

**Dixie M. Blackley** is associate dean of Arts and Sciences. She works closely with Dean Christopher Jones on faculty evaluations and on various initiatives that promote academic excellence within Arts and Sciences. She represents the Office of the Dean on several College-wide committees, Faculty Senate committees, and special projects.

Dr. Blackley believes strongly in the value of collaboration with other divisions of the College to support and enhance the teaching and learning environment at Le Moyne. She participates in several programs and processes offered by the Division of Student Development that encourage and support students' academic success. Since June 2013, she has worked alongside staff from the Division of Information Technology to manage the transition to Le Moyne's new learning management system for hundreds of faculty and thousands of students.

Prior to joining the Dean's office in January 2012, Dr. Blackley was a key member of the leadership teams for the College's most recent decennial evaluation (2005-2006) and periodic review (2011) by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. She was appointed as Assistant to the Provost for Student Learning Assessment in August 2009, with responsibility for supporting and coordinating program-level assessment activities for academic majors and the Core curriculum. She continues to serve as Assistant to the Provost and as coordinator of preliminary activities related to Le Moyne's next decennial evaluation in 2015-2016.

In her academic department, Dr. Blackley is professor of economics and has taught both introductory and upper-level courses, including the Economics of Poverty and Econometrics. She is faculty adviser for the Alpha Omega chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society in economics and is acting chair of the economics department for the Fall 2013 semester.

Dr. Blackley graduated from Wittenberg University with a degree in Mathematics and Economics. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Dr. Blackley began her teaching career at Le Moyne College in the fall semester of 1982. Needless to say, she has observed remarkable change at the College and in higher education during the ensuing decades.