

# Accrediting staff changes at ATS

**Susan Beckerdite** has retired from ATS after nearly twenty years of service. She was hired as an administrative assistant for accrediting in 1994 and eventually accepted the position of accrediting coordinator, in which she supported the work of the Board of Commissioners, including processing all materials prior to and following each meeting. Beckerdite was also responsible for the accuracy of institutional accrediting histories and databases, assisting with the planning of the self-study and assessment workshops, and supporting the work of the directors of accreditation and institutional evaluation.



“Sue has been instrumental in keeping our department organized and running smoothly,” said Tisa Lewis, senior director of accreditation and institutional evaluation. “We thank her for her dedication and many contributions over the years.”

A New Jersey native, Beckerdite served as placement assistant at Princeton Theological Seminary and as a junior high school teacher in the Sayreville School District before coming to ATS.

ATS has hired **Lori Neff** as director, accreditation services—a new position designed to work closely with the accrediting staff members who serve as liaisons to member schools. Her primary tasks will include receiving and reviewing administrative documents from member schools, preparing materials for the Board of Commissioners’ review and action, arranging routine school visits in consultation with staff liaisons, maintaining databases for accrediting-related actions, and organizing and expanding the use of electronic resources for the accreditors and Board of Commissioners.



Neff also came to ATS from Princeton Theological Seminary, where she served first as associate director of field education, then as director of accreditation and advising, and most recently as dean of student life. An ordained teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Neff was pastor of Pilgrim Covenant Church in New Jersey as well as a campus ministry consultant and student minister with Trenton Area Campus Ministries. She earned an MA in college student personnel and higher education administration from Bowling Green State University and the MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary.

“We’re excited to have Lori join us and know she’ll be a great asset, given her skills and the various positions she held during her two decades of work in higher education,” Lewis said.

ATS wishes Beckerdite well and welcomes Neff to the staff.