

Educational Development Program  
Alumni Speaker Series

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 3:30 pm, 101 Jewett Hall

**Dr. Sherryl D. Weems**  
“EXCELLENCE WITHOUT EXCUSES”

**Dr. Sherryl D. Weems** received her Bachelor's of Arts in Education/Spanish Concentration from the **State University of New York at Fredonia '76**; Masters in Science in Education/Reading Specialist, and Doctorate in Education/Administration and Curriculum Planning both from the SUNY Buffalo; and a Masters of Arts in Theology from Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, New York. She also completed the Harvard Graduate School of Education Institute for Higher Education Certification Program in Management Development.

Dr. Weems just retired as Associate Vice-Provost for Continuing and Professional Studies and Executive Director of the Educational Opportunity Center at the University at Buffalo. In this dual administrative capacity, she had the oversight responsibility for creating access and opportunity for adult students (traditional and non-traditional) who seek formal education experiences, job training and workforce preparation on a variety of levels and in multiple capacities. Combined, these programs offer a unique response to degree and professional certificate seeking adults, adults in need of basic academic literacy, English as a Second Language, pre-college preparation, job preparation and specific job skill training. Assistant is also given to employers who have a commitment to improving workforce access, affording opportunities for training, and sustaining pipeline development.

Also serving as an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate School of Education at the SUNY Buffalo, Dr. Weems concentrates her teaching emphasis on introducing undergraduate/graduate students to the profession of teaching through various course sequences.

Dr. Weems works with a number of campus committees, community organizations, local employers, and educational organizations, to promote and create opportunities for literacy, continuing and professional education and economic and workforce development throughout the region. She has held board positions on a number of community service agencies and works closely in an advisory capacity to a number of educational and workforce development entities.

She is one of the founding members of Buffalo Prep, a member of Leadership Buffalo and currently serves on the Alumni Board of the State University of New York at Fredonia. In addition, she is appointed as a Board Director for the King Center Charter School in Buffalo New York, and she was most recently asked to serve on the Mayor's "Pathways Out of Poverty" Planning Board for the City of Buffalo.

Dr. Weems will be starting a new position as Provost at Victory University in Memphis, Tennessee, and was recognized as EDP's first Distinguished Alumni in 1981.

*The EDP Alumni Speaker Series provides a platform for EDP graduates to motivate and inspire students from a program and campus that have had a significant impact on shaping their lives. In addition to providing a means for current EDP students and other members of our campus community to interact with our EDP alumni, the event serves the purpose of highlighting the important work and success stories of our EDP alumni in varying fields. These special individuals continue to epitomize what it means to go “Above and Beyond.”*

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