

Bryant University President Ross Gittell, Ph.D.

Bryant University President Ross Gittell, Ph.D., is the ninth president in Bryant's 157-year history. President Gittell joins the Bryant community after nearly a decade as Chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire, a seven-college system with 26,000 students. He previously served as James R. Carter Professor and Department Chair for the Department of Management, Peter T. Paul College (Whittemore School of Business and Economics), University of New Hampshire. He has also served as Adjunct Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, and Visiting Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston New England Public Policy Center.

President Gittell's distinguished career reflects a deep commitment to teaching, research, and public service in his professional and personal life. Among many civic leadership activities, he has made strategic contributions as a Fellow recognized for expertise in student success and higher education reform at Complete College America; as Vice President, Board Member, and Forecast Chair at New England Economic Partnership; and as a Board Member for the New England Board of Higher Education. His experience on social justice and equity includes academic publications and policy reports on minority entrepreneurship, income inequality, gender wage differentials and community economic development and organizing. His academic and professional perspectives were formed at an early age by his parents, Irwin and Marilyn Gittell. NYC scholar-activist and City University of New York Graduate Center Professor Marilyn Gittell was strongly committed to racial, gender, and educational justice, and especially known for her dedication to public school reform and community engagement. Irwin Gittell had an independent CPA practice in NYC serving many small businesses and entrepreneurs, including minority and female start-ups.

Throughout his roles in higher education administration, strategic planning, research, and teaching, President Gittell has consistently focused on the intersection of student success and advancing educational and economic opportunity for the individual, the community, and the region. He is recognized among the nation's preeminent experts in ensuring higher education alignment with industry and societal needs, and on applying economic, organizational, and management theory to regional, state, and community economic development issues. President Gittell has frequently served as an expert resource for government, non-profit, and business leaders in New Hampshire, New England, and nationally on topics including economic policy, workforce development, job creation strategies, community development, and the business climate.

His teaching career spans more than 20 years and includes, in addition to the Whittemore School, teaching at the Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy at the New School for Social Research in Manhattan, and in the Graduate School of Education, Economics Department and Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dr. Gittell is active on many boards and commissions and is extensively published. Among his numerous books, book chapters, refereed articles, journals, and reports, President Gittell is author of *Renewing Cities* (Princeton University Press, 1992)), co-author of *The Sustainable Business Casebook* (New York: Flat World Knowledge, 2013), *Activist Scholar* (Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 2011) and *Community Organizing: Building Social Capital as a Development*

Strategy (Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications, 1999). Beyond the academic arena, his background includes expert senior economic consulting for corporate and public sector clients.

President. Gittell holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University, Dively Fellow; a Master's in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley, Beta Gamma Sigma; and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Chicago, Phi Beta Kappa.