Dean Mary Farmer-Kaiser, Graduate School, was appointed in 2015. Previously she served as Interim Dean, Chair of the Graduate Council, Graduate Coordinator, and professor of history. As Dean, she supervises and coordinates all aspects of graduate education within the University, and works with the Graduate Council and all graduate programs to implement policies supporting the recruitment and academic achievement of graduate students. Farmer-Kaiser earned a bachelor's in history (1993) from Kansas State University, a master's in history (1995) from Clemson University, and a Ph.D. in history (2000) from Bowling Green State University. Her research focuses primarily on narratives of former slaves in the freedmen's bureau and women in Louisiana history.