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Dr. Deans comes to the Office of National Scholarships with a faculty background, having served for two years as an Assistant Professor in Residence in UConn's English Department where she taught native and twentieth-century American literature courses. Her research interests also include autobiography and adoption studies which has given her an appreciation for interdisciplinary perspectives and links between the humanities, science, and social sciences. On a national level, she has been Chair of the Alliance for the Study of Adoption, Identity, and Kinship, an interdisciplinary network of scholars.

She has also taught at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges as well as Kansas State University where, as an Assistant Professor in the English Department, she also served on the Women's Studies and American Ethnic Studies faculties. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from UMass, Amherst in 1998 and her B.A. in English and Religion from Bowdoin College in 1988. Before her career in higher education, Dr. Deans was an Associate Editor in the General Trade division at Doubleday in New York. She spends her free time reading and writing essays.