

Monica Varner Named Associate Provost at SWOSU

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Dr. Monica Varner has been named associate provost at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Varner will start March 2 at SWOSU.

Varner comes to SWOSU from Arkansas Tech University, where she served as the director for the Office of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning since the fall of 2013. During her tenure at Arkansas Tech where she also was associate professor of sociology, Varner led assessment, institutional effectiveness and teaching/ learning initiatives.

Prior to Arkansas Tech, Varner served for 10 years at Rogers State University as faculty member in sociology and counseling as well as the program coordinator for the bachelor's degree in community counseling.

Varner has extensive experience in course redesign, service learning pedagogy and the evaluation of student learning. She also serves as an assurance coordinator with the Higher Learning Commission and provides guidance with national and regional accrediting processes. Varner has provided national presentations on assessment, continuous improvement, and teaching and learning pedagogies at the Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Annual Gateways Course Experience Conference, National Assessment Institute, National Conference on Learner-Centered Teaching, and Campus Compact Heartland Conference. She serves as a consultant with the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education where she promotes strategies for student success and student-centered teaching and learning activities.

Among her duties as associate provost at SWOSU will be managing regional and professional accreditation, institutional effectiveness through strategic planning, and academic program planning and evaluation.