Dr. Suzanne Shipley became the 11th president of Midwestern State University (MSU) in August 2015.

Dr. Shipley grew up in Lubbock, Texas and received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Texas Tech and her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. A former Fulbright Scholar, all of her degrees are in German. Her research into the lives of German-Jewish women emigrants has resulted in translations of several previously unpublished diaries from the Holocaust.

Dr. Shipley has focused Midwestern State on its public liberal arts mission, as a proud member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC). COPLAC is a prestigious organization of 29 public colleges and universities from the United States and Canada. Dr. Shipley serves as an Air Education and Training Command Commander’s Civic Leader Group for Sheppard Air Force Base.

Dr. Shipley and her husband Randall Wadsworth live in Wichita Falls with their two dogs, and appreciate experiencing first-hand the historic beauty of the Sikes House on MSU’s south campus. They enjoy hiking and traveling as well as cheering on the MSU Mustangs.