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### **Molloy College Announces Selection of New Deans**

The following Molloy College Professors have been selected to serve as Deans of academic divisions beginning in the spring 2009 Semester:

#### ***Nick Fagnoli, Ph.D., to serve as Dean of Molloy's Humanities Division***

Dr. Fagnoli received his Bachelor's degree in English Literature from St. Francis College in Maine, a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Catholic University, and earned his Doctorate in Theology and Literature from Marquette University.

He has successfully served as a member of the Molloy teaching faculty in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies for over 25 years and as department chairperson for over ten years. And, in recognition of his lifelong commitment to scholarship, Molloy College awarded Dr. Fagnoli its 2007 Research Achievement Award.

Additionally, he has been published in both Theology and Literature. He is the author and co-author of five books on James Joyce and other literary figures. A renowned James Joyce scholar, he is the founder of the Finnegans Wake Society of New York, and member of the James Joyce Society where he currently serves as the Society's president.

The Humanities Division encompasses the following departments: Art, Communication Arts and Sciences, English, History and Political Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy and Theology.

***Dr. Kathleen Maurer Smith to serve as Dean of Molloy's Social Sciences Division***

Dr. Maurer Smith graduated from Molloy College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Sociology at Adelphi University and a Ph.D. in Sociology at CUNY Graduate Center.

A faculty member at Molloy for the past three decades, she was Chairperson of the Sociology Department for several years, served on a host of College committees, and also served as President of the Faculty. She is an active member of the American Association of University Professors and has represented Molloy locally, state-wide, and nationally.

Dr. Maurer Smith has provided leadership for the implementation of assessment initiatives and co-chaired the Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Task Force for the Middle States Self Study in 2004. She has served as Co-Director of the Community Research Institute at Molloy College. For the past few years, she has taught in Molloy's Honors Program and was Acting Director of the Honors Program in 2006-2007. While on sabbatical during the spring 2008 semester, she has been completing her book, *What's Right with the Family*.

The Social Science Division includes the following departments: Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, and Criminal Justice.

***Dr. Anthony Tolvo to serve as Dean of Molloy's Natural Science, Mathematics, Computer Studies, and Allied Health Division***

Dr. Tolvo completed his undergraduate studies in Biology at Manhattan College and ambitiously completed two Master's at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Biology and Biochemistry. He pursued his interests in Physiology/Biochemistry at New York University and earned a Ph.D. in 1997. Prior to coming to Molloy College in 2000, Dr. Tolvo was the manager of the Cell Culture facility at the Population Council at Rockefeller University.

Since joining the ranks of the teaching faculty at Molloy, he has served on numerous faculty committees, generously given time and expertise to the Faculty

Professional Center, the Math Science Advisory Board, and initiated several collaborative projects that integrate math and science through his ongoing interests in Bioinformatics. Dr. Tolvo's research interests focuses on endocrinology, particularly signal transduction research. This year he successfully completed his first year as Chairperson of the Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Studies Department.

The Division of Natural Science, Mathematics, Computer Studies, and Allied Health includes the following departments: Mathematics and Computer Studies, Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Studies, and Allied Health.

For further information regarding the selection of the new Deans contact The Office of Academic Affairs at 516.687.5000 ext. 6209.

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