



Dr. Nancy Squires Appointed as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

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Dear Colleagues,

I am, as I am sure many of you are, sad to see Jim Staros leave Stony Brook, after serving as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the past seven years. Even though his departure is a loss to the University, I am proud Jim has accepted the position of Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Please join me in congratulating Jim on this wonderful opportunity.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Nancy Squires, who we have been fortunate to have as Chair of our nationally ranked Psychology Department for the past eight years, has agreed to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, effective August 1, 2009. Stony Brook's Psychology Department has prospered enormously under her leadership. U.S. News and World Report's 2009-2010 Graduate Program rankings show that Stony Brook has 13 programs ranked in the top 50, two of which are our Psychology and Clinical Psychology programs. The College of Arts and Sciences is of crucial importance to the University, and I cannot think of anyone better qualified to guide it during this transition period. Please join me in congratulating Nancy on her new position.

Best,

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