

Lori Neff LaRue to leave ATS for Board of Pensions of Presbyterian Church (USA)

Lori Neff LaRue, director, accreditation services for The Association of Theological Schools (ATS), has accepted a newly established position on the church engagement team at the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). As director, member and employer education, she will be responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and delivering face-to-face and online educational programs for plan members and employers. Neff LaRue will conclude her work with ATS on February 3.

"We are delighted to have Lori launch this important initiative for our constituents," said Reverend Dr. John G. McFayden, executive vice president and chief of church engagement of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

"Such programs will be faithful to the Board's Theology of Benefits, consistent with our strategic vision, and responsive to the needs of the Church, integrating the Board's emphasis on wholeness in four areas: spiritual, health, financial, and vocational."

Neff LaRue joined the ATS staff in March 2014. Her primary tasks have included coordinating the ATS Associate Membership application process, facilitating the Commission's complaint process, receiving and reviewing administrative documents from member schools, preparing materials for the Board of Commissioners' review and action, and maintaining Commission records pertaining to accrediting-related actions. Neff LaRue also serves as secretary of the Board of Commissioners.

A search is underway for her successor.

"We wish Lori well as she embarks on this new chapter in her career," said ATS Executive Director Daniel Aleshire.

"She has brought a new level of professionalism and organization to the administration of the accrediting process that will continue to benefit both our staff and the schools we serve."



Neff LaRue came to ATS from Princeton Theological Seminary, where she served for six years—first as associate director of field education, then as director of accreditation and advising, and ultimately as dean of student life.

An ordained teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Neff LaRue also served as pastor of Pilgrim Covenant Church, as parish associate at Community Presbyterian Church of Sand Hills, and as a campus ministry consultant and student minister with Trenton Area Campus Ministries while in New Jersey. Prior to her ordained ministry, she worked in undergraduate higher education in various student-oriented administrative positions.

Neff LaRue earned an MA in student personnel and higher education administration from Bowling Green State University, and an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary, where she received the Arthur Paul Rech Memorial Prize in Theology and Pastoral Ministry.