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Steven F. Warren is vice provost for research and graduate studies at the University of Kansas. He was named to that position in January 2008, after serving for five months as interim vice provost.

As vice provost, Warren manages an operation on the Lawrence campus that includes seven university research centers, two state surveys, four affiliated centers and institutes, and 10 core service laboratories. He is president of the KU Center for Research Inc., a nonprofit research foundation that administers grants, research integrity, technology transfer, and business and industry outreach. Warren also oversees the administration of graduate education at KU, including application processing, research training, and planning and policy in support of graduate studies.

Previously, Warren was director of KU's Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies. He holds faculty rank as a professor of applied behavioral science, and serves as director of the Kansas Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center.

Prior to coming to KU in 2000, Warren was at Vanderbilt University for 18 years. He was a professor of special education and psychology and deputy director of Vanderbilt's John F. Kennedy Center for Human Development.

His academic background includes three degrees from KU. He received a Ph.D. in child and developmental psychology at KU in 1977.

Warren is internationally recognized for his contributions to understanding language development in children and leadership in the field of developmental disabilities. He has conducted extensive research on early communication and language intervention approaches and has published more than 130 papers, chapters, and books on these and related topics. His major research interests are in the areas of early communication and language development and intervention, and the prevention of mental retardation. Over the past 30 years, he has investigated the effects of a variety of different communication and language intervention strategies intended for use with children three years and younger who have developmental delays.

For the past several years, Warren has worked with colleagues from several universities on the development of optimal early intervention for the infants and toddlers of high-risk teenage mothers. Since 1977, his research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Education.

In 2008 Warren received the American Association on Intellectual and Development Disabilities Research Award and in 1999 he was the recipient of the Theodore D. Tjossem Research Award, National Down Syndrome Congress. In 1992 Warren was elected a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Division 33. He was President of the American Association on Mental Retardation, 2001-2002.