Associate Dean for Research at the University of Oregon’s College of Design. He was also a professor and served as interim head for the Dept of Architecture. He founded and directed the Institute for Health in the Built Environment, directed the Biology & the Built Environment Center and the Energy Studies in Buildings Lab in Oregon and served as a professor at the University of Idaho founding the Integrated Design Lab.

Juli Wade
Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Juli, Executive Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, Rutgers-New Brunswick and a Distinguished Professor of Psychology. An academic leader and scholar, she has a clear understanding of the important role that public, land-grant, research-intensive institutions serve. Juli’s research, funded by the NIH and NSF focused on understanding the hormonal and genetic factors that regulate brain structure and behavior. Juli has served as Dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Connecticut, and worked at Michigan State University for nearly 25 years.
Kathy Bieschke was appointed Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at the Pennsylvania State University in August of 2017. She earned a B.S. in Psychology and a M.S. in Clinical Psychology from Illinois State University, and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology in 1991 from Michigan State University. She joined the faculty at Penn State University in 1991 and is a Professor of Education. Dr. Bieschke served as an Administrative Fellows in 2012-2013, Head of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education from 2013-2016, and Interim Dean of the Schreyer Honors College in 2016-2017.

Lois J. Geist was appointed associate provost for faculty in November 2019. She earned a doctor of medicine degree from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Geist has been a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Occupational Medicine at the University of Iowa since 1990 and has served as associate dean of faculty affairs and development since 2003 while maintaining an active clinical practice.
Adam Goodman directs Northwestern University's Center for Leadership and is a Clinical Professor in the McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science. He works with senior leaders globally in industry as well as with faculty and students on leadership, mentoring and teamwork, focusing on learning in real world contexts.

Helen Malone was named Vice Provost of Academic Policy and Faculty Resources at The Ohio State University in June 2019. Her portfolio includes overseeing faculty human resources including compensation, hiring, promotion and tenure, and academic leadership development. Dr. Malone began as an assistant professor at Ohio State in 2005. She received her PhD from UT Austin, her MA from NYU, and her BS from the UC Davis. Dr. Malone's research focuses on teaching individuals with severe and profound disabilities new skills using mobile technologies.
Lisa Mauer is the Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor of Food Science at Purdue University. She has been on the Purdue faculty since 2001 and is well known for her leadership and mentorship, as well as her scholarship in the area of food materials science and teaching of numerous highly regarded food science courses.

Rebecca Ropers is Senior Adviser for Academic Leadership and Conflict Resolution at the University of Minnesota. In her scholarship and leadership, she seeks to promote inclusive and engaged communities in higher education through enacting equity-oriented change. Ropers has served as Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, department chair, chair of faculty governance, and professor of higher education. She has published more than 80 scholarly works related to equity, diversity, and change in higher education and has received both ACE and Fulbright Fellowships.
Katherine Galvin is the Director of Programs for the Big Ten Academic Alliance. The ten-member Programs Team provides leadership and support for the Vice Provosts for Faculty Affairs, Liberal Arts and Sciences Deans, Graduate Deans, Chief Information Officers, Senior International Officers, the Big Ten-Ivy League Traumatic Brain Injury Research Collaboration, and special Provosts' programs. The team provides strategic & collaborative expertise, program management, and administrative support to further stakeholders' programs, groups and initiatives.

Charity Farber is an Associate Director at the Big Ten Academic Alliance. During her fifteen years at the Big Ten Academic Alliance, she has managed a wide range of programs including DEI pipeline and pathway initiatives, study abroad, course sharing, graduate recruitment, and faculty development. In her current role, she leads large-scale, multi-university collaborative professional development initiatives supported by the Big Ten Academic Alliance Provosts and Mellon Foundation and manages the strategic initiatives of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Graduate Deans.
Danielle LeFaivre is a Project Coordinator at the Big Ten Academic Alliance. She joined the BTAA in 2018 as an Office Manager. She works with the Graduate Dean and Vice Provosts of Faculty Affairs stakeholder groups. Danielle is a graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.