Lorraine Frazier Named Dean of Nursing

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Columbia University has appointed Lorraine Frazier as the new dean of the School of Nursing. An accomplished medical researcher and academic leader, Frazier is now also the Mary O’Neil Mundinger, DrPH, Professor of Nursing and senior vice president at Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

Frazier was most recently dean of nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; she previously held the same position at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She is an expert in biobanking, or the emerging science of collecting, storing, and sharing blood and tissue samples for the purpose of advancing medical research. As dean of Columbia’s nursing school, she succeeds Bobbie Berkowitz, who had led the school since 2010.

“Under Dean Bobbie Berkowitz, the school has been preparing leaders who are shaping the health-care system and training students to practice at the profession’s highest level,” says President Lee C. Bollinger.

“Lorraine Frazier is recognized for her scholarship and for her accomplishments as dean of two different nursing schools, experience that makes her ideally suited to carry Columbia Nursing forward to the next stage in its development.”

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