

Debra W. Stewart

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Debra W. Stewart became President of the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) in July 2000. In 1975, she joined the North Carolina State University faculty and was professor of political science and public administration from 1984 to 2000. In 1983, she became Associate Dean of the Graduate School at North Carolina State and Dean of the Graduate School in 1988. In 1994, she served as Interim Chancellor at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Prior to joining CGS, she was Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Graduate School at North Carolina State University.

Stewart's service to graduate education includes chairing the GRE® (*Graduate Record Examinations*®) Board, the Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education, the Board of Directors of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the Board of Directors of CGS. She also served as Vice Chair of the ETS Board of Trustees, Trustee of the Triangle Center for Advanced Studies, and member of the American Council on Education Board and several National Research Council committees. In November 2007, her leadership in graduate education was recognized by the Université Pierre et Marie Curie with an honorary doctorate. Her alma mater, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, honored her in October 2008 with the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Stewart is the author, co-author and editor of books and numerous scholarly articles on administrative theory and public policy. She lectures nationally and internationally on graduate education issues and challenges. Her research focuses on ethics in managerial decision making.

She holds degrees from Marquette University, the University of Maryland and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.