

Approved by the Board of Trustees
January 21, 2021

Board Meeting
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APPOINT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND DEAN OF LIBRARIES, UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY, CHICAGO

Action: Appoint University Librarian and Dean of Libraries, University Library

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois System recommends the appointment of Rhea Ballard-Thrower, presently Executive Director, Howard University Libraries and Associate Professor of Law, at Howard University, as University Librarian and Dean of Libraries of the University Library, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$230,000, and an administrative increment of \$20,000, beginning February 1, 2021, for a total annual salary of \$250,000.

In addition, Ms. Ballard-Thrower will be appointed to the rank of Professor in the University Library, on indefinite tenure, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, effective February 1, 2021, and Departmental Affiliate, non-tenured on zero percent time, non-salaried, in the UIC John Marshall Law School, effective February 1, 2021.

Ms. Ballard-Thrower succeeds Mary Case, who last served the role on a permanent basis. Dr. Karen Colley, Dean of the Graduate College and Professor of

Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics in the College of Medicine, has been serving in the position on an interim basis since August 1, 2020, while a national search was conducted.

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

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 the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

¹ Astrida Orle Tantillo, *Chair*, Professor of Germanic Studies and History, and Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Andrew Boyd, Associate Professor of Biomedical Health and Information Sciences and Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, College of Applied Health Sciences, Associate Professor of Medical Education, and Center Affiliate, Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences, College of Medicine, Associate Chief Health Information Officer, Office of the Chief Health Information Officer, UI Health, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research; Kathryn H. Carpenter, Professor, University Library, and Associate University Librarian and Associate Dean, Library of Health Sciences Chicago; Rodney Chambers, Business Administrative Associate, University Library; Eileen Collins, Professor of Biobehavioral Nursing Science and Associate Dean for Research, College of Nursing; Emily M. Johnson-Barlow, Associate Professor and Regional Health Sciences Librarian, Library of Health Sciences Peoria, Clinical Associate, Department of Family and Community Medicine, and Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine; Mary Therese Keehn, Director of Interprofessional Education, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Applied Health Sciences; Marcia E. Lausen, UIC Distinguished Professor, Professor of Design, and Director, School of Design, College of Architecture, Design and the Arts; Linda A. Naru, Associate University Librarian and Associate Dean, University Library; Robert Hal Sloan, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering; Clark Stanford, UIC Distinguished Professor, Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Dean, College of Dentistry, Professor of Bioengineering, College of Engineering.

RHEA BALLARD-THROWER

Education

University of Cincinnati, Ohio, B.A., 1983
University of Kentucky, Lexington, J.D., 1986
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, M.I.L.S., 1988

Professional and Other Experience

The University of Texas, 1988-89, Reference Librarian, School of Law, Tarlton Law Library; 1989-90, Reserve Room Librarian, School of Law, Tarlton Law Library
Georgia State University, 1990-95, Public Services Librarian, College of Law Library; 1995-2001, Associate Librarian, College of Law Library
Howard University, 2001-16, Director and Associate Professor, School of Law Library; 2016-date, Executive Director and Associate Professor, University Libraries