

## **Richelle Blair**

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Richelle (Rikki) Blair's interest throughout her career has been curriculum development, incorporating innovative strategies into her classes, and improving mathematics experiences for students at the two-year college.

As Professor of Mathematics at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio (1981-2001) and former department Chairperson, Rikki worked hard to promote active learning for her students and bring technology into the curriculum. She is the author of two textbooks: *Introductory Algebra* and *Intermediate Algebra* for two-year college students.

Rikki is currently Past President of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC), Associate Director for Two-year Colleges of the 2010 CBMS National Survey of Undergraduate Programs in the United States, a Member of the Federal Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources of the National Science Foundation (2009-2011), a Member of the US National Commission on Mathematics Instruction (2009-2012). She also served as a mathematics consultant for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Pathways Project focusing on improvement of developmental mathematics education in two-year colleges (2009-2011).

Other professional activities include: Executive Committee of the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences (2007-2009), Editor of *Beyond Crossroads* (2006), MAA Committee on Two-Year Colleges (2002-2008 and 1992-1999), Executive Committee of the Mathematical Sciences Education Board (MSEB) of the National Research Council (1998-2001), Executive Director of the Ohio Mathematics and Science Coalition (1995-97), Statewide Coordinator for Administration for Ohio's Statewide Systemic Initiative (1991-93), a member of various national steering committees, numerous presentations at professional conferences. She has also served in the following roles in AMATYC: AMATYC Midwest Vice President, Chairperson of the Placement and Assessment Committee, a member of the 1995 Standards writing team, and AMATYC historian.

Rikki received her Ph.D. from Kent State University in Curriculum and Instruction.