

*David A. Hietala, Ph.D.*

Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. David Hietala received his Ph.D. in Adult Learning from The Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH. His dissertation focused on how deep, transformative learning is facilitated, with doctoral research conducted at L'Abri, a residential Christian study center in Greatham, England.

His post-doctoral learning includes engagement with the U.S. Foreign Policy Association, the Minnesota International Center, and the Minnesota Humanities Commission.

Dr. Dave's experiences in leading and facilitating learning initiatives include service as a faculty member at St. Cloud State University, as president of a Christian college in Kansas, as well as leading an urban research institute for Messiah University, Grantham, PA. Additionally, Dr. Hietala has served as Dean of Distance Learning for Riverland Community College, Austin, Albert Lea, and Owatonna, MN; and Vice President of Academics for Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, MN.

He has also served foundations, government agencies, nonprofits, parachurch ministries, and Christian denominations. In each of these settings, Dr. Hietala's focus was on developing transformative, innovative programs for individual, organizational, and community impact.

Dr. Dave and his wife, Mary, have three children and six grandchildren. With family roots close by, they live in central Minnesota.