Harvey G. Stenger, President

A native of upstate N.Y., Stenger was appointed president at Binghamton University in Nov. 2011. Prior to that he served as interim provost at the University at Buffalo, where he had been dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences since 2006. A chemical engineer by training, he earned his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University in 1979, and his doctorate in the same discipline from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983. His thesis focused on synthetic liquid fuels.

Prior to joining the administration at UB, Stenger was a professor at Lehigh University's College of Engineering and Applied Science, where he also served as dean for six years and served terms as co-chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering and director of the Environmental Studies Center.

Stenger’s research focuses on aspects of alternative energy, including hydrogen production, selective catalytic reduction of nitrogen oxides, mercury reaction pathways, catalytic destruction of chlorinated hydrocarbons, and fuel cell modeling and optimization. In the classroom, he has enjoyed teaching a wide variety of courses from advanced thermodynamics to senior design to freshman engineering computations, a course taught with a textbook he co-authored with Lehigh University colleague Charles Smith.

As an administrator, his emphasis has been on improving student quality, strengthening academic programs, and increasing international research and academic partnerships.