

## **Rosemary M. Magee, Vice President & Secretary of the University, Emory University**

**Rosemary M. Magee** has served in a variety of administrative roles at Emory University since completing her Ph.D. in the Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts in literature and religion. She earned both a B.A. and M.A. from Florida State University, where she was awarded the Charles E. Merrill Fellowship in religious studies.

Appointed Vice President and Secretary of the University in 2005, Dr. Magee works closely with trustees and the president in developing and strengthening governance processes across the University and in setting an ambitious agenda for the future. In addition to serving on the President's Cabinet and the University's Strategic Planning Committee, she has led numerous university commissions, including the Work-Life Initiative and the Creativity and Arts Initiative. She is also the founder and regular host of Emory's widely recognized series of Creativity Conversations featuring noted scholars and artists such as Sir Salman Rushdie, Maestro Robert Spano, writers Billy Collins, Rita Dove, and Margaret Atwood, and biologist E. O. Wilson.

For over two decades, prior to her current appointment, Dr. Magee served in progressively responsible positions in Emory College of Arts and Sciences. As Senior Associate Dean for Resources and Planning, she had primary managerial and strategic responsibility for the College's annual operating budget of \$150 million and for planning new and renovated facilities, including the Mathematics and Science Center, Candler Library, and the Donna and Marvin Schwartz Center for Performing Arts. She has had extensive fundraising experience, successfully seeking support for programs and projects across the curriculum from a wide range of individuals, foundations (e.g., Mellon, Ford, and Pew Charitable Trusts) and governmental agencies (e.g., NEH, NEA, and NSF).

An artist-in-residence at both the Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Dr. Magee has published essays, reviews, and short stories in a variety of journals and literary magazines. Focusing her teaching and research on southern culture and literature, she has edited two volumes, both published by University Press of Mississippi: *Conversations with Flannery O'Connor* and *Friendship and Sympathy: Communities of Southern Women Writers*. She teaches periodically in the Creative Writing program at Emory and in other humanities departments, and is currently working on a collection of short stories, *Fantasy Impromptu*.

In recognition of outstanding service and leadership, she received the Thomas Jefferson Award in 2008, among the highest awards given by Emory University. She is also a past participant in the Harvard Institutes of Higher Education and Leadership Atlanta.

She lives with her husband Ron Grapevine in Decatur, Georgia, where they raised their two children.