

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
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APPOINT DEAN, HONORS COLLEGE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Appoint Dean, Honors College

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the appointment of Ralph Keen, presently Interim Dean, Honors College, and Arthur J. Schmitt Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies, and Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, as Dean, Honors College, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 80 percent time, at an annual salary of \$129,600, and an administrative increment of \$15,890, beginning August 16, 2016.

In addition, Dr. Keen will continue to hold the rank of Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on 20 percent time, at an annual salary of \$26,510, effective August 16, 2016; and Arthur J. Schmitt Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, effective August 16, 2016, for a total salary of \$172,000.

Dr. Keen succeeds Bette L. Bottoms who stepped down as Dean to return to full-time faculty service effective August 16, 2015.

This recommendation was forwarded from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost in conjunction with the advice of the search committee.<sup>1</sup>

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure* and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

(A biosketch follows.)

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<sup>1</sup> Karen J. Colley, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, College of Medicine, and Dean, Graduate College, *Chair*; Philip S. Ashton, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Policy, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs; Blasé P. Brown, Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Group Facilitation, Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, College of Dentistry; Ryan Chiu, Student, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Houshang Darabi, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and Director of Analytical and Planning, College of Engineering; Daniel L. Dicesare, Director, Student Affairs, College of Pharmacy; Vernon Corey Lindsay, Visiting Teaching Associate, Honors College; Jane Rhodes, Professor and Head of African American Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Brooke E. Shipley, Professor and Head of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Marie Tejero Hughes, Professor of Special Education, College of Education.

## RALPH KEEN

## Education

Columbia University in the City of New York, New York, B.A., 1979

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, M.A., 1980

University of Chicago, Illinois, Ph.D., 1990

## Professional and Other Experience

Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, 1991-93, Newman Assistant Professor of Religion

University of Iowa, Iowa City, 1993-98, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies; 1995-2010, Director of Undergraduate Studies; 1997-2010, Honors Advisor; 1998-2010, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Spring 2003, Visiting Associate Professor of the History of Christianity, Harvard Divinity School

University of Illinois at Chicago, 2010-date, Professor of History; 2010-date, Arthur J. Schmitt Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies; 2014-15, Coordinator of Religious Studies; 2015-date, Interim Dean, Honors College