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## Junctures in Women's Leadership: Higher Education

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"Each of the essays in this volume offers compelling examples of the transformative power of women's leadership in higher education at all types of institutions. Beyond detailing familiar and persistent barriers that have slowed women's progress at the highest levels in the academy, the authors showcase models for reforming institutional and organizational cultures in ways that promote structural change and value women's authentic leadership styles."

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*Junctures in Women's Leadership: Higher Education* illuminates the careers of twelve women leaders whose experiences reveal the complexities of contemporary academic leadership through the intersection of gender, race, and institutional culture. The chapters combine interviews and research to create distinct case studies that identify the obstacles that challenged each woman's leadership, and the strategies deployed to bring about resolution. The research presented in this volume reveals not only theoretical factors of academic leadership, but also real time dynamics that give the reader deeper insights into the multiple stakeholders and situations that require nimble, relationship-based leadership, in addition to intellectual competency. With chapters written by many of today's leading women in higher education, this book brings into sharp focus the unique attributes of women leaders in the academy and adds a new dimension of analysis to the field of women's leadership studies. Women leaders interviewed in this volume include Bernice Sandler, Juliet Villarreal García, and Johnnetta Betsch Cole.

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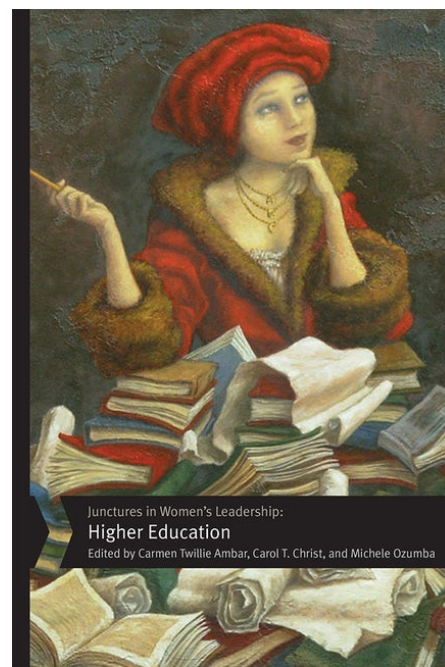
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