Amy Hungerford to Lead Arts and Sciences

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Courtesy of Amy Hungerford.

Amy Hungerford, a longtime Yale professor and academic administrator, has been appointed executive vice president for Arts and Sciences and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Her appointment begins January 1.

A scholar of twentieth- and twenty-first-century American literature, Hungerford comes to Columbia after leading Yale's humanities division since 2016. In that role, she oversaw a major capital project to create a central hub for humanities on Yale's campus and efforts to increase cross-school collaborations.

As head of Columbia's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Hungerford will oversee the twenty-eight departments whose members teach students at Columbia College, the School of General Studies, the School of the Arts, the School of Professional Studies, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

"Amy's career has combined notable scholarship and tireless mentoring with a wealth of experience in administering core academic programs," said President Lee C. Bollinger. "Her oversight of twenty-three humanities departments and programs at Yale has demonstrated a talent for effective stewardship of resources and for the recruitment, hiring, and advancement of the highest-caliber faculty."

Hungerford succeeds Maya Tolstoy, a marine geophysicist who has served as interim executive vice president for Arts and Sciences since September 2018, when statistics professor David Madigan stepped down after five years in the position.



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