



Dr. Amie W. Lonas
Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs
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Dr. Amie W. Lonas was previously the Director of Schools for Franklin County, Tennessee where she was responsible for supervising seven departments that covered all areas of education to include curriculum and instruction, finance, personnel, strategic planning, technology, transportation, maintenance, assessment, federal programs, and implementation of board policies. Prior to this position, she served for five years at the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), MacDill AFB, Florida. She held the position of Dean of Academics and acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Lonas was responsible for developing goals, setting standards, and monitoring progress to ensure complete integration of JSOU and the Dean of Academics Division on all aspects related to the instructional development and course execution mission at JSOU.

A native of Dayton, Tennessee, Dr. Lonas graduated from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She later earned a Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In 2005, she completed her Doctorate of Education at Vanderbilt University, specializing in Educational Leadership. She has over twenty years of experience as a life-long educator. Her adult education academic credentials include providing professional development training and teaching the Methods of Instruction Course (MOIC) for JSOU for two years while serving as the Director of Faculty Development.

Dr. Lonas also served as an Air Force officer in the Tennessee Air National Guard. During her tenure in the Guard, she served as a Space Watch Officer with the 119th Command and Control Squadron and later, as the Services Flight Commander for the 134th Air Refueling Wing. In 2008, Dr. Lonas deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was assigned to the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I) located in Baghdad, Iraq. While there, she worked as an advisor with the Ministerial Training and Development Center (MTDC). She also developed and implemented the first of its kind “School of the Advisor” to train coalition personnel on how to work effectively with the Iraqi government. As a result of her accomplishments during the deployment, she was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service.

Other awards and recognition Dr. Lonas has received include: Recognized by HQ U.S. Special Operations Command with the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award; Graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Fellows Program; JSOU representative to the Military Education Coordination Council Working Group (MECC WG); Presenter for the IDGA Special Operations Summit West; Graduate of the 2015 Leadership Franklin County Class and the 2012 Leadership Tampa Class; Recipient of the Joint Special Operations University Permanent Faculty Member of the Quarter Award.

She and her husband, Bruce, have three children: Jake, Caroline and Neal.