Yakimowski Named Assistant Dean for Assessment in Its College of Education

Mary E. Yakimowski, Sacred Heart University
Mary E. Yakimowski has been named assistant dean for assessment at Sacred Heart University’s Isabelle Farrington College of Education (FCE). In this new role, Yakimowski will provide leadership in the development, implementation and administration of a comprehensive assessment system for FCE students and programs.

Yakimowski most recently served as an assistant professor within the FCE’s Department of Educational Leadership and Literacy. Before arriving at SHU in August 2014, she was an associate professor-in-residence for nine years at the University of Connecticut’s Neag School of Education, serving as the director of assessment and affiliated with the Department of Educational Psychology and the Department of Educational Leadership.

In her nearly 30 years in education, Yakimowski has worked in urban pre-K-12 public schools in Connecticut, Virginia and Maryland, served as an adjunct at UConn, Virginia Tech and Johns Hopkins and worked for the Connecticut Department of Education and Council of Chief School Officials. As an active member for three decades with the American Educational Research Association, Yakimowski has received 13 Outstanding Publication Awards in the assessment, program evaluation and accountability categories.

“Upon joining the SHU community last year, I was impressed with the collaborations between colleagues and students in the Department of Educational Leadership & Literary at the FCE,” Yakimowski says. “In this newly created position, I look forward to continuing these relationships and extending these efforts to individuals in the Department of Teacher Education. Today, the field of education is incredibly exciting as we are striving for high standards at all levels. Our college embraces these high standards. I am looking forward to further enhancing the college’s assessment culture by establishing and encouraging evidence-based decisions that may advance knowledge, improve teaching and transform learning.”

Yakimowski completed her doctorate in educational psychology with an emphasis in evaluation and measurement at UConn. She earned her bachelor’s degree at Bridgewater State College and her master’s at UConn.