

Spring 2018 RACEA Annual Meeting Guest Speakers

Dr. Tristan Denley

Tristan Denley currently serves as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at the University System of Georgia. Before moving to Georgia in May 2017 he served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents from August 2013 until May 2017, and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Austin Peay State University from January 2009. Originally from Penzance, England, Dr. Denley earned his PhD in Mathematics from Trinity College Cambridge, and held positions in Sweden, Canada, and the University of Mississippi. Throughout his career, he has taken a hands-on approach in a variety of initiatives impacting student success. In 2007, he was chosen as a Redesign Scholar by the National Center for Academic Transformation for his work in rethinking the teaching of freshmen mathematics classes.

Dr. Amber Garrison Duncan

Amber Garrison Duncan is a strategy director at Lumina Foundation where she leads a portfolio of work that supports the creation of a system where all learning can be validated and valued regardless of where it happens, and efficiently contribute to high-quality credentials. Lumina's work in this area includes competency-based education, learning frameworks, assessment, credential recognition and learner records, as well as quality assurance. These activities allow her to draw on her 15 years of experience as a campus-based student affairs professional, designing co-curricular learning experiences and leading assessment. She has researched and written on general education, assessment, Latinas in higher education and women in leadership. She is co-editor of the new book *Leading Assessment for Student Success: Ten Tenets That Change Culture and Practice in Student Affairs* (Stylus, 2015). Amber holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University, a master's degree from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D in educational leadership from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Denise Young

Denise Young Denise York Young joined SACSCOC as a vice president in 2017. Immediately prior, she was associate provost at the University of North Georgia, where she had responsibility for SACSCOC accreditation, assessment, and institutional research and facilitated planning processes. Dr. Young successfully led multiple universities through SACSCOC reaffirmations and several substantive changes. Prior to joining SACSCOC, Dr. Young served as a SACSCOC evaluator on Reaffirmation Committees, Special Committees, Off-Site Committees, 5th Year Review Committees, and Substantive Change Committees. She has presented several popular sessions at the SACSCOC annual meeting since 2004. Dr. Young holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the University of Nevada – Reno, a Master of Science degree in Animal Science from North Carolina State University, and a PhD in Higher Education and Educational Research from the University of North Texas.