

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
September 10, 2015

Board Meeting  
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APPOINT INTERIM DEAN, HONORS COLLEGE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Appoint Interim 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 Arthur J. Schmitt Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies, Coordinator of Religious Studies, and Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, as Interim Dean, Honors College, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 75 percent time, at an annual salary of \$114,538 (equivalent to an annual nine-month base salary of \$93,713 plus two-ninths annualization of \$20,825), and an administrative increment of \$15,284, for a salary of \$129,822, beginning September 11, 2015.

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 25 percent time, at an annual salary of \$31,238, effective September 11, 2015; 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 September 11, 2015. While Dr. Keen serves as Interim Dean, he will receive additional compensation equivalent to 25 percent of two-ninths annualization

during the summer (\$6,940 for summer 2016), for a total salary of \$168,000. Dr. Keen was appointed as Interim Dean-Designate under the same conditions and salary arrangement, effective August 16, 2015.

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

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material aspects 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.

This recommendation was forwarded from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, in conjunction with the advice of the Honors Council.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

(A biosketch follows.)

## 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-date, Coordinator of Religious Studies