

Ofelia Garcia, Chair – Jersey City Sworn in 2007

Ofelia Garcia recently retired as a Professor of Art at William Paterson University, where she also served as Dean of the college of the Arts and Communication beginning in 1997. Previous administrative posts include the presidencies of Rosemont College and of the Atlanta College of Art, and the directorship of The Print Center in Philadelphia. She has been faculty and administrator at Boston College and Newton College and faculty critic at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. She holds a BA from Manhattanville College and an MFA from Tufts University/Boston Museum School, with postgraduate work at Duke University. She has lectured widely on fine prints and related matters, as well as on higher education, and has juried numerous national art competitions and print exhibitions. She is chair emerita of the Jersey City Museum board. Previous volunteer service includes the boards of Haverford College, the American Council on Education, co-Chair of the Mayor's Commission for Women, Philadelphia; the board of the College Art Association and as national president of the Women's Caucus for Art. She has served as panelist for the state arts councils of Pennsylvania, Georgia and New Jersey. Ms. Garcia currently serves the Hudson County commission for public art and the national board of Catholics for Choice. She is an avid collector of works on paper.