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### Edelma Huntley Named 2015-16 CGS Dean-in-Residence



Washington, DC — The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has announced that Edelma Huntley, Dean of the Graduate School and Chief Research Officer at Appalachian State University from 2006 to 2014, has been named the CGS Dean-in-Residence for 2015-16. Dr. Huntley brings to the post significant experience leading graduate education, including serving as President of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) from 2012 to 2014, and serving two terms on the CGS Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Huntley will join CGS on August 1.

The CGS Dean-in-Residence program was created to infuse a campus-based perspective and vision across a variety of the Council's programs and initiatives. The Dean-in-Residence works on multiple projects aligned with his or her interests and the Council's needs.

"Dr. Huntley has been at the forefront of national initiatives to develop professional master's programs in arts and sciences, and she has supported students in these programs by creating additional research opportunities for them," said CGS President Suzanne T. Ortega. "Her expertise in master's education will greatly benefit CGS members, especially as the Council prepares to launch new research efforts in this area."

In accepting the appointment, Huntley pointed to important issues in graduate education she will help the Council address. "CGS has been a valuable resource for me throughout my career, and I look forward with great excitement to participating more fully in the work that CGS is doing, particularly in preparing future faculty, preparing graduate students for careers outside the academy, and exploring new developments in master's education."

As Dean of the Graduate School and Chief Research Officer at Appalachian State University, Huntley oversaw development of the institution's first Professional Science Master's programs, graduate certificates, dual degrees, and accelerated baccalaureate-to-master's programs. She chaired a committee that envisioned and developed the Research Institute for Environment, Energy, and Economics. Huntley also created the Graduate Research Associates Mentoring Program at Appalachian State, providing two years of support for promising master's-level researchers to work with faculty mentors.

Dr. Huntley holds a PhD in Restoration and 18<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. At Appalachian State, she was the recipient of multiple teaching awards, including the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award and a campus-level, North Carolina Board of Governors Teaching Award.

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#### **About CGS**

*The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of over 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. Among U.S. institutions, CGS members award 91% of the doctoral degrees and 81% of the master's degrees. \* The organization's mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.*

*\* Based on data from the 2013 CGS/GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment and Degrees.*

#### **Photo caption**

*[Edelma Huntley, 2015-16 CGS Dean-in-Residence]*