

2018 DISTINGUISHED WOMAN SCHOLARS

*Thursday, March 22, 2018
Purdue Memorial Union (PMU)
Anniversary Drawing Room*

2:00 | Welcoming Remarks

Mangala Subramaniam

Chair and Director, Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence

2:10 | Introduction and Presentation of Distinguished Woman Scholars,
with statements from Honorees

Jay Akridge

Provost and Chief Diversity Officer

Honorees

Christine M. Ladisch, Ph.D., Textile Science, 1978

Kay A. Lawton, Ph.D., Horticulture, 1990

Deborah E. McDowell, Ph.D., English, 1979

Marilyn K. Speedie, Ph.D., Pharmacy, 1973

3:00 | Reception

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Christine M. Ladisch was appointed Dean of Purdue University's College of Health and Human Services (HHS) in January 2013. She has served as the Inaugural Dean of the college since its creation on July 1, 2010. Under her leadership, the college has grown in enrollment, external research funding, new academic programs including the Master of Public Health, and is well on its way to exceeding its fundraising goal for the Ever True Campaign. Prior to her appointments as Dean and Inaugural Dean, she served as Purdue's Vice Provost for Academic Affairs since July 2005 and as Associate Provost since 2001. Dr. Ladisch has been a member of the faculty since 1979. She is a member of the Teaching Academy and is listed in Purdue's Book of Great Teachers.



Kay A. Lawton has worked in the biotechnology industry as a scientist, inventor, and is currently the Vice President of Intellectual Property at Metabolon, Inc., a biotechnology company advancing metabolomics for precision medicine and life sciences research in Research Triangle Park, NC. Before joining Metabolon, she led a global project team at Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc., which focused on commercial applications of plant genomics discoveries to improve disease resistance and enhance crop production. Kay earned her PhD in 1990 from Purdue University in the laboratory of Dr. Randy Woodson. She earned her MS at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and her BS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.



Deborah E. McDowell is an internationally recognized scholar of African-American literature, and has been a member of the English faculty at the University of Virginia since 1987. She was named the Alice Griffin Professor of English in 2000. Emerging in the 1980s as a leading figure in the development of African-American women's literature and feminist critical theory, McDowell founded the African-American Women Writers Series for Beacon Press and served as its editor from 1985 to 1993. Her publications include: *The Changing Same: Studies in Fiction by African-American Women* (1995) and *Leaving Pipe Shop: Memories of Kin* (1997), as well as numerous articles, book chapters and scholarly editions. Her most recent co-edited book is *The Punitive Turn: New Approaches to Race and Incarceration*. Since 2008, McDowell has directed UVA's Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia.



Marilyn K. Speedie is Dean Emeritus of the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, having stepped down as Dean in July 2017. As Dean, her leadership interests included developing the college's education, research and clinical practice missions including drug discovery and development, and advancing pharmacy practice to improve care for patients. During her deanship she expanded the pharmacy program to the campus of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, established the Center for Leading Healthcare Change, and built a national presence for the College of Pharmacy. In 2014 she was awarded the American Pharmacists Association's highest honor, the Remington Medal Award, for her leadership in the profession. Dr. Speedie served a 3-year presidential term for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy from 2005-08.

