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In the course of her career, Joan Girgus has served as a faculty member and senior administrator at Princeton University and the City College of CUNY, as director of a national program to improve undergraduate science education for The Pew Charitable Trusts, and on a number of committees and boards in higher education.

From 1977-87, Girgus served as Dean of the College at Princeton. From 1996-2002, she served as chair of the Psychology Department. Currently, in addition to her responsibilities as professor of psychology, Girgus spends half her time as a special assistant to the Dean of the Faculty at Princeton with responsibility for issues concerning faculty diversity.

Girgus is one of the principals of The Learning Alliance, the first just-in-time provider of strategic expertise to college and university leaders. From 1993-2003, she was one of the principal organizers of the Pew Higher Education Roundtable and the Knight Higher Education Collaborative, which worked with a broad range of colleges and universities to identify "best practices" for academic restructuring, and was a consulting editor of Policy Perspectives, which published essays on major issues in higher education. From 1987 through 1999, Girgus directed the Pew Science Program, in which consortia of colleges and universities from across the country undertook collaborative projects to improve undergraduate science education.

Girgus is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Adelphi University, where she serves as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, The Wenner-Gren Foundation, and McCarter Theatre. She has previously served on the Board of Trustees of the American Association on Higher Education (AAHE) and Sarah Lawrence College, where she was vice-chair and chair of the Board and chair of the Executive and Finance Committee.

At Princeton, as dean of the college from 1977-87, Girgus chaired standing faculty committees on the course of study, examinations and standing, and undergraduate admission and financial aid, and served as a member of the President's cabinet. As professor of psychology since 1987, she has chaired the Committee on Women Faculty in Science and Engineering and the Faculty Committee on Conference and Faculty Appeal, and been a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee on Appointments and Advancements, the Faculty Advisory Committee on Policy, the President's Advisory Committee on Architecture, and the Faculty Committee on Athletics. At City College from 1969-77, Girgus served as assistant and associate professor and, for five years, as dean for the Division of Social Science.

Since 1970, Girgus' research on perceptual development and personality development has led to one book, five book chapters, thirty-eight articles in refereed journals, and forty papers delivered at conferences and conventions. She has also written papers on undergraduate science education and on women in science. Her research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Ford Foundation and the City University of New York

Girgus received her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College and both her M.A. and Ph.D. from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York City.