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Dr. Joseph MacNeil has taught chemistry at Chatham University since 1997 and was appointed the Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences in July 2024.

He earned tenure at Chatham in 2003 and was promoted to full professor in 2015. He has been the recipient of the Irene Heinz Given Professorship (2004), the Buhl Professorship (2014), the Jane Burger Award for Excellence in Academic Advising (2015), and the Pittsburgh Regional Undergraduate Leadership Excellence Award (Duquesne University, 2011).

Dr. MacNeil has previously served as the Interim Dean of the School of Arts, Science & Business (January-August 2022) and the Director of Chatham's MS in Biology programs. He co-chaired the Chatham Scholars program for many years, was faculty co-chair of Chatham's most recent Middle States accreditation, and chaired the Ad Hoc Capstone Assessment Committee, the Undergraduate Programs Committee, and the Faculty Review Committee.

Before launching his teaching career at Chatham, Dr. MacNeil earned a Bachelor of Science degree at St. Francis Xavier University, a Ph.D. in Organometallic Chemistry from Queen's University, and post-doctoral research at the University of California at San Diego. His research interests span active learning pedagogy in the chemistry lab to the analyses of heavy-metal-contaminated environments.
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