



Dr. Mary John O'Hair serves as dean of the UK College of Education and the professor of Educational Leadership Studies at the University of Kentucky. Dean O'Hair began her career as a middle school teacher in Texas and New Mexico. She has a distinguished

teaching record at four universities and has directed more than 20 doctoral dissertations.

Dean O'Hair has led educational transformation initiatives in two states (Kentucky and Oklahoma). She has received over \$40 million in external grants and contracts focusing on improving learning in P-12 and higher education, including one U.S. patent for inventing an electronic game-based learning system. She has published more than 50 journal articles and books on topics including school-university-community partnerships, STEM education, and communication. Under Dean O'Hair's tenure at the College of Education, new statewide initiatives to transform Kentucky education have flourished, including the UK Next Generation Leadership Academy.

Dean O'Hair has served on the board of the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board; The Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky; the U.S. Department of Education's Regional Education Lab – Appalachia; One Parent Scholars; and Phi Delta Kappa, International.

Upon moving to Kentucky in 2009, Dean O'Hair and her husband, Dan O'Hair, dean of the UK College of Communication and Information, discovered Kentucky roots dating back to a Revolutionary War veteran, Michael O'Hair, who received a parcel of land in Hazel Green, Ky. (Wolfe County) for his service. They have two adult children and a granddaughter.