

Patricia A. Nelson

### **Biography**

Dr. Patricia A. Nelson began her educational career as a teacher and administrator in the public schools in Illinois, Michigan and Alaska where she taught elementary, secondary, and special education. She has also served as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Akron in Ohio and Associate Dean of the College of Education at Penn State University. Additionally she served as an administrator and faculty member at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. She completed her doctoral work in Curriculum and Instruction at Brigham Young University and holds master's degrees in Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan University and Special Education from Northern Illinois University. Her baccalaureate degree is in Anthropology.

She has authored 56 refereed publications, two books, book chapters and over 50 articles and reports. She has served as principal investigator for over 45 research grants, including such projects as the Instituto para el Mejoramiento de la Enseñanza y el Aprendizaje a Través de la Tecnología, an international project with the Ministry of Education in Chile which won an Exemplary Program Award from the National University Continuing Education Association.

Dr Nelson has been recognized as a Christa McAuliffe National Fellow and an educational pioneer for her contributions to education by the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education and the National Education Association. She received the Teacher Educator of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators and the Outstanding Academic Outreach Administrator Award from Penn State University. She served as the Chair of the State University Deans of Education in Ohio and as a member of the Goodyear Leadership Network. She is currently serving as Chair of Education Programs for the Argosy University Denver Campus.