

## MUAA Speaker Biographies

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**Dr. Susannah Bartlow** is the Director of the new Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) at Marquette University. The GSRC is housed in the Office of the Provost and provides academic and support resources on gender-based violence, LGBTQIA identity, and gender education. Susannah relocated to the Midwest from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where she was the founding Director of the Women's Center and faculty in Women's and Gender Studies at Dickinson College. She earned a Ph. D. in English from the State University of New York University at Buffalo, where she also ran gender-based education programs for graduate students at the Institute for Research and Education on Women and Gender. Her research interests include racial justice in feminist literature and social movements and she is a member of the Anti-Racism/Anti White Supremacy Working Group of the Women's Center Committee of the National Women's Studies Association. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Susannah is enjoying exploring her new city from a home base in the Riverwest neighborhood.

**Dr. Mary DiStanislao** was named executive vice president at Marquette University in March 2012. She oversees the Office of Administration, Department of Human Resources and Division of Student Affairs. She also facilitates university-wide strategic planning in close association with the president and provost. Prior to assuming the role of executive vice president at Marquette, DiStanislao was senior associate director of athletics and the senior woman administrator at the University of Pennsylvania.

DiStanislao holds a doctorate in higher education from the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, a master of arts in education from the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University, and an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

**Dr. John Pauly** was named provost of Marquette University in 2008. He reports to the president and is responsible for all academic budget and institutional planning. As provost he provides intellectual vision and leadership for the 10 academic deans and the dean of libraries.

Under Dr. Pauly's leadership, Marquette has consistently met enrollment targets; increased diversity in the freshman class by 40%; established a Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; reorganized Marquette's Center for Teaching and Learning to strengthen its support of faculty teaching; and improved practices for assessing learning outcomes and tracking student academic performance.

Prior to assuming the role of provost in 2008, Dr. Pauly was the dean of the J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication from 2006 to 2008. Before coming to Marquette, he had been a professor at Saint Louis University for thirteen years, including nine as chair of its communication department.

Pauly, a native of Chicago and graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, received a bachelor of science in journalism with honors in 1972, a master of science in journalism in 1974, and a Ph.D. in communication in 1979, all from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His professional experience has included serving as a writing skills consultant for corporations such as Citibank and WiTel, a technical writer and editor for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers laboratory, and a drama reviewer for a daily newspaper.

**Dr. Stephanie Russell** is responsible for promoting the university's mission and Catholic, Jesuit identity, expressed in the search for truth, the discovery and sharing of knowledge, the promotion of a life of faith and the development of leadership expressed in service to others. Her responsibilities at the university, which she joined in 2001, include oversight of the Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality and Campus Ministry.

Russell has worked for many Jesuit institutions, including 11 years as the provincial assistant for lay formation and social ministry with the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. Russell's professional career has focused on pastoral ministry and education. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Marquette University and a master of arts in pastoral studies from St. Francis Seminary in Wisconsin. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Spring Hill College in 2009.

**Dr. William Welburn** is the Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Marquette University. He assists the Provost in setting a strategic direction on diversity at the university, working with faculty on hiring and retention, consulting with academic and student services and with individual colleges on student diversity issues, and on facilitating communication between academic units on best practices in building an inclusive community.

Dr. Welburn joined Marquette University after having served as Associate Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign from 2006 – 2009, where he assumed administrative responsibility for graduate student academic services, including initiatives on diversity and assisting in the establishment of an electronic thesis and dissertation program.

Dr. Welburn began his career in 1978 as a reference librarian for the Research Collections at Indiana University. Since that time, he has held positions in the libraries at Princeton University, William Paterson University, and the University of Iowa, and has taught in graduate programs in library and information science at Atlanta University, Rutgers University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Arizona. While at Iowa, he served as Assistant Dean of the Graduate College and interim chair of the African American World Studies Program.

A native of Chester County, Pennsylvania, Dr. Welburn received his Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from Syracuse University in 1975, his Master of Science in Library Science from Atlanta University in 1978, and PhD in Library and Information Science from Indiana University in 1991.