



Dr. Karen L. Gould

Dr. Karen L. Gould has served as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Long Beach since March, 2007. Prior to this appointment, she served as dean of McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, the largest college at the University of Cincinnati (2001- 2007), and as dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia (1996- 2001). Dr. Gould has also held tenured faculty positions and administrative appointments at Bowling Green State University, Virginia Polytechnic University, and Bucknell University. She received her BA, *cum laude*, from Occidental

College in 1970, a diploma from the Sorbonne, and her Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Oregon in 1975.

As the chief academic officer of CSULB, one of the largest and most diverse of 23 public institutions in the California State University system, Dr. Gould is responsible for ensuring a high quality educational experience for 31,000 undergraduates and 7,000 graduate students, including 1,400 international students, in eight academic colleges. As provost, she provides academic leadership for the university and promotes excellence in all aspects of the university's academic mission, including general education, undergraduate and graduate degree programs, continuing education, academic advising, faculty and student research and creative activity, international education, community engagement and service learning, institutional research, academic technology, accreditation, faculty and staff development, and tenure and promotion. She co-chairs the university budget committee, oversees an annual budget for the Division of Academic Affairs of 170 million, and serves as secretary for the University Foundation. Dr. Gould also plays an active role across the CSU with other provosts on the Academic Council of the California State University system and is a member of the CSU Academic Council Advisory Committee, the system-wide Common Management System Executive Group, and the CSU Academic Technology Steering Committee.

As former dean of arts and sciences at the University of Cincinnati and in her current role as provost of California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Gould has expanded academic advising and first-year experience, invested in academic technology infrastructure for faculty and students, enhanced support for faculty and student research, scholarship, and creative activity, expanded study abroad and service learning opportunities, advanced community engagement activities, improved college and academic affairs communications efforts, and provided leadership for substantial fund-raising successes.

An internationally-known scholar in the field of French-Canadian literature and former editor of the interdisciplinary journal, *Québec Studies*, Dr. Gould is the author or co-editor of 6 books and over 50 articles and essays on contemporary Quebec literature, francophone women writers, and the modern French novel. She has received numerous grants, fellowships, and awards for her research and has been honored with the Canadian Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies in 2003 and the Donner Medal in Canadian Studies in 2005 for her research and professional contributions to the field of Canadian Studies. Active in the profession, she has served as president of the International Council for Canadian Studies, president of the American Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, and as a member of the executive board of the national Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences.