

## **Stephen W. Director**

### **Stephen W. Director, Ph.D. Provost & Senior Vice President Northeastern University**



Dr. Stephen W. Director is currently the Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northeastern University. Prior to joining Northeastern in 2008, he served as Provost at Drexel University between 2005 and 2008 and as Dean of the Robert J. Vlasic College of Engineering and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan between 1996 and 2005. He received the B.S. degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1965 and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 1967 and 1968, respectively. From 1968 until 1977, he was with the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Florida, Gainesville. From September 1974 to August 1975, he was a visiting scientist in the Mathematical Sciences Department at IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY. He joined Carnegie Mellon University in 1977 where he was the U.A. and Helen Whitaker University Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and served as Head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering from 1982 to 1991 and then Dean of the College of Engineering until June of 1996. In 1982, he founded the SRC-CMU Research Center for Computer-Aided Design and served as its Director from 1982 to 1989.

Dr. Director was elected Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) in 1978. He has served as President of the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society, as Chairman of the CASS Technical Committee on Computer-Aided Network Design (CANDE) and as associate editor of the IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems. He has served as Chair of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) Committee on Engineering Education and Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Engineering Deans Council. He also serves on numerous other boards and committees and as a consultant to industry, government and academia.

Director has published over 150 papers and authored or co-authored six texts. He has received numerous awards for his research and educational contributions including the 1970 and 1985 Best Paper Awards from the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society, the 1976 Frederick Emmons Terman Award from the American Society for Engineering Education, and the 1979

## **Stephen W. Director**

W. R. G. Baker Prize Paper Award from the IEEE. In 1984 he received an IEEE Centennial Medal and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He received the Society Award (Van Valkenburg Award) from the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society and Best Paper Award from the ACM/IEEE Design Automation.

In 1996, Dr. Director was selected as the first recipient of the Aristotle Award from the Semiconductor Research Corporation and received the Outstanding Alumnus Award in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He was awarded the 1998 IEEE Education Medal, and in 1999 received the University of California, Berkeley Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award and the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society (CASS) Golden Jubilee Medal. In 2000 he received the IEEE Millennium Medal and in 2002 he was named Honorary Professor of Shanghai Jiao Tong University by the Chinese Ministry of Education. In 2004 he received the ASEE Benjamin Garver Lamee Award and was elected a Fellow of ASEE. Director was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1989.