

Education

BA, Psychology, Washington College

MA, Counseling, Gallaudet University

Ph.D., Recreation and Leisure Studies, University of Maryland

Biography:

Gina Oliva's professional career at Gallaudet University spanned more than 35 years, and included work in student activities, outreach/community development, and health/fitness. Prior to her retirement from Gallaudet in 2009, she achieved the rank of professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation. In the 1980's, Dr. Oliva received several national awards for her pioneering work with the use of visual cues for group exercise classes.

Gina has been a tireless advocate for Deaf children through her books: *Alone in the Mainstream: A Deaf Woman Remembers Public School* (Gallaudet University Press, 2004), and *Turning the Tide: Making Life Better for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Schoolchildren* with co-author Dr. Linda Lytle, *Turning* (Gallaudet University Press, 2014).

Gina has been on the ASDC Board since 2014, taking on the role of Secretary in 2017. In September 2017 she was named to the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees.