

Paul E. Lingenfelter

Paul E. Lingenfelter became Executive Director of SHEEO (State Higher Education Executive Officers) in June 2000. His work at SHEEO has focused on increasing successful participation in higher education including: strengthening student preparation by building stronger relationships with K-12 educators, improving the quality of teaching, developing accountability systems that contribute to improved performance, improving mechanisms for developing state higher education policy, and developing the data systems and financial policies needed to achieve educational improvement.

From 1985 to 2000 he served on the staff of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, where in 1996 he was appointed Vice President to establish and lead the MacArthur Foundation Program on Human and Community Development. Before this appointment, he was involved in the full range of the Foundation's international and domestic programs as Associate Vice President for Planning and Evaluation and Director of Program Related Investments.

Prior to the MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Lingenfelter served as Deputy Director for Fiscal Affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. As well, he has been retained as a consultant by the United States Corporation for National Service, the Laidlaw Foundation in Canada, the Education Commission of the States, the New York Board of Regents, and the U.S. Office of Education.

Dr. Lingenfelter's educational background includes an A.B. from Wheaton College in Literature, an M.A. from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in higher education.

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