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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Peter F. Oliva serves as Chairman of the Division of Secondary Education in the School of Education at Florida International University. He was formerly the Chairman of the Department of Secondary Education at Southern Illinois University.

Fluent in Spanish and French, he has been long involved in the field of international education, in addition to traveling widely in Europe and South America.

He served as the Administrator of the English Language Program for the USIA in Tehran, Iran from 1955 to 1957. Under a research grant from the Phi Delta Kappa Commission on International Relations in Education, he conducted a study on the preparation of secondary schoolteachers in France in 1970. He also conducted University to School Projects of the American Association of College Teachers on Education and the Department of State in Paraguay and Argentina. In 1961-62, he was a visiting professor in education at the University of Hawaii.

Dr. Oliva taught at the University of Mississippi, then served ten years as Professor of Education at the University of Florida, from 1957-67. He also taught at Indiana State University before going to Southern Illinois University.

He received his A.B. from Cornell, M.A. from Harvard University, and Ph.D. at Columbia University. He is the author of three texts on education, and many articles and papers on foreign language and education.