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Raymond F. von Dran is Dean of the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. The School of Information Studies has over 1,200 students in five degree programs and is awarded over \$8,000,000 in corporate and government research grants and contracts each year through its five school and three interdisciplinary R & D centers. While at Syracuse he has advised on information technology systems and planning to the Universities of Alaska, Oklahoma and Rhode Island, and reviewed new information curriculum at universities of Arizona, Buffalo, Dalhousie, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington, among others. At Syracuse he has been Chair of the University Committee on Information and Communication Technology Issues, and Chair of the Chancellor's Task Force on Guiding Principles for Information and Communication Technology.

From 1987 to 1995, von Dran was Dean at the University of North Texas. While in Texas, he created and directed the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree program in Information Science which combined the resources of the Departments of Computer Science, Business Computer Information Systems, Communication Studies, Technology and Cognition, and the School of Library and Information Sciences in a single academic program. Under his direction, UNT received over \$1,200,000 in federal fellowship money to support doctoral students in information science. At UNT von Dran also served as Chair of the University's Information Resources Council, which is the chief planning and policy-making body for Information Resources on campus. As Executive Assistant to the Provost for Information Resources, he coordinated the areas of computing, telecommunications, instructional technology, and library information technology on campus.

From 1983 to 1987 he served as Dean at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. While in Washington he was senior consultant to the Library of Congress, serving on the National Database Design Project, and also served as consultant to NASA, EPA, and other federal agencies. He was Principal Investigator and Project Director for the National Rehabilitation Information Center. This \$3,400,000 project provided information services worldwide under the aegis of the National Institute for Handicapped Research. He has also served at the University of Wisconsin and at Iowa State University.



Dr. von Dran has written and spoken widely on a range of topics including Information Science Education, Competencies for the Information Age, the Economics of Information, Managing Information Resources, and edited the proceedings of the American Society for Information Science on *Productivity in the Information Age*. In ASIS he served as the Chair of the Education Committee which created the association's first educational standards. He has written a series of articles and papers on the use of technical report literature by scientists and engineers, as well as publications on library networks and catalogues, and authority control structure in libraries. The Library of Congress published his book, *The National Union Catalog Experience*.

