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*Longwood University*



Dr. Deneese L. Jones began her service as Professor and Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Longwood University on June 25, 2005. She succeeded Dr. Judy Johnson who had served as interim dean for the previous year.

Dr. Jones earned her Ph. D. in Curriculum and Instruction and her Master of Education degree in the same discipline from Texas A&M University. Her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education is from Texas Woman's University. A native of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Jones moved to Farmville from the University of Kentucky at Lexington, KY where she devoted fourteen years of her educational expertise at the state, national, and international level.

Before her appointment at Longwood University, Dr. Jones served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction in the College of Education teaching undergraduate and graduate literacy classes. For four years, she provided her expertise as an Associate Dean of the Graduate School for the university. Later, she was an appointed member of the University President's executive cabinet as Chair of the Presidents Commission on Diversity at the University of Kentucky for two years. She also served as the co-founder and Director of the *Center for the Study of Academic Achievement in Learning Environments* and as a co-researcher for the *Collaborative Center for Literacy Development* in the University of Kentucky's College of Education. She garnered more than 2.5 million dollars in grant funding for research in the area of literacy instruction for diverse populations. From 1998-2001, Dr. Jones was elected to serve as editor of *Action in Teacher Education*, the national referred journal for the Association of Teacher Educators. Dr. Jones was appointed an American Council on Education Fellow for 2002-2003 and served at the University of Kansas in the Office of the Chancellor under Dr. Robert Hemenway.

In the area of professional dissemination, she is the co-author of a field experience textbook, *Preparing Student Teachers for Pluralistic Classrooms*, published by Allyn and Bacon. A former public school, classroom teacher in inner-city environments of Texas, her research area is equity pedagogy which focuses on culturally responsive teaching practices. She is a widely published scholar in this area and is an expert in teacher education and multicultural education.

Dr. Jones is also the recipient of three University of Kentucky teaching awards, two Outstanding Service Awards from the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, an outstanding recognition award from the Association of Teacher Educators, an Outstanding Researcher Award from the Kentucky Reading Association, and a Torch of Excellence Award from the University of Kentucky Alumni Association for her administrative leadership in graduate education. Most recently, Dr. Jones has been honored with the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award from Texas A&M for her career scholarship, teaching, and service.

Dr. Jones is married to Mr. Stephen C. Jones; they have two adult daughters and two grandsons who live in Louisville, KY.