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Biography Summary

I retired as UCLA's Administrative Vice Chancellor in 2015, after forty-one years of administrative experience in various key roles on the campus.

My UCLA career began in the Human Resources Department (then called Staff Personnel) which ultimately led to positions of Employee Relations & Development Manager, and then Compensation and Benefits (C & B) Manager. During the period (1984-1987) of my tenure as C & B Manager, the University of California implemented major revisions to both its compensation and employee benefits programs. It was a critical time to be a C & B Manager, as I facilitated the implementation of significant changes in these programs at UCLA.

My career progression included the positions of Assistant Vice Chancellor – Facilities Management, Associate Vice Chancellor – General Services, and finally Administrative Vice Chancellor. In my role as Administrative Vice Chancellor, my responsibilities included the divisions of Human Resources, Information Technology Services, Corporate Financial Services, Housing & Hospitality Services, Facilities Management, Real Estate, Emergency Management, Environment, Health & Safety, Transportation, Early Care & Education, and Police, with oversight for a workforce of nearly 5000 employees.

As Administrative Vice Chancellor, I shielded from budget cuts the Campus Human Resources retirement counselor positions that provided critical services to prospective faculty and staff retirees. Additionally, I supported the campus health-benefit advisor position, which provided vital assistance to faculty and staff regarding complex health-benefit issues.

After retirement, I had a Recall assignment in which I performed special projects for the Chancellor's Office and developed a Management Enrichment Program for middle managers that is still in existence. I still teach one of the modules in the annual program.

I have served on the UCLA School of Education Educational Leadership Program (ELP) Alumni Advisory Board since 2015, and am currently Chairperson of the Board. I also teach a course on leadership and applied organizational theory in the ELP, a doctoral program in the School of Education.

I joined the UCLA Retirement Association Board in July 2021.

I have three degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, an MBA, and a Doctorate of Education, all from UCLA.