

## MARY BURGAN

Mary Burgan served as general secretary of the American Association of University Professors from 1994 until she retired in 2004. Burgan received her B.A. from Seton Hill College in Pennsylvania, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana. In May 1999 Burgan received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Marquette University.

Burgan was professor of English (now emerita) at Indiana University, where she taught from 1964 to 2004. From 1992 to 1993 she was Distinguished Visiting Professor of Humanistic Studies at Marquette University. She also held several administrative assignments at Indiana including Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the English Department. She also was elected leader of the Bloomington and University Faculty Councils. She became General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in 1994 and served in that position for ten years. In September 2004, she accepted a residency at the Rockefeller Center in Bellagio, Italy, and in the following spring, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for Higher Education Studies at the University of California-Berkeley.

Her scholarly publications include many articles, reviews, and lectures. Her writing encompasses broad areas, including nineteenth-century English and American literature, children's literature, women in literature, and nineteenth-century social history. Her book, *Illness, Gender, and Writing: The Case of Katherine Mansfield*, was published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in the fall of 1994. She also has written extensively on professional issues arising from her experience as department chair, her work with disciplinary organizations, and her position as general secretary of the AAUP. In 2006 Johns Hopkins published her book on the marginalization of faculty in post-secondary education: *Whatever Happened to the Faculty? Drift and Decision in Higher Education* (issued in paperback in 2009).

On the national level in her discipline, she served two terms on the Delegate Assembly of the Modern Language Association, chaired that organization's Committee on Careers, sat on the Executive Committee of the Association of Departments of English, and chaired the ADE committee on partner hiring. She has been a Danforth Associate and from 1987 to 1994, she was a member of the faculty of the Lilly Endowment Workshop in the Liberal Arts. In 2002 she was awarded the Frances Andrew March Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession of English by the Association of Departments of English.

In the November/December (2009) issue of AAUP's *Academe* featured a major article of hers on "Special Interest Centers in the Academy." She received an honorary degree from Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina, at its mid-year commencement on December 19, 2009. Also in December 2009, she appeared on a panel at the modern Language Association meetings in Philadelphia, to speak about her lead chapter in the forthcoming volume on women's service in academy. The chapter is titled "Women in the 'Pre-Feminist' Generation in the Academy," and the book is titled *Over Ten Million Served: Gendered Service in Language and Literature Workplaces*, published by SUNY Press.