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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Ph.D. in Comparative Literature with Theory and Criticism Certification, 2008
M.A. in Comparative Literature, 2003
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
B.A. with Honors in Comparative Literature, 1997

APPOINTMENTS

Kenyon College
Associate Provost, 2024-Present
William P. Rice Professor of Spanish and Literature, 2022-2025
Professor of Spanish, Modern Languages and Literatures, 2021-2022
Associate Professor of Spanish, Modern Languages and Literatures, 2014-2021
Assistant Professor of Spanish, Modern Languages and Literatures, 2008-2014
*Department Co-Chair, 2016-2017 / Department Chair, 2017-2022

ADMINISTRATIVE PORTFOLIO

Divisions/Departments/Programs

- Natural Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Statistics, Psychology)
- Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology)
- Interdisciplinary Programs (Environmental Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, African Diaspora Studies, Public Policy, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology)
 - Provide support to address staffing needs, including tenure-track and visiting appointments, through participation in all phases of authorization, searches, and hiring process.
 - Collaborate on Self-Studies with outreach to external evaluators and engagement (itineraries, interviews, materials, follow-up).
 - Manage challenges and seek solutions by means of communication, trust-building, listening, and consistency.

Faculty Development

- Reviews
 - Hold informational sessions with Q&A and meet individually with reviewees and department chairs in advance of reviews (pre-tenure, tenure, first post-tenure, promotion to full, and performance reviews).

- Solicit letters from colleague and external letter-writers (annually, approximately 50-70 total).
- Ensure procedural integrity and fair, collective decisions in interest of contextualized outcomes.
- Mentoring
 - Co-envision and implement a multifaceted mentoring program for new hires in teaching and educational support positions.
 - Pair new tenure-track hires with tenured faculty mentors outside the home department, while assisting with the selection and onboarding of the remaining mentoring committee members.
 - Follow the mentoring progress, hold lunches and other gatherings, send reminders, and review program.
- New Faculty Orientation
 - Assist in team effort of putting together three-day schedule of sessions, receptions, workshops, and meals.
 - Field questions throughout the post-hiring process in order to ensure successful transitions to teaching and life of the college.
 - Carry out yearlong programming for professional development, especially with respect to pedagogy.

Governance

- Senior Staff
 - Meet with cross-divisional senior leadership team to discuss institutional priorities and to make decisions on budget, communications, campus life, etc.
- Executive Committee
 - Attend monthly assemblies of representatives and chairs from faculty governance committees, as presided over by the Chair of the Faculty and joined by members from the Offices of the Provost and President, as well as the Vice President of Student Affairs.
- Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development Committees
 - Serve as the ex officio representative from the Office of the Provost for consideration of issues important to faculty and for the review of internal grant proposals.

Other

- Strategic Plan Implementation
 - Play a key leadership role in the realization of forward-looking initiatives, including the first-year experience, the sophomore success series, integrated advising, experiential learning, and interdisciplinary programming.
- Academic Integrity
 - Support the work of the Academic Integrity Board through oversight of the process, formal review of cases, and policy improvement efforts.
- AI Initiatives
 - Facilitate campus coordination and action on artificial intelligence, including as convener of cross-divisional task force and contact for partnerships.