

New leaders appointed in CAS

Several academic units in our college are welcoming new leadership this fall.



School of the Environment

In June, **Larry Hufford**, professor of biological sciences, began serving as interim director. Although he continues also to serve as director of the School of Biologic Sciences, his extensive leadership experience with complex academic and research units will help provide a smooth transition to the next leader.



Department of Critical Cultures, Gender, and Race Studies

In July, **Ana Maria Rodriguez-Vivaldi**, associate dean and associate professor of Spanish, began serving as the department's point of contact for student, faculty, curriculum, and budget responsibilities while leadership options are discussed.



Department of Chemistry

In August, **Kirk Peterson**, professor of chemistry, began his first term as department chair.



Department of Fine Arts

Also in August, **Squeak Meisel**, associate professor and sculpture coordinator, began serving as interim chair for the department.



Bose

Department of Physics and Astronomy

On February 1, 2017, **Brian Saam**, professor of physics at the University of Utah, begin his tenure at WSU as chair of the department. Until then, **Sukanta Bose**, professor of physics, will serve as interim chair.



Office of the Dean

Additionally in August, **Amy Wharton**, professor of sociology and director of the College of Art and Sciences at WSU Vancouver, began serving also as associate d and academic director for the College of Arts and Sciences overall. She will work the CAS community to build connections and collaborative activities across the V system.

