

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. Later she moved into advocacy work with the publication of her first book, *Alone in the Mainstream: A Deaf Woman Remembers Public School* (Gallaudet University Press, 2004). Most recently she published a second book with co-author Dr. Linda Lytle, *Turning the Tide: Making Life Better for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Schoolchildren* (Gallaudet University Press, 2014). Gina calls herself "not-so-retired." In her "spare time" enjoys racquet sports, cycling, yoga, art, and continuing her writing pursuits. Gina has been a member of the ASDC Board since 2014.