

APPOINT DEAN, COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION,  
SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Appoint Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield and Vice President, University of Illinois, recommends the appointment of Robert W. Smith, currently Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, Savannah State University, Georgia, as Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Administration, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$125,000, and an administrative increment of \$30,000, for a total salary of \$155,000, beginning July 16, 2017.

In addition, Dr. Smith will hold the rank of Professor of Public Administration, College of Public Affairs and Administration, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, beginning July 16, 2017.

Dr. Smith succeeds Dr. Hanfu Mi, who has been serving as Interim Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration since August 16, 2016.

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.

This recommendation is made with the advice of a search committee.<sup>1</sup>

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs.

The President of the University recommends approval.

(A biosketch follows.)

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<sup>1</sup> Jay Gilliam, Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Public Affairs and Administration, *Chair*; Mark Buxton, Assistant Professor of Accountancy, College of Business and Management; Ryan Croke, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs, Office of the Chancellor; Brandon B. Derman, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration; Egbe Egiebor, Assistant Professor of Public Health, College of Public Affairs and Administration; Betsy P. Goulet, Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Administration, College of Public Affairs and Administration; Nathan Hoffman, Undergraduate Student, Political Science and UIS Student Trustee; Anette Sikka, Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration; Karen Swan, Professor and Stukel Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership, College of Education and Human Services; Lucia Vazquez, Associate Professor of Biology and Associate Dean and Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Magic M. Wade, Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of Public Affairs and Administration; Kelly L. Walraven, Assistant to the Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration; and Donna Marie Young, Administrative Aide, Campus Legal Counsel.

## ROBERT W. SMITH

## Education

The College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York, B.A., 1980

State University of New York at Albany, M.B.A., 1984; Ph.D., 1998

## Professional or Other Experience

Two Guy's Department Store, Schenectady, New York, 1976-78, Manager

Assemblyman Jose Serrano, Albany, New York, 1979, Legislative Aide/Intern

State University of New York at Binghamton, Summer 1979, Undergraduate

Research Assistant

State University of New York at Cobleskill, 1980-84, Assistant Director of Financial Aid

Office of the United States Senator Daniel P. Moynihan, Oneonta, New York, 1984-86, Regional Director

Siena College, Loudonville, New York, 1986-87, Assistant Director of Financial Aid

Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York, Fall 1991; State University of

New York at Albany, Fall 1993; The College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York, Spring 1993 and Summer 1995, Adjunct Lecturer

Rockefeller College, Albany, New York, Fall 1995, Evaluator

Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York, Fall 1996, Fall 1997, Spring 1998 and Fall 1998, Adjunct Professor

New York State Executive Department, Division of the Budget, Albany, 1987-99, Senior Budget Examiner

Clemson University, South Carolina, 1999-2005, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Master of Public Administration Program; 2003-08, Director, Joint

Master of Public Administration Program; 2008-09, Chair, Master of Public Administration Program; 2005-10, Associate Professor of Political Science

Kennesaw State University, Georgia, 2010-13, Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs

Savannah State University, Georgia, 2013-16, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; 2013-date, Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs