New senior leaders welcomed at 37 ATS member schools

Thirty-seven ATS member schools have recently announced the appointment of 42 individuals as new chief executive officers or chief academic officers.

ATS Executive Director Frank Yamada commented on the leadership changes during a particularly challenging time in theological education.

“In last year’s first fall Colloquy Online issue, I commented on how in times of change, leaders rise up ‘for such a time as this’ (Esther 4:14). This phrase from the book of Esther has taken on new meaning in light of the past several months,” said Yamada.

“This time is a unique one, as schools are facing a host of unknowns related to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. It is a time for leadership, and this list of administrative leaders represents fresh hope for schools as they seek to live into their missions with vitality in these challenging times. We welcome these colleagues to this important chapter in North American theological education and look forward to partnering with them in our common work as The Association of Theological Schools.”

Welcome to these new senior leaders:

John Abad
Academic Dean
St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto
(Scarborough, ON)

Ross Allen
President
Bethel Seminary of Bethel University
(St. Paul, MN)

Craig Atwood
Interim Dean
Moravian Theological Seminary
(Bethlehem, PA)

Matt Ayars
President
Wesley Biblical Seminary
(Ridgeland, MS)

Min Boim
Academic Dean
Methodist Theological Seminary in America
(Claremont, CA)

William Brackney
Interim Academic Dean
Carey Theological College
(Vancouver, BC)

Lee Butler
Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean
Phillips Theological Seminary
(Tulsa, OK)
Donald Collett
Interim Academic Dean
Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry
(Ambridge, PA)

Amir Hussain
Chair of the Department of Theological Studies
Loyola Marymount University
Department of Theological Studies
(Los Angeles, CA)

Timothy Cusick
Acting Academic Dean
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
(Boynton Beach, FL)

Marjory Kerr
President and Vice Chancellor
Tyndale Seminary of Tyndale University
(Toronto, ON)

Daniel Driver
Acting Academic Dean
Atlantic School of Theology
(Halifax, NS)

Andrew Krause
Interim Academic Director
Associated Canadian Theological Schools of Trinity Western University
(Langley, BC)

Pamela Durso
President
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
(Shawnee, KS)

Deborah Krause
President
Eden Theological Seminary
(St. Louis, MO)

Guy Erwin
President
United Lutheran Seminary
(Gettysburg, PA)

Kristine Lund
Interim Principal-Dean
Martin Luther University College
(Waterloo, ON)

Denis Grecco
Rector
St. Peter's Seminary
(London, ON)

Silas McCormick
President
Lincoln Christian Seminary
(Lincoln, IL)

Ivan Hartsfield
Interim Dean of Academic Affairs
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
(Lisle, IL)

John McLaughlin
Dean
University of St. Michael's College
Faculty of Theology
(Toronto, ON)

Alfredo Hernandez
Acting President
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
(Boynton Beach, FL)

MaryKate Morse
Dean of the Seminary
Portland Seminary of George Fox University
(Portland, OR)

Betty Holley
Academic Dean
Payne Theological Seminary
(Wilberforce, OH)

Joseph Mueller
Dean
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
(Berkeley, CA)
Debra Mumford
Dean
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
(Louisville, KY)

Arnold Neufeldt-Fast
Vice President Academic; Dean of the Seminary
Tyndale Seminary of Tyndale University
(Toronto, ON)

Damayanthi Niles
Interim Academic Dean
Eden Theological Seminary
(St. Louis, MO)

Elizabeth Peña
Interim Dean
Graduate Theological Union
(Berkeley, CA)

Jacob Thomas Petri
Acting President
Dominican House of Studies
(Washington, DC)

Daniel Preus
Interim President
Concordia Seminary (MO)
(St. Louis, MO)

Deborah Rogers
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
(Rochester, NY)

David Rowe
Interim President
Lancaster Theological Seminary
(Lancaster, PA)

Debra Schwinn
President
Palm Beach Atlantic University School of Ministry
Graduate Department
(West Palm Beach, FL)

Edward Stewart
Senior Director of Academic Administration
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
(Berkeley, CA)

Chloe Sun
Academic Dean
Logos Evangelical Seminary
(El Monte, CA)

Michael Thigpen
Provost
Phoenix Seminary
(Scottsdale, AZ)

James Turrell
Dean
University of the South School of Theology
(Sewanee, TN)

Peter Verkruyse
Interim Vice President of Academics
Lincoln Christian Seminary
(Lincoln, IL)

Samuel White
Academic Dean
Ecumenical Theological Seminary
(Detroit, MI)

Keith Whitfield
Acting Provost
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
(Louisville, KY)

Amos Yong
Dean of the School of Theology and the School of Intercultural Studies
Fuller Theological Seminary
(Pasadena, CA)

Addendum: We also congratulate Uriah Kim, who was named President of the Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA) in August.

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