

Dr. Thomas M. Smith was appointed Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of the University of California Riverside on July 1, 2019. As the Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Smith serves as the chief academic and operating officer for the campus, providing academic leadership, managing day-to-day operations of the campus, overseeing resource allocation, and serving as a member of the campus leadership team. In the chancellor's absence, the provost serves as the chief executive officer of UCR. The Provost/EVC is responsible for implementation of the campus strategic plan, *UCR 2020: The Path to Preeminence*, and is currently leading the process to develop the next campus strategic plan.

From 2014 to 2019, Dr. served as the Dean of UCR's Graduate School of Education (GSOE). Over this time period, GSOE hired 21 new tenure-line faculty, of whom two thirds are faculty of color; doubled enrollment in teacher credentialing programs; and developed a new PhD program in Education Policy Analysis and Leadership and master's specializations in Diversity and Equity; Research, Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics; Education and Neuroscience; and Applied Behavioral Analysis. One of the largest academic undertakings during this time period was the development a cross-disciplinary undergraduate major in Education, Society, and Human Development—going from 0 to 500 students in just over two years. Between 2014 and 2019, annual GSOE external grant funding increased from \$1.3M to \$5.8M and GSOE exceeded its \$3M Living the Promise capital campaign goal by 180% (and set a new goal of \$6M). In 2018, he served concurrently as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

In his role as Professor of Educational Policy Analysis and Leadership, he focuses on partnering with schools and districts to improve student learning and college and career readiness. He is currently collaborating with researchers at Vanderbilt University, New York University, and the University of Washington and practitioners in the Inland Empire and San Francisco to develop, test, and implement a system of practical measures and routines for instructional improvement in mathematics.

Dr. Smith served as the PI and Executive Director (2014-2017) and Director (2010-2014) of the National Center on Scaling Up Effective Schools (NCSU), a national research and development center funded with a \$13M grant from the Institute for Education Sciences at the U.S. Department of Education. NCSU is a collaboration between 5 universities, 2 large urban districts, and a developer of educational tools and programs (EDC) formed to enhance the capacity of school districts to identify effective practices, design and test innovations that capture the core components of those practices, and then implement the innovations in ways that improve the learning opportunities for students from traditionally low performing groups. In addition, since 2006, Dr. Smith has also co-directed, with Professor Paul Cobb at Vanderbilt University, the MIST project—an NSF funded collaboration with four large urban districts to investigate, test, and refine a set of conjectures regarding the organizational arrangements, social relations, and material resources needed to enhance the impact of professional development on mathematics teachers' instructional practices. He is co-author of *Systems for Instructional Improvement: Creating Coherence from the Classroom to the District Office* (2018, Harvard Education Press). In 2019, Dr. Smith was appointed as a Fellow of the American Education Research Association.

Before assuming the deanship at UCR, Dr. Smith was a professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations at Peabody College of Education and Human Development, Vanderbilt University. Prior to arriving at Vanderbilt in 2001, Dr. Smith conducted and managed statistical research activities at the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

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