

# **Dr. Pamela B. Teaster**

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Dr. Pamela Teaster professor in the Department of Human Development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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## **Biography**

Pamela B. Teaster has joined Virginia Tech's Center for Gerontology as a full professor in the Department of Human Development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Teaster is one of 27 new tenure-track faculty members at the college this fall. The new hires are part of the college's ongoing efforts to attract renowned scholars to strengthen and expand its teaching, research, and engagement programs. The college has added more than 100 full-time permanent faculty members in the past four years. Teaster's research interests include elder and vulnerable-adult mistreatment, public and private guardianship, end-of-life issues and decision making, public policy, and public affairs. She will teach undergraduate gerontology courses and graduate courses on ethics, public policy, and public health as they relate to aging. Teaster has published dozens of articles in refereed journals, including *Generations*, *Aging and Social Policy*, *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*, and *The Gerontologist*. She has co-authored three books and is under contract for a fourth, titled "Public guardianship after 25 years: in the best interest of incapacitated people?" She has also published book chapters, book reviews, and technical reports. She spent the last 12 years at the University of Kentucky as professor, associate dean for research, and director of doctoral studies in the College of Public Health. Teaster received her Ph.D. and a certificate in gerontology from Virginia Tech, and a master's degree and a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Public Policy, Active Ageing, Elder Abuse, Human Rights, Frailty

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## **Education**

**Virginia Tech**

Ph.D. Gerontology

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