



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
College of Arts and Sciences

Please forward to your faculty

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To: CAS Social Sciences Faculty

From: W. Andrew Marcus, Tykeson Dean of Arts and Sciences

Subject: Divisional Dean for the Social Sciences

Professor Carol Stabile, Interim Divisional Dean for Social Sciences, will be leaving her position with the University on June 30, 2017 to take over the headship of the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Maryland. She has displayed a tremendous commitment to academic excellence while also retaining a keen understanding of the difficult choices we must make in these times of budgetary constraints. I have learned a great deal from Carol during her time in the dean's role; a time that has seen some tremendous hires within the Social Sciences Division and the launching of an internal cluster on African American Studies. I am particularly grateful for her contributions to our college given the last minute manner in which I approached her about the position and her knowledge that this would be a temporary role. All of us in the dean's office have been beneficiaries of Carol's wealth of experience, direct problem-solving approach and good humor. Simply put, we will miss her.

I am now seeking your advice and comments in identifying our next Divisional Dean for Social Sciences from among our current faculty. Candidates:

- Must have broad experience with academic administration, preferably as department head, although center and program directors may apply,
- Should hold the rank of full professor, although in rare cases, associate professors with strong administrative experience will be considered, and
- Must have talents and academic values that are consistent with the highest goals and aspirations of our faculty and university.

I have appointed an advisory committee of CAS faculty to review nominations and applications and provide consultation to me for this selection. As is standard practice, the committee has two heads from within Social Science and one from outside the division. The committee includes Jocelyn Hollander (Chair), Frances White and Li-Shan Chou. I am grateful that they have agreed to screen applicants and evaluate their qualifications for the position.

I hope to select an incoming Divisional Dean for Social Sciences by the beginning of May so that we can plan for a smooth transition. The new Divisional Dean will begin a three-year term on July 1, 2017.

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Applicant letters should be no longer than three pages in length and address:

- Qualifications for the job,
- Reasons for wanting to serve as Divisional Dean,
- Major challenges you envision the division encountering in the near future,
- Your philosophy regarding helping the division become ever better, and
- How you would promote diversity, especially among faculty, within the division and the college.

Please send nominations to me as soon as possible. Application letters should be sent to Miriam Bolton (mbolton@uoregon.edu), along with a current c.v., no later than Friday, April 14. If you are interested in the position and wish to speak with me before you apply, please let me know.