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*Regents Professor of Neuroscience and Director of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience
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H. Elliott Albers, Ph.D., is Director of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience and Regents Professor at Georgia State University. The Center is a consortium of metro Atlanta colleges and universities including: Georgia State University, Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Spelman College.

The Center, which began operation in 1999, has received over \$53 million from the National Science Foundation and the Georgia Research Alliance. More than 100 neuroscientists are engaged in the Center's research programs with the goal of understanding the basic neurobiology of social behaviors. The Center also directs comprehensive educational programs designed to educate the next generation of scientists and the general public.

Dr. Albers has published extensively on the neural basis of behavior, has served on multiple editorial boards and has served as a consultant for more than 30 scientific journals. His research program has been continuously funded by National Institutes of Health and/or the National Science Foundation for nearly 30 years.

He has been a member of numerous academic and scientific advisory boards and he has served as a liaison between academic institutions and the biotechnology industry. He has been an advisor to the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, NASA and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Before joining Georgia State University in 1986, Dr. Albers was a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He earned his doctorate from Tulane University and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Wendy Baldwin

*President/CEO
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Wendy Baldwin is president and CEO of PRB. She was vice president and director of the Population Council's Poverty, Gender, and Youth program. At the Population Council, she worked with country directors and professional staff to implement research to improve the future of young people. Prior to joining the Population Council, Baldwin was executive vice president for research at the University of Kentucky from 2003 to 2006; and deputy director for extramural research, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, from 1994 to 2002. From 1972 to 1992, she worked at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health. She served as deputy director from 1991 to 1994. During her tenure at NIH, she led the development of programs on adolescent childbearing and sexual behavior and AIDS risk behaviors. Baldwin has served on the boards of directors and advisory boards of a number of government agencies, professional associations, and other organizations including the National Academy of Sciences, National Science Foundation, Population Association of America, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, World Health Organization, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Baldwin received her Ph.D. in sociology and demography from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Nicole S. Ballenger

*Associate Provost, Office of Academic Affairs
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Nicole Ballenger joined University of Wyoming in 2004 as the head of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and began serving as associate vice president for Academic Affairs in 2005. She came to UW from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, where she began her career as an agricultural economist in 1984 and held various research and management positions. From 1993 to 1996 Nicole directed the National Research Council's study of the future of the land grant colleges of agriculture. During 1990 to 1991 she was senior staff economist for agriculture and trade for the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Nicole received her Ph.D. and M.S. degrees from University of California at Davis and her B.A. degree in economics from University of California at Santa Cruz. Her areas of economic research and analysis have included agricultural policy and trade, Mexican agriculture, linkages between agricultural trade and the environment, agricultural research policy, and the economics of diet and health. Nicole teaches an upper-division undergraduate course on the economics of world food and agriculture, while serving as associate vice president.

Dr. Roberta Balstad

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Roberta Balstad served as CIESIN's director at Columbia until spring 2006. She then became a senior fellow with CIESIN, continuing her research activities as co-PI with ADVANCE and the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (CRED). She is chair of the U.S. National Committee for CODATA (the ICSU Committee on Data for Science and Technology) and a member of the ICSU Committee on Scientific Planning and Review. She also chairs the St. Antony's College Trust (Oxford University) in North America.

Before joining CIESIN, Roberta directed the Division of Social and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation. She was the founder and first Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), which mobilized a successful campaign to overturn massive cuts to the social sciences proposed by the Reagan administration in 1981. She has published extensively on science policy, information technology and scientific research, remote sensing applications and policy, and the role of the social sciences in understanding global environmental change. Roberta received her Ph.D. in history from the University of Minnesota.

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Edith Parker, DrPH is a Professor and head of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health in the University of Iowa College of Public Health. Previously she was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and Associate Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education. Her research focuses on the development, implementation and evaluation of community-based participatory interventions to improve health status and reduce health disparities. Her research includes studies focused on women's and children's health, childhood asthma, environmental justice, and environmental risk communication. She has directed or co-directed studies funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Dr. Leslie P. Tolbert

*Vice President for Research, Graduate Studies, and Economic Development
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Leslie Tolbert, Ph.D., is the Vice President for Research, Graduate Studies, and Economic Development of the University of Arizona. In this role, she supports the scholarly and creative activities of the faculty, promotes technology transfer and commercialization, and oversees the graduate programs of the university. Dr. Tolbert received her A.B. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University and served on the faculty at Georgetown University's School of Medicine before moving to the UA in 1987. For over 25 years, she has led an NIH-funded research group that investigates mechanisms underlying the critical role of sensory input in guiding the development of the brain. Her faculty home is in the Arizona Research Labs Division of Neurobiology, and she currently holds a Regents' Professorship. Dr. Tolbert has served on numerous grant-review committees, as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Comparative Neurology, and as president of the Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs and of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences. She is active in the AAAS and the Society for Neuroscience and is a member of numerous boards, including those of the Arizona Center for Innovation, the Arizona Technology Council, the Critical Path Institute, the Large Binocular Telescope, Opening Minds Through the Arts, and the Southern Arizona Leadership Council.

Dr. Kathie L. Olsen, Chair

*Founder, Managing Director
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Kathie L. Olsen is the founder and managing director of ScienceWorks, a consulting firm that helps people and organizations succeed in science and engineering research. Before founding ScienceWorks, Dr. Olsen served over 20 years in the federal government in a variety of administrative and scientific leadership positions including the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of the National Science Foundation (NSF); Associate Director and Deputy Director for Science in the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of the President; and Chief Scientist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Acting Associate Administrator for NASA's Biological and Physical Research Enterprise. She also was the Vice President, International Programs at the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (A·P·L·U), a non-profit organization. Dr. Olsen earned a B.S. in Biology and Psychology with honors from Chatham College and Ph.D. in Biology (Neuroscience) from the University of California, Irvine. Following her Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Neuroscience at Children's Hospital of Harvard Medical School, she became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Medical School, as well as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology at the George Washington University. Her research on neural and genetic mechanisms underlying development and expression of behavior was supported by the National Institutes of Health. She has served on review panels for U.S. federal agencies including National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and Department of Defense, foreign governments, and UNESCO. Dr. Olsen holds numerous awards, including the Norwegian Royal Order of Merit; government agencies; institutions; and scientific societies. She is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Association for Women in Science and has been awarded four honorary doctoral degrees.