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Dr. Michael Yura is the Senior Vice President for the National Biometric Security Project West Virginia Operations. In the capacity he oversees all West Virginia activities for the NBSP involving collaboration with WVU and its Biometric Systems Program in the Lane Department of CS&EE. The NBSP will work closely with WVU Biometric Knowledge Center and the WVU Center for ID Technology, Research (CITeR) & the DoD Biometric Fusion Center of the Biometric Management Office (BMO) for the Department of the Army as part of its WV activities.

Dr. Yura started his career at West Virginia University in 1971, where he was a full professor in the Counseling Psychology Department. He earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He also attended Mount Saint Mary's College, University of Texas, Temple University prior to receiving his doctorate degree.

Dr. Yura was the first Director of the Forensic Identification Program at West Virginia University (WVU). Dr. Yura facilitated a Memorandum of understanding between WVU and the FBI to fill an international void in training & degree programs by creating a new degree program in Forensic & Investigative Science & another degree program in Biometric Systems. During the Development of these programs two additional government-academia partnerships at WVU were created. WVU is the home of the CITeR under a National Science Foundation-sponsored Industry-University Collaboration in Biometrics.