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Alzada Tipton began as Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Whitman College on July 1. Prior to that, she served as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Elmhurst College from 2006 to 2016. Prior to her time at Elmhurst College, she was associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. At Elmhurst College, she has worked on a renewal of the general education program, the establishment of a first year seminar program, the establishment of a center to support faculty development in scholarship and teaching, and the establishment of the School for Professional Studies for adult students. She has several administrative presentations and publications on creating global, interdisciplinary, values-based, and first-year programs. Before becoming an administrator, she was an English professor at Hamline University with a specialty in British Renaissance literature. Her teaching interests are medieval and Renaissance literature. She has published and presented on Renaissance historiography and the Earl of Essex and Elizabethan literature. She earned her bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University, and her masters degree and PhD from Duke University, all in English literature.