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## APPOINT DEAN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, URBANA

**Action:** Appoint Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Funding:** Tuition/State Appropriated Funds

The Chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the appointment of Venetria Kirsten Patton, formerly Professor of English, Professor of African American Studies, and Head, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Purdue University Main Campus, West Lafayette, Indiana, as the Harry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, for a total annual salary of $355,500. Beginning September 24, 2021, Dr. Patton’s salary will be comprised of a base salary

of $280,500 (equivalent to an annual nine-month base salary of $229,500 plus two-ninths annualization of $51,000), and an administrative increment of $75,000. In addition, Dr.

Patton will be appointed to the rank of Professor of English, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, and Professor of African American Studies, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, beginning September 24, 2021.

Dr. Patton served as Dean Designate from August 2, 2021, through

September 23, 2021, under the same conditions and salary arrangement.

Dr. Patton will succeed Gene E. Robinson, who has served in the role of Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences since August 2020. Professor Robinson will return to full-time faculty service.

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 was forwarded from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, based on the advice of a search committee.[[1]](#footnote-1)

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

The President of the University recommends approval.

VENETRIA K. PATTON

Education

University of La Verne, California, B.A., 1990

University of California - Riverside, M.A., 1992; Ph.D., 1996

Professional and Other Experience

Mt. San Jacinto College, California, 1992-95, Lecturer

Pomona College, Claremont, California, 1996, Lecturer

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1996-2001, Assistant Professor of English, Assistant

Professor of African American Studies; 2001-03, Associate Professor of English,

Associate Professor of African American Studies

Purdue University Main Campus, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2003-14, Associate

Professor of English, Associate Professor of African American Studies; 2003-15,

Director, African American Studies and Research Center; 2014-21, Professor of

English, Professor of African American Studies; 2015-16, Provost Fellow for

Diversity and Inclusion; 2016-21, Head, School of Interdisciplinary Studies

1. 1 Vikram D. Amar, Iwan Foundation Professor and Dean, College of Law, *Chair*; Dolores Albarracin, Professor of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Business Administration, Gies College of Business; Pamela Ann Axtman-Barker, Predoctoral Fellow, and Graduate Student, Department of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Ronald William Bailey, Professor and Head of African American Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Katrina Ross Chester, Senior Business Operations Manager, Illinois Global Institute, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Luisa-Elena Delgado, Professor of Spanish and Portuguese, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Cara Anne Finnegan, Professor of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Karle Ann Flanagan, Senior Instructor, Department of Statistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Charles Forbes Gammie, Romano Scholar and Professor of Astronomy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Willett Chair and Professor of Physics, Grainger College of Engineering; Richard S. Laugesen, Professor of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Robert Markley, Trowbridge Professor of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Isabel Molina, Professor of Communication and Professor of Latina/Latino Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Dana Rabin, Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Andrew Suarez, Professor of Entomology, and Jeffrey S. Elowe Professor and Head of Evolution, Ecology and Behavior, School of Integrative Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Jonathan V. Sweedler, James R. Eiszner Family Chair in Chemistry and Center for Advanced Study Professor of Chemistry, and Director, School of Chemical Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Carin Vanderpool, Professor of Microbiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Joan Marie Volkmann, Associate Dean for Advancement, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Office of the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement; Donald J. Wuebbles, Harry E. Preble Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Hye Suk James Yoon, Professor and Head of Linguistics, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)