

**From:** Vice Chancellor and Dean Claudia Mitchell-Kernan

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## **UCLA** *Graduate Division*

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### Office of the Vice Chancellor & Dean

To the UCLA Campus Community

Dear Colleagues:

I write to inform you that it is with regret that I have accepted Professor John V. Richardson's decision to conclude his service as Associate Dean of the Graduate Division and return full time to teaching and research, effective June 30, 2007.

John began his service in 2002 and during the past five years he has made a number of valuable contributions to the Graduate Division and graduate education at UCLA. As designated Associate Dean for the Social and Life Science Divisions in the College, Academic Health Sciences in Medicine, Oral Biology in Dentistry, the ACCESS program, the School of Public Affairs and Theater, Film and Television, he has provided critical academic affairs support for these campus sectors.

I wish to particularly acknowledge the key role John played in the oversight of APM 390 governing the appointment of postdoctoral and visiting scholars, as well as for his patience and good judgment in dealing with the diverse issues that emerged in the implementation of this new policy. As Graduate Division liaison to the Graduate Council's Committee on Degree Programs, John was active in a wide range of areas related to degree requirements. He has also been a valuable resource in identifying and helping to resolve issues affecting international students. John has worked effectively with graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and their faculty supervisors and we are particularly indebted to him for becoming our resident expert on campus practices on dissertation and copyright related issues.

We will miss John's keen mind, active listening and disciplined approach to dealing with the myriad of issues that arise in the Graduate Division. We are also grateful for his effective representation of UCLA at national and international forums on graduate education. Please join me in expressing appreciation to John for his outstanding service and in wishing him all the best as he returns to his academic activities on a full time basis.

An announcement inviting nominations/applications for the Associate Dean vacancy will be circulated separately.

Sincerely,

***Claudia Mitchell-Kernan***

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