Troy Eggers Named Dean of School of Professional Studies

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Troy Eggers, an academic administrator who has served in a number of senior leadership positions at Columbia, was recently named dean of the School of Professional Studies.
Eggers had been serving as interim dean of the school since 2020, when Jason Wingard, a scholar of leadership strategy, stepped down from the post. In the summer of 2021, Wingard left Columbia to become president of Temple University.

Eggers was previously the University’s executive vice provost, where his portfolio included critical areas of academic management, such as financial planning, faculty housing, human resources, travel, emergency protocols, and space planning. He also oversaw the International Students and Scholars Office, Columbia University Press, the University Seminars, and the Alliance Program, a joint venture between Columbia and École Polytechnique, Sciences Po, and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. Before that, Eggers held senior positions at Columbia Business School and the School of International and Public Affairs.

The School of Professional Studies, founded twenty years ago as the School of Continuing Education and renamed in 2015 to reflect its broadened academic mission, offers a range of professional degrees, lifelong learning opportunities, and market-specific training in areas such as applied analytics, bioethics, enterprise risk management, human rights, and strategic communication.

President Lee C. Bollinger, in announcing Eggers’s new appointment, praised his “outstanding performance” as interim dean, which included launching several new academic programs and enhancing the school’s online offerings.

“As dean, Troy will build upon the school’s unique and impressive history, while refining and broadening its approach to non-traditional higher education,” Bollinger said.