



James L. Applegate

James L. Applegate has served as Senior Fellow and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education from 1999 through 2008. As chief academic officer in Kentucky, he has coordinated statewide research and teaching initiatives supporting institutional engagement in a public agenda for higher education and growth in Kentucky's knowledge-based economy. Much of this work has focused on promoting partnerships between higher education and external constituencies to foster economic and community development. He has played a leading role in state policy efforts to dramatically increase college participation, especially for low income, minority, and first generation students. He currently serves on the American Council on Education's Advisory Committee for its Center for Policy Research, the ACT's Education Advisory Board and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings's steering committee advising on the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education.

Applegate previously served as Professor of Communication at the University of Kentucky. From 1984 until 1999 he was Chair of that Department. He also served as University Senate Chair.

He served as President of the National Communication Association, the world's largest association of communication scholars, and the Southern Communication Association. As a disciplinary leader he focused on creating research and teaching that was more engaged with public needs. He has authored numerous articles, book chapters, and research reports on communication processes recognized by various organizations for their contributions to the discipline. As a consultant, Applegate has conducted over 250 lectures, seminars, and workshops for private, academic and government organizations designed to improve organizational policies and communication practices.

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