

## CGS-JED Advisory Committee on Graduate Student Mental Health and Wellness



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**Dr. Paula D. McClain** is Dean of The Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Duke University. She also holds positions as Professor of Political Science and Professor of Public Policy at Duke, and is President-Elect of the American Political Science Association. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science, having been elected in 2014. In Dr. McClain's role as Dean, she serves as PI for Duke's University Center for Exemplary Mentoring (UCEM).



**Dr. Suzanne T. Ortega** (*Ex-Officio* member) serves as President of the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). The only U.S. higher education association devoted solely to graduate education and research, CGS has nearly 500 U.S. and Canadian members and nearly 30 international affiliates. A sociologist by training, Dr. Ortega's research focuses on social inequality, mental health, and graduate education.



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