

**Victoria Ridgeway Gillis**  
**Professor Emerita of Teaching and Learning**



Victoria Gillis taught science in middle and high school for 20 years before earning her Ph.D. in literacy education at the University of Georgia. She taught literacy courses at Clemson for 20 years, serving as an international volunteer for the Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking project in the late 1990s and early 2000s. She served as co-director, with Dr. Kathy Headley, of the Center of Excellence for Adolescent Literacy and Learning from 2005 until she retired 2010. She went to the University of Wyoming as an Endowed Chair of Excellence in

Literacy, serving in that post until retiring a second time in 2017. Dr. Gillis was selected as a member of 2022 Emeritus College I. Dwayne Eubanks Fellows.

While at Wyoming, Victoria renewed her interest in sewing and quilting, making quilts for doctoral students and faculty at UW, and Quilts of Valor for friends and family. The Quilts for Valor, made by Victoria, honor many of the veterans that served in Vietnam, some of whom had been classmates of Victoria's

As a gift to the Emeritus College, Dr. Gillis created the beautiful Emeritus College Quilt which she presented to the college at the 2022 Emeritus Day event.