



**Pamela Gunter-Smith**  
**Provost and Academic Vice**  
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Pamela Gunter-Smith joined Drew University July 1, 2006 as Provost and Academic Vice President. In this role she serves as chief academic officer with overall responsibility for academic programs and academic support. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Porter Professor of Physiology at Spelman College from 1992-2006. At Spelman, Gunter-Smith chaired the Biology Department (1992-2002) and was the Associate Provost for Science and Mathematics (2002-2003). She also served as the Program Director for Spelman's NIH sponsored Center for Biomedical and Behavioral Research (2002-2003) and Spelman's Howard Hughes Medical Institute Program (1993-2002). She played an integral role in Spelman's enhancement of science curricula across the disciplines, the development of a mentoring program for junior faculty, and the building a science facility. Gunter-Smith has also held academic appointments at the George Washington University (Washington, DC) and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, MD).

For 12 years before joining Spelman (1981-1992), Gunter-Smith was as a research scientist and science administrator at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda, MD. In addition to conducting her own research, she was responsible for aligning the research of three laboratories along institutional priorities and had budgetary responsibility for all project resources.

Gunter-Smith has served on numerous committees that address science education and the underrepresentation of minorities in science. These include review panels for the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She recently served on the AP Biology Redesign Commission for the College Board and is a former co-chair of the Porter Physiology Development Committee for the American Physiological Society, the minority affairs committee of the society.

Gunter-Smith holds a BS in Biology from Spelman College and a PhD in Physiology from Emory University. She conducted postdoctoral studies at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston. She has published in the areas of gastrointestinal physiology and membrane ion transport. Gunter-Smith is a graduate of the 2001 HERS Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration receiving a Bush-Hewlett Administration Leadership Scholarship. In 2003-2004, she was an American Council on Education Fellow at the University of Miami working with university's president Donna Shalala.