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College of Veterinary Medicine



Dr. Carla L. Gartrell was appointed as the new dean at Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine located in Glendale, Arizona, in 2022. Dr. Gartrell received her B.S. and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from Tuskegee University in 1988. She completed an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Tennessee and then a small animal internal medicine residency at Michigan State University (MSU). She stayed on as faculty at MSU as an assistant professor of medicine for five years post-residency.

Prior to joining the Midwestern faculty, Dr. Gartrell was Chief of Medicine and part-owner of a large private practice specialty hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. She then stepped away from practice and joined the world of industry working as the Associate Director of Academic Affairs for Hill's Pet Nutrition. While working full-time as a veterinarian, she completed her law degree and is a licensed attorney.

Dr. Gartrell started at Midwestern University in 2015 as Associate Professor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. During her time at Midwestern, she was promoted to Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, before accepting the position of Dean. She is Board-certified by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, American Bar Association, and the Arizona Veterinary Medical Association.

Dean Gartrell hopes to inspire and encourage returning veterinarians and current students to make an impact in the veterinary profession during her symposium presentation.