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She was founding dean of the College of Education at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates and worked in Ankara, Turkey, while on a World Bank project. She served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Vietnam and Morocco. Earlier she was Dean of the College of Human Science and Services at the University of Rhode Island where she also served as Interim Dean of University Libraries, Director of the Curriculum

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