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## **Harrel named director of USI Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research**

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Dr. Peggy F. Harrel, an Owensboro, Kentucky, native who joined the faculty at the University of Southern Indiana in 1989, has been appointed director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, effective July 1. She previously was acting director of Graduate Studies and coordinator of grants and sponsored research, and continues as an instructor in English.

Among Dr. Harrel's professional affiliations, she currently is a committee member with the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools and a Liaison Officers Advisory Board member with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Office of Federal Programs. She also has been appointed to the Education and Professional Development Committee of the Society of Research Administrators, Midwest Section.

Dr. Harrel is a life member of the American Association of University Women and past president of the Evansville chapter. She has served on numerous committees at USI and has participated regularly in conferences and workshops sponsored by AASCU, AAUW, the Indiana Forum for Research Administrators, Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools, and National Council of University Research Administrators.

Dr. Harrel received a B.A. in English from Western Kentucky University and an M.A. in English linguistics and Ph.D. in English language and literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has taught high school English and math in Mississippi and New Mexico, was continuity director and a writer/producer for WMTV in Madison, and taught at UWM and Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. Prior to coming to USI, she spent four years in Washington, D.C., three as assistant to the director of the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition, then as associate director for administration and research at Friendship House Association, Inc.