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Mary Pollock graduated high school from Woodstock School, a Christian protestant missionary-run boarding school in the foothills of the Himalayas in India. She subsequently attended Penn State University and acquired a bachelor's degree in English. She attended the University of Florida in Gainesville for a master's degree in Counseling and Guidance, with an emphasis on higher education administration. Her first professional job was

Assistant Dean of Students for Freshmen at the University of Illinois-Urbana. In 1973 she was elected to the Champaign, Illinois City Council and has subsequently been quite active in voter registration, voting rights, candidate campaigns, and other political activities.

In 1977 she was recruited to an administrative position as Title IX Coordinator at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Subsequently she worked briefly for the Michigan House of Representatives and then began a 33-year career working for the State of Michigan in human resources management. In 1990 she received her J.D. from Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She retired from state service December 1, 2010 from the Michigan Civil Service Commission where she managed the Employment Relations Board. She is now self-employed as a government relations consultant, lobbyist, organizer, and advocate in Lansing.

In 2011 she became the Legislative Representative for the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association for which she writes a monthly column and makes presentations to its chapters and other retirees around the state. In August 2015 she also became the first Government Relations Coordinator for the American Association of University Women of Michigan. She is the only multi-issue women's rights registered lobbyist and advocate covering Michigan state government.