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GSAS, Dental School Name New Deans

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Mathematics Professor Henry C. Pinkham is the new dean of Columbia's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Pinkham, who began his tenure as dean in June, has been a member of the Columbia faculty since 1974 and has a longstanding reputation as an outstanding teacher. He received the Mark Van Doren Teaching Award in 1999.

"We are delighted to have Henry Pinkham as the new dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences," says President George Rupp. "He is a wonderful colleague and proven teacher, researcher and administrator, who will build upon Columbia's outstanding record in graduate education."

Pinkham has held a variety of administrative positions at Columbia since he arrived, including chair of the mathematics department for two years in the late eighties. He succeeds former dean Eduardo Macagno, who now heads the biology department at the University of California at San Diego.

Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery has also named a new dean. Professor Ira B. Lamster came to Columbia in 1988, serving as director of the Division of Periodontics before being named vice dean of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1998. He has extensive experience in oral health research and has spearheaded important studies in diagnostic testing, risk assessment for periodontal disease, the interrelationship of oral infection and systemic disease, and chemotherapy for periodontal diseases.

Lamster succeeds Allan J. Formicola, who retired after 23 years of service at the School.



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