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Janette Kenner Muir is the Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives and Services at George Mason University. Prior to this position, she served for five years as the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education. In her current role she works with the Academic Innovations and New Ventures unit, helping to manage the engine that makes academic innovations happen at Mason. In this role with the New Ventures team, she supports the creation of new initiatives on campus and addresses the policy areas and systems that need to be considered in supporting academic changes. With a 30-year history as a faculty member and administrator at Mason, she has built a solid foundation for working with both internal and external stakeholders in fostering relationships and dealing with change management.

Currently her primary responsibilities include: oversight of the Registrar's Office, the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity, and work with INTO, Mason's international recruitment joint venture. She also manages external relations with Northern Virginia Community College and the State Council for Higher Education, and she serves as Mason's chief academic liaison to Mason Korea.

Dr. Muir's academic life focuses in the areas of political communication, civic engagement and the study of the presidency (from campaigns to spouses). She is an editor of Readings in Political Communication, and was featured in a Harvard International Review symposium, writing about media, politics and citizen participation. She edited a volume honoring the life of Jane Blankenship, a leading rhetorical critic of the 20th century, published in the political communication series of Lexington Books. Her recent work focuses on Hillary Clinton in *A Companion to First Ladies*, published by Wiley Blackwell.

Committed to teaching excellence, Dr. Muir has been nationally recognized for the quality of her teaching, winning the Donald Eckroyd and Caroline Drummond Eckroyd Distinguished Teaching Award, and the George Mason University Teaching Excellence Award. She was named a Teaching Fellow for the Eastern Communication Association, and awarded a C-SPAN Fellow for her educational involvement with the cable network. She is recognized as a Centennial Scholar in the Communication discipline, and has served as president of the Eastern Communication Association, and past editor of *Communication Quarterly*, a top-tier journal in the Communication discipline. Dr. Muir served on Mason's Faculty Senate for five years in the position of Academic Policies Chair, and she served as an elected faculty representative to the Board of Visitors for four years.

Dr. Muir's Ph.D. is from the University of Massachusetts in the area of rhetoric and political communication. She also has degrees from Wake Forest University (MA, Communication) and Palm Beach Atlantic University (BS, Double major in Behavioral Science and Communication Arts).