

**Frank E. Ross, Ph.D.**

Dr. Frank Ross currently serves as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), an urban university serving students at multiple campuses across Chicago. Northeastern is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution, and has consistently been named “the most ethnically diverse university in the Midwest” by *US News & World Report*. Recently, NEIU was ranked sixth in the U.S. for “Best Investment” in *Newsweek’s* annual edition of “College Rankings 2012.”

His career in student affairs administration boasts experience providing leadership for both co-curricular and academic support programs that enhance student success, retention and graduation. He has received awards and recognition from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), the National Resource Center on the First Year Experience and Students in Transition, the National Academic Advising Association, the Association of American Colleges and Universities, and the American College Personnel Association for his work and research.

Dr. Ross completed his doctoral studies in higher education and student affairs at Indiana University, with master’s degrees from both Western Kentucky University and Ball State University. The majority of his presentations and publications focus on issues impacting students in the first year of college, and his most recent work addresses the impact of curricular and co-curricular transformation to enhance civic engagement in the first-year experience.

Dr. Ross has held a number of leadership positions in student affairs professional organizations. Currently he serves as a member of the NASPA national Board of Directors. He was the program chair for the 2013 NASPA annual conference, and is currently a member of the NASPA James E. Scott Academy Board for chief student affairs officers.