



## Welcome Dr. Zimpher!

### Cover Story

SUNY awaits with great expectation, our new chancellor, Dr. Nancy Zimpher who starts her tenure in [June 2009](#). SUNY's Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) adds its welcome and best wishes to Dr. Zimpher for many years of service to our university system.

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The [Search Committee](#) is to be commended for a fine choice. Zimpher has many years of experience in higher education, she has public higher education experience, experience in advocating for institutions via state government. She is an author and a scholar, a student of educational systems for many years.

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We would also like to acknowledge (as does Dr. Zimpher in the following [quote](#)) the historical aspect of SUNY soon to have its first woman as chancellor. "Well, in a word it feels great. I'm terribly excited, but let me respond to what I think the underlining question is. I have been the first woman Dean of the college of education at the Ohio State University, the first woman chancellor at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, the first woman resident of the University of Cincinnati, and now the first woman chancellor of The State University of New York...a student said 'don't you get tired of being introduced as the first woman whatever?' It was a question that took me aback at the time, but what I said I think reveals what I think, when it doesn't need to be said anymore, it won't be. Until then as we increase in our ranks, let's celebrate the evolution." ( [Read a transcript](#); [watch the video on YouTube](#))

Dr. Zimpher has also shown her advocacy for reading. *UC President Nancy L. Zimpher is one of the Cincinnati leaders who will be featured in a "Reading Wall" poster display at the [Books by the Banks Festival](#) [2008] downtown.*

Her 2007 [State of the University Address](#) referenced libraries amongst other great institutions.

*And what, you might ask, is the irrefutable attraction to these cities? The presence of anchor institutions, universities among them. So says [CEOS for Cities](#):*

*"Universities, community colleges, museums, libraries, municipal enterprises, hospitals, parks, performing arts centers and sports arenas are all included in the array of institutions that can contribute to the culture, economy and vitality of cities."*

*These institutions are hardly foot-loose. Rather they represent what CEOS for Cities calls “sticky capital.” “They cannot easily pick up and leave the community. So they have special importance to the re-making of a city and its future, and they have special reason to want to be instrumental in shaping their cities’ future [although all will not choose to do so.]”*

*Thus, my thesis: Great Cities Need Great Universities AND Great Universities Need Great Cities, and a focus on the University of Cincinnati’s involvement in shaping our nation’s future, reaching beyond our campus boundaries to our neighborhoods, our city, our region, our state and our nation.*

Here's one example of tangible evidence in support of libraries:

**Eleven projects have selected to receive UC\21 funding.** *The UC\21 seed grants, [announced](#) by President Nancy L. Zimpher, are made possible from individual and corporate gifts as well as faculty and staff donations. “Our university has made great strides on all six UC\21 goals, and we continue to work toward even greater progress. These projects are all aligned to our objectives and academic priorities,” said President Zimpher.*

*The funded projects and their award amounts [include] -- 24/7 Computer and Library Study Space - \$40,000 - to provide SmartBoards, projectors, moveable tables and chairs for a 24-hour-computer lab and study space the UCit and Universities Libraries plan to open at Langsam Library in winter quarter 2008.*

Finally, let's take a look at some of what our soon to be new chancellor has been reading, writing and thinking --

***A Good Book*** -- President Nancy L. Zimpher

*The Creation of the Future: The Role of the American University* by Frank H.T. Rhodes

*The Creation of the Future: The Role of the American University* made the list of recommended [readings for our University](#) of Cincinnati academic planning process because its author provides a striking mix of history, examination of the issues crucial to the survival of American universities, and recommendations for the future...

**[New Work](#) from NCTAF Features Chapter by Howey, Zimpher**

*How to provide every child in the United States with a high-quality, world-class education remains one of the pressing challenges of the 21st century. In a new book, Professor Kenneth Howey and President Nancy Zimpher join thought leaders in suggesting solutions to this issue.*

*In a new book published by the National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future, Professor Kenneth R. Howey and President Nancy L. Zimpher examine community-wide partnerships that focus on the education pipeline from preschool through college graduation as a way to solve core structural problems in the U.S. educational system. The book, [Building a 21st Century U.S. Education System](#), is edited by Robert Wehling, chairman of the board of Common Sense Media and former global marketing officer at Procter & Gamble. The book presents ideas on how to provide every child with a high-quality, world-class educational opportunity.*

**[2007 Authors, Editors & Composers](#)**

*President's New Books Focus on Collaboration, Urban Teachers*

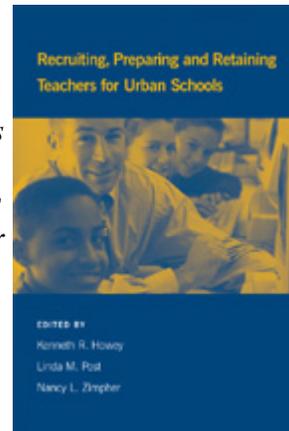
Two new books co-edited by President Zimpher have been released in recent weeks. *Creating a New Kind of University* explores institutional transformation through university-community collaboration. *Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Teachers for Urban Schools* examines the complexities of preparing teachers for urban settings.



Community engagement and urban teaching are the topics covered in two new books co-edited by President Nancy L. Zimpher:

*Creating a New Kind of University* examines university-community engagement and is co-edited by Stephen L. Percy, director of the Center for Urban Initiatives and Research and chancellor's deputy for The Milwaukee Idea at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Mary Jane Brukardt, special assistant to the president at Eastern Washington University and a writer and consultant to higher education. The book is published by Anker publishing and builds on the editors' previous work, *A Time for Boldness*. It features chapters contributed by more than 15 authors, including a chapter by President Zimpher about presidential leadership in institutionalizing engagement.

*Recruiting, Preparing and Retaining Teachers for Urban Schools* looks at the complexities of attracting, preparing and supporting teachers who are both caring and qualified for urban settings. The co-editors on the book are Kenneth R. Howey, UC professor of research in education, and Linda M. Post. The book is published by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

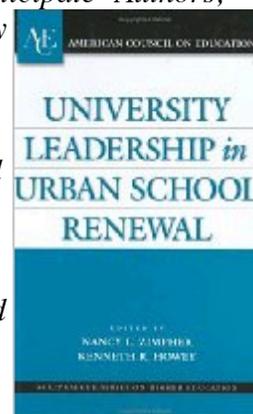


**University Libraries honor UC's Authors, Editors & Composers**

University Libraries held the 14th annual "*Authors, Editors & Composers*" event on April 20, 2005 to showcase the scholarly and creative achievements published or produced in 2004 by the faculty of the University of Cincinnati.

"Our library faculty, staff, and Friends group eagerly anticipate 'Authors, Editors & Composers' each year as the ideal opportunity to express our pride and appreciation for UC's faculty," said Victoria A. Montavon, Dean and University Librarian and host of the reception. This year's event included remarks from four featured authors, editors and composers:

UC President Nancy L. Zimpher spoke about university leadership in *Urban School Renewal*, the book she edited with Kenneth R. Howey, UC Research Professor in the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human services.





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