

From: Dean and Vice Chancellor Claudia Mitchell-Kernan
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Subject: American Indian Studies Center Leadership Announcement

UCLA *Graduate Division*

Deans, Directors and Administrative Officers:

RE: Professor Hanay Geiogamah concludes service: Acting Professor Angela Riley to assume leadership of American Indian Studies Center

It is with regret that I inform you that Professor Hanay Geiogamah has asked to be relieved of his administrative responsibilities as Interim Director of the American Indian Studies Center. His theater and community service projects will expand significantly as of this Fall and he is no longer able to continue his work with American Indian Studies in a leadership capacity.

I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Geiogamah who initially agreed to serve for a year but has most generously continued his service as the campus searched for a permanent director of the Center. During his period as Interim Director, Hanay has been able to secure significant resources for the Center from the Ford Foundation and W.W. Kellogg Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education's *Fund for the Improvement of Secondary Education*. Hanay also deserves special recognition because, through many quarters, he also continued his regular teaching duties in the Department of Theater. Hanay has been an exceptional university citizen and caring colleague in combining his teaching and administrative service with a very active performing career and directing Native American theater, film, TV, and dance. Though, I am sorry to lose his service prior to the appointment of a new permanent director, I fully appreciate the demands on his time that will be required to maintain the production schedule for his new performance piece "Ceremony for Mother Earth: A Healing" being produced for the American Indian Dance Theater.

As we express our gratitude to Professor Geiogamah, I would like to request that you join me in welcoming Acting Professor Angela Riley who has accepted the position of Acting Associate Director and will assume the leadership of the AISC, effective October 15, 2009. Professor Riley is a specialist in American Indian law who will begin her second year as Visiting Professor in UCLA's Law School. Those who have had the pleasure of working with Professor Riley have expressed admiration for her venture into relatively uncharted scholarly territory and for the leadership she has demonstrated in her work with tribal governments. She enjoys a reputation as an individual with great ability to build consensus and to motivate others. We are pleased that she is available to serve in this leadership capacity as the personnel process for appointing a permanent director is concluded.

Sincerely,

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