

NEASC Visiting Team Members

Dr. John Edward Sexton, Chair

Dr. Sexton has been President of New York University since 2001. He is also the Benjamin Butler Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus of the New York University School of Law, which he headed for 14 years. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Association of American University Presidents and the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author of the most widely used legal textbook on any subject, a text on Civil Procedure, and also *Redefining the Supreme Court's Role: A Theory of Managing the Federal Court System*.

Dr. June R. Aprille

Dr. Aprille is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Richmond in Virginia. Previously, she was the Henry Bromfield Pearson Professor of Natural Science at Tufts University. Her research area is mitochondria, the cellular components responsible for energy metabolism. She has a special interest in human mitochondrial disorders. The author of over 80 research articles and reviews, her research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, among others.

Dr. Nancy Armstrong

Dr. Armstrong is the Nancy Duke Lewis Professor of Comparative Literature, English, Modern Culture & Media, and Gender Studies at Brown University. Her fields of research interest include eighteenth and nineteenth-century British and American fiction, empire and sexuality, narrative theory, critical theory, and visual culture. She is the author of *How Novels Think: British Fiction and the Limits of Individualism*; *Fiction in the Age of Photography: The Legacy of British Realism*, with Leonard Tennenhouse; and *Desire and Domestic Fiction: A Political History of the Novel*, among other works.

Mr. Adam M. Keller

Mr. Keller is Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration at Dartmouth College. He served as a Financial Administrator in the Department of Community and Family Medicine before becoming the Chief Financial Officer of Dartmouth Medical School in 1991, and, in 1995, he became Associate Dean and Chief Operations Officer at the Medical School. Participated in the development of the Department of Community and Family Medicine into one of the preeminent departments in the country.

Mr. John Meerts

Mr. Meerts is the Vice president for Finance and Administration at Wesleyan University. In this position, he has responsibility for the Offices of Finance, Human Resources, Facilities and Legal Affairs. In addition, he continues his oversight of the Office of Information Technology Services, which he has led since coming to Wesleyan in 1996 from Yale University where he served as director of administrative systems.

Ms. Margaret (Peggy) E. Newell

Ms. Newell is the vice provost at Tufts University, assisting the provost on a broad range of University issues, including the strategic development of University priorities, oversight of the Office of the Boards of Overseers, and chair of the budget and policy committee for Arts, Sciences and Engineering. She also retains all of the responsibilities that she held from 1998-2004 as Associate Provost for Research. She oversees the office of grants and contracts administration, the office of technology and industry collaboration, the use of human subjects and laboratory animals in research, and research programs across Tufts' campuses. She also oversees the patenting and licensing of scientific discoveries and inventions through the Office of Technology and Industry Collaboration.

Mr. Glenn Nicholls

Mr. Nicholls is Vice President for Student Affairs at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His responsibilities include Athletics and Physical Education, Career Center, Disability Services, Housing and Residence Life, International Student Services, Multicultural Affairs, Student Judicial Programs, and University Health Services, among other offices. He served as Dean for Human Development at Saint Louis University and as Coordinator of the Off-Campus Student Center and as an Assistant Area Coordinator in the housing system at the Ohio State University.

Ms. Merrily E. Taylor

Ms. Taylor is Professor and University Librarian at Washington and Lee University. She has held various positions at the libraries of the University of South Florida, Yale University, Columbia University and Brown University, where she became the first occupant of the Joukowsky Family Endowed Chair for the University Librarian. At Washington and Lee University, she has continued the effort initiated by her predecessor to bring about a renovation of the James G. Leyburn Library, created a Friends of the Library organization, and enhanced library marketing and communication with the University community. She has also worked with staff to implement a number of improvements to information tools, collections and online resources, from WebBridge to

Eighteenth Century Collections Online. She regularly team-teaches a course on “Advanced Special Collections Administration” in the University of Virginia’s Rare Book School.

Dr. Frank Vellaccio

Dr. Vellaccio is the provost at The College of the Holy Cross, where he has worked since 1974, when he was hired as an assistant professor of chemistry, having earned his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from M.I.T. In 1986, he became dean of the College, overseeing the faculty, and academic and curricular policy. The following year, he became academic vice president and in 1996, he was named the College’s first provost, with dual responsibilities for both academic affairs and college development. He served as Acting President from the summer of 1998 until the summer of 2000. He is the author of numerous articles in scientific journals and a textbook, *Organic Chemistry*.

Mr. Norman Dorsen

Mr. Dorsen, while not formally a member of the visiting team, is participating at the invitation of President Sexton. He is the Frederick I. and Grace A. Stokes Professor of Law at New York University, Co-Director of the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Program, and Counselor to the President of the University.

Mr. Barnett “Russ” Hamberger

Mr. Hamberger, while not formally a member of the visiting team, is participating at the invitation of President Sexton. As Assistant Provost, Mr. Hamberger oversees the Office of Academic Program Review, administers NYU’s compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and serves as delegate to the University Athletic Association, among other responsibilities.