

AMY T. MCCANDLESS

COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON

Dean, The Graduate School of the College of Charleston



Amy T. McCandless has been dean of The Graduate School of the College of Charleston since July 2006. In this capacity, she has worked to increase funding for assistantships and research, helped establish the Graduate Student Association and the Graduate School Advisory Board, implemented responsible conduct of research training and introduced an annual graduate poster session.

McCandless has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in U.S. women's and

British history and has offered special topics classes on South Carolina history and on women in the American South and in Elizabethan England. As British studies coordinator from 2000 to 2006, she developed the College's British studies minor and for 10 years was involved in facilitating exchange programs with the United Kingdom and leading classes to England and Scotland from 1996 to 2006. Although her involvement in international programs is currently focused on graduate students, she continues to serve as the College's Fulbright Campus Representative.

McCandless has written a book on Southern women's higher education, several chapters and essays on S.C. women and a number of bibliographical essays on British women for *European Historical Biography*. She is a former chair of the Historic Commission, Town of Mt. Pleasant; past-president of the Southern Association for Women Historians. She is currently chair of the editorial board of the *South Carolina Historical Magazine* and chair of the South Carolina Graduate Deans Association. She is on the membership committees of the Council of Graduate Schools and the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools.

At the College, McCandless served as the Strategic Planning Steering Committee's faculty co-chair from 2007 to 2009. As a member of the Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association, she is working with the dean of the Honors College to prepare the College of Charleston's application for a charter. She was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta and Golden Key at the College of Charleston.

As dean, McCandless strives to increase the visibility of the College's graduate offerings, to promote opportunities and funding for individual and collaborative graduate student research, to review program structures and curricular offerings to ensure that they best enhance the missions of the College and the Graduate School and to increase faculty development and research opportunities. She serves as faculty sponsor for the Graduate Student Association and sponsors monthly "Dinner with the Dean" events that bring graduate students from every program together for camaraderie and conversation.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Modern British Social History, University of Wisconsin
M.A. in Modern British Social History, University of Wisconsin
M.B.A. in Personnel, University of South Carolina
A.B. in History, Sweet Briar College

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2008–Present: Dean, The Graduate School of the College of Charleston
2006–2008: Interim Dean, The Graduate School of the College of Charleston, and Associate Provost for Research, College of Charleston
2001–2006: Associate Provost, College of Charleston
1981–2001: Professor, Department of History, College of Charleston
1976–1981: Co-Editor, *South Atlantic Urban Studies*, College of Charleston

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2012–Present: Chair, Awards Committee, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools
2012–2013: Chair, South Carolina Graduate Deans Association
2010–2012: Co P-I NSF Partnerships for Innovation Grant
2010–Present: Chair of Editorial Board, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*
2008: Certificate of Appreciation, S.C. Fulbright Association
2005: Member, National Association for Female Executives
2004: Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program Award
2003: AYRA Grant, Undergraduate Research
2002: In Praise of Teaching Award, College of Charleston
2001: History of Education Society Book Prize for *The Past in the Present: Women's Higher Education in the Twentieth-Century American South* (1999, University of Alabama Press)
2000: Governor's Distinguished Professor Award, College of Charleston
1994, 1991, 1989, 1984: Research Fellow, University of South Carolina
1993, 1991, 1985: Summer Curriculum Grant, College of Charleston
1990–1992: S.C. Humanities Council Grant
1986: NEH Summer Seminar, Stanford University