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UCLA *Graduate Division*

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Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, and Faculty

I am delighted to announce the appointment of two new Associate Deans and an Academic Administrative Intern in the Graduate Division.

Carlos Grijalva, a Professor of Psychology involved in the Neuroscience Program and in the Brain Research Institute, has been appointed Associate Dean in the Graduate Division and assumed his new responsibilities July 1, 2007. Dr. Grijalva will serve as the academic liaison for the following areas: *Physical Sciences Division; Management; ACCESS & Basic Biomedical Sciences; Medicine; Oral Biology; Psychiatry and Comparative Literature*. He will also serve as the lead Associate Dean for the *Alliance in Graduate Education in the Professoriate (AGEP)* and the *Diversity Initiative for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences (DIGSSS)* grants and will be fully engaged in the Graduate Division's efforts to improve student diversity at the graduate level.

We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Grijalva on our team as he brings a wealth of talents and experiences to our efforts. Dr. Grijalva joined the Department of Psychology as a postdoctoral fellow in 1978 and was appointed to the UCLA faculty in 1982. Since then, he has accumulated an impressive array of scholarly publications, honors, and awards. His research focuses on the psychobiology of stress, behavior, and bodily diseases in animal models.

Dr. Grijalva has also served in a variety of administrative positions: a brief assignment as Interim Chair of the Cesar Chavez Center for Interdisciplinary Instruction in Chicana and Chicano Studies; Associate Dean for five years in the Division of Honors and Undergraduate Programs, College of Letters and Science; and Vice-Chair of the Chancellor's Animal Research Committee.

M. Belinda Tucker, a social psychologist and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences in the David Geffen School of Medicine, will join the Graduate Division as Associate Dean on September 1, 2007. She also directs the Family Research Consortium IV. Dr. Tucker will represent the Graduate Division on the Graduate Council's *Committee on Fellowships and Assistantships* and liaison to the following campus sectors: *Life Science Division; Social Science Division; International Institute; Public Affairs, Nursing; Public Health; and Dentistry*. She will have responsibility for postdoctoral issues and the Institute of American Cultures. We welcome her extensive experience on UCLA's Postdoctoral Advisory Committee and as director of the Family Research Consortium's postdoctoral program, a national, multi-site training program in its 20th year.

Dr. Tucker joined UCLA in 1978 as Assistant Director for Research and a research psychologist in the Center for Afro-American Studies (now the Bunche Center for African American Studies) and was its Interim Director from 1989 to 1992. She was appointed to the faculty in 1990; her department honored her with the Outstanding Research Mentor Award in 1998 and the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award in 2004.

For many years, Dr. Tucker has conducted research and published widely in the areas of romantic relationships, family formation, adaptation, and mental health, focusing in particular on sociocultural context and race/ethnicity. Among her numerous research grants are awards from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the Russell Sage Foundation.

Nancy Wayne, Professor of Physiology in the David Geffen School of Medicine, has accepted an appointment effective September 1, 2007, as Academic Administrative Intern. As Academic Intern, she will have the opportunity to expand her administrative experience through special projects and the ongoing work of the Division. She has been an active participant in graduate and postdoctoral education and we very much look forward to her contributions to the Division's work.

Dr. Wayne obtained her Ph.D. in Physiology from the University of Michigan and served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Virginia before joining the UCLA faculty in 1992. She has been the recipient of a number of grants and fellowships for her work in neuroscience and neuroendocrinology.

Ross Shideler, Associate Dean of the Graduate Division and Professor of Comparative Literature and Scandinavian, will continue to serve as liaison for the *Humanities; Arts and Architecture; Education and Information Studies; Engineering; Theater, Film and Television and Law*. Dr. Shideler also serves as the Graduate Division liaison for Housing and will represent the Graduate Division on the *Academic Senate Committee on Degrees*.

I am pleased to welcome the new members of the Graduate Division team and express appreciation for the continuing service of Associate Dean Shideler. Please join me in this welcome.

Sincerely,

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