Janice Edwards-Armstrong, ATS director of leadership education, has announced her intention to retire in February 2016 for health reasons.

In her eight years with ATS, Edwards-Armstrong forwarded the Leadership Education program for senior administrators and faculty at theological schools, which has received positive participant evaluations and a sustained following even in the wake of the economic recession. In that capacity, she worked with a number of constituent committees and engaged with hundreds of individuals at member schools.

In addition, she was instrumental in designing and implementing the Preparing for 2040 initiative for the Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE) and in conceptualizing and implementing the Emerging and Advancing Women in Leadership (WIL) program. Peer reviews of the Leadership Education, CORE, and WIL programs have been universally positive, affirming both the work and her leadership of it.

Daniel Aleshire has praised her contributions to the Association. “In addition to her deep background in higher education administration, diversity issues, and women in senior leadership roles, Janice has brought to this work a strong personal commitment to leadership development, multicultural engagement, inclusion, and justice,” he says. “We will miss her voice at the table.”

Edwards-Armstrong will remain in Pittsburgh.

A search for the Director of Leadership Education position will begin after the first of the year.