

JUDITH A. BENSE, Ph.D.

EDUCATION:

Bachelors of Arts (1967) Florida State University, Anthropology/Archaeology
Masters of Science (1969) Florida State University, Anthropology/Archaeology
Doctor of Philosophy (1972) Washington State University, Anthropology/Archaeology

ACADEMIC FIELD: Archaeology [Spanish Colonial and Woodland Culture (1000 BC-100 AD)]

PRESENT POSITION: President, University of West Florida, July 2008 - Present

Position History:

- 1977 Joined UWF as Adjunct Instructor of Anthropology/Archaeology, Panama City Center
- 1978-79 Senior Research Archaeologist, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
- 1980 Rejoined UWF: Research Associate (1980-83); Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1983-85); Director Archaeology Institute (1985-2005); Assistant Professor (1985-87); Associate Professor (1987-1994); tenured (1988); Professor of Anthropology (1994-present); Chair Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2000-01); Chair, Department of Anthropology (2001-2007); Executive Director Division of Anthropology and Archaeology (2006-2008)

Presidential Professional Affiliations:

- American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
Committee on Policies and Purposes
- American Council on Education (ACE)
Commission on Effective Leadership
Women in Higher Education Florida Network Sponsor
- Association of Governing Boards (AGB)
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
Division II Presidents Council
- Gulf South Athletic Conference
Elected Vice Chair June 2010
Elected Chair June 2012

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:

- Founded Presidents Coalition of Higher Education in Northwest Florida
- Increase University Enrollment (20% in 2009-12)
- Student Life: Construct Two 250 Bed Residence Halls (2010-12; \$30M)
- Athletics: Established the Athletic Visioning Process to Expand Sports (Women's Swimming and Diving and Football) and Athletic Facilities
- Develop a Sustainable and Productive Emerald Coast Campus Operation
- New Facilities:
 - College of Business Education Center (\$11M)
 - Health and Wellness Center (\$10M)
 - Completed Construction on the School of Science and Engineering
- Development of UWF Properties through Public Private Partnerships (e.g. Hotel-Conference Center, Housing, Historic Pensacola Village, West Campus)

Community/Regional Affiliations:

- Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Florida's Great Northwest Workforce Innovation and Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Board of Directors

MAIN AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

As President

- 2012 #1 on "Pensacola Power List" by the *Independent News*
- 2012 Chair, Facilities Funding Task Force, State University System Board of Governors
- 2011 Woman of the Year: Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce
- 2010 Sportsman of the Year, Pensacola Sports Association
- 2010 Partner of the Year, Florida Small Business Development Center (FL-SBDC)
- 2010 Appointed to the American Council of Education's State of Florida Presidential Sponsor Council
- 2009 Liberty Bell Award, Pensacola Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
- 2009 Emerging Leader of the Year, Pensacola Business Journal
- 2009 Appointed to the Professional Science Master (PSM) Advisory Board by the Board of Governors

As Archaeologist and Professor

- 2010 Inducted into the order *Isabella de Catholica* by King Juan Carlos of Spain
- 2010 Senator Bob Williams Award in Historic Preservation in Florida (by Secretary of State)
- 2009-10 Chair, Board of Directors, National Center for Preservation Technology (appointed by Secretary, Department of Interior)
- 2009 Harrington Medal from Society for Historical Archaeology-Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2006 Pace Professional Leadership Award; Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce
- 2005 Florida Culture and Heritage Tourism Council; Appointed by Governor Bush
- 2005 President, Society of Historical Archaeology
- 2002-2009 Chair, Florida Historical Commission
- 2002 Award of Merit for Public Archaeology: Society for Historical Archaeology
- 2001, 1994 Distinguished Teaching Award
- 1999 Presidential Award for Government Affairs Leadership: Society for American Archaeology
- 1998 Ripley P. Bullen Award: Florida Anthropological Association contribution award for outstanding achievement in encouraging cooperation between professional and avocational archaeologists.
- 1986 National Public Service Award from the Department of the Interior (First award for archaeology)

Research and Scholarly Highlights

- Authored Five Books:

2006 *Unearthing Pensacola* (coffee table book for the public)

2003 *Presidio Santa María de Galve (1698-1719): Struggle for Survival on the Spanish Frontier*

1999 *Archaeology of Colonial Pensacola 1750-1821: A First Synthesis*

1994 *Archaeology of the Southeastern United States: Paleoindian to World War II*

1989 *Underground Pensacola*, (coffee table book for the public)

- Authored Seventeen chapters in books and professional journals on Spanish colonial archaeology, public archaeology, prehistoric Native American archaeology

- Awarded over 75 grants and contracts totaling over \$6 million