

To All Faculty:

The establishment of the Undergraduate Colleges began in 2002; they have quickly become a cornerstone of the undergraduate experience at Stony Brook and a major factor in the increasing attractiveness of Stony Brook to prospective students and to the success of students once they are here.

The commitment and creativity of the faculty who agreed to be founding college directors has been key to getting the colleges off to such a strong start. Three in this group are finishing their service as directors at the end of this academic year: Perry Goldstein, Associate Professor of Music, who directed the College of Arts, Culture, and Humanities for four years; Jeffrey Levinton, Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolution, who directed the College of Science and Society for four years; Michael Schwartz, Professor of Sociology, who directed the College of Global Studies for three years. On behalf of the university I thank them for their service, but more personally I confess to being awed by their ability to construct the vision and fabric of these colleges more or less out of the ether.

I am pleased to announce that Femi Vaughan, Professor of History and African Studies, has agreed to become faculty director of the College of Global Studies. This will commence in September when he completes his work in the Provost's Office where he has led FAHSS and other projects.

We are seeking nominations and applications for the faculty director positions for the other two colleges (Arts, Culture, and Humanities, and Science and Society). Please contact me or Associate Provost Mark Aronoff for further information or discussion about these openings. Thanks.

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