



Dr. Gretchen M. Bataille

Biography

Gretchen M. Bataille served as the Senior Vice President for Leadership and Lifelong Learning for the American Council on Education from 2011-2013. The leadership programs include the Institute for New Presidents, the ACE Fellows Program, Advancing to the Presidency, Presidential Roundtables and multiple national and regional programs to expand the diversity of higher education leadership. During her tenure at ACE, she also was responsible for the division for Lifelong Learning that includes the CREDIT program, military evaluations, pre-college programs and veterans' programs. Included in her responsibilities were multiple grants, including a \$6.7 million USAID grant to assist the FETs in South Africa improve education and a \$3 million MetLife grant to work with GED students in the New York City public schools. Additional foundation grants from Lumina, Kresge, Ford, Sloan and Hearst and program support from Fidelity and TIAA-CREF supported leadership programs and initiatives to diversity higher education and to support education attainment.

Beginning in 2006, she served for four years as president of the University of North Texas, a research university with over 36,000 students and more than 250 degree programs. She was senior vice president of the University of North Carolina system from 2000 to 2006 and during that time served for a year as interim chancellor at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. After nearly twenty years as a faculty member at Iowa State University, Bataille served as an administrator at Arizona State University, UC Santa Barbara, and Washington State University. At each university, she was appointed as a tenured member of the faculty, teaching in the departments of English, American Studies or Women's Studies. During 2010-11, she served the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City as interim vice president for Academic Affairs. Dr. Bataille, whose scholarly specialization is American Indian literature, received her bachelor's and master's degrees at California Polytechnic State University and her doctorate in English at Drake University. Her publications include reviews, articles, academic papers, and numerous books in her field. She is also the author of the book, *Faculty Career Paths: Multiple Routes to Academic Success and Satisfaction* (Praeger, 2006). She is preparing a book for publication for administrators on dealing with campus crises, to be published by Stylus in 2013. Bataille has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of The College Board as well as a Board member for ACE. She is a member of the Board of Directors for SAGE Publications and serves as a trustee for Drake University.

Throughout her long career in higher education, Bataille has been a frequent speaker at colleges and universities and for leadership programs. She has been a speaker at Leadership America, Leadership Texas, the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees, the College Board, APLU, IHEP, SREB and colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. She has consulted at the University of Albany (SUNY), Iowa State University, Utah State University, University of Colorado, and University of Missouri as well as working on projects for the Department of State, CIES, the Sloan Foundation and other government agencies and foundations.