

College of Liberal Arts Interim Dean Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that LaVerne McQuiller Williams, Ph.D., J.D., will serve as the interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, effective June 1.

LaVerne started at RIT in 1996 as a visiting assistant professor and field experience director in the Department of Criminal Justice. Since then, she has risen through the ranks at RIT. She was awarded tenure in the College of Liberal Arts in 2004 and was promoted to full professor in 2015. During her tenure, LaVerne has held numerous leadership positions, including Graduate Director and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Acting Director of the University Writing Program, and Senior Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

As an accomplished teacher and scholar, LaVerne has authored or co-authored more than 30 publications and has received more than \$1 million in external funding. She holds a BS in criminal justice from RIT, an MS in criminal justice from Buffalo State College, a J.D. from Albany Law School, and a Ph.D. in sociology from SUNY Buffalo.

LaVerne's appointment as interim dean follows an internal search that included input from faculty and staff in the college. She is replacing Dean Jamie Winebrake, who will be leaving the university on June 30 to become the provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Please join me in congratulating LaVerne on her new role.

Sincerely,

Ellen Granberg
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs