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Dr. M. Jean Keller is a professor in the Department of Kinesiology, Health Promotion, and Recreation and serves as the Dean of the College of Education at the University of North Texas. She received a bachelor's of science and master's of science degree from The Florida State University in Recreation and Leisure Studies. Her doctoral degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies is from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining the University of North Texas in 1989, she was a faculty member and statewide therapeutic recreation consultant at the University of Georgia.

She has written or edited eleven books and twelve refereed chapters, and authored over 100 articles on therapeutic recreation and gerontological topics. Recent work includes Caregiving – Leisure and Aging and Therapeutic Recreation: Cases and Exercises (with Barbara C. Wilhite, 2nd edition).

Dr. Keller has given over 300 presentations in the United States and several countries. She is the recipient of national, regional, and statewide awards including the Distinguished Professional Award presented by the National Therapeutic Recreation Society; the J.B. Nash Scholar Award for Research presented by the American Association of Leisure and Recreation; and the National Service to Youth Award presented by the Boys and Girls Club of America. Additionally, she was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by The Florida State University.

She served as chair of the Board of Directors for the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation Certification; as program coordinator for the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Conference; and as chair of the Therapeutic Recreation Symposium for the Southwest.

She currently serves as an associate editor for the Therapeutic Recreation Journal, and is on the editorial boards of the Annual in Therapeutic Recreation and Activities, Aging, & Adaptations. Dr. Keller has been awarded over 9 million dollars of funding by external agencies for research and innovative projects.