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)

- **Lee Butler**  
  Vice President of Academic Affairs and Academic Dean  
  Phillips Theological Seminary  
  (Tulsa, OK)

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

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