

# Humanities Area Newsletter

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## Message from the Instructional Dean

Welcome to the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester! I must say that the first days of the semester sent me home each evening with a smile on my face. It was so wonderful to see so many of you in person for the first time in almost two years and seeing and shepherding students during the first weeks was exhilarating. As we move ahead we are looking forward to an interesting semester as we return to more on-campus classes and academic support activities as well as to continue to provide instruction remotely and academic support virtually. It has been a challenge to find the right mix of on-campus, remote, and distance learning offerings, and the chairs and I are deeply appreciative of your flexibility and good will as we grapple with that challenge.

With a changing environment in terms of the virus that has so dramatically altered our lives over the last two years, we must continue to wear our masks and wash our hands. The College continues to follow the CDC and Montgomery County guidelines to provide students and employees with a safe environment. Our colleagues across the college have worked tirelessly to manage the vaccine mandate for faculty, staff, and students.

As we move into the new semester, please join me in welcoming Ms. Joan Rozario as the new Executive Associate in my office. Joan knows the college and its systems well, so please don't hesitate to reach out to her with questions. Please hold the date of March 1 from 2-4 PM, for an in-person recognition of Ms. Waddy, who served the college so diligently for 37 years, as we wish her all the best in retirement. The event will be held at TPSS in the atrium of the Cafritz building. Also, please share your thoughts on the kudo board for Ms. Waddy at this link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/utDrnfFh>

Wishing you and your students joy as you journey into another productive semester. You have all been unstoppable!



"If You are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people" – Chinese Proverb

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