

Tulane University Names New Dean for School of Liberal Arts

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Carole Haber, Richards Professor of History and chair of the history department at the University of Delaware, has been named dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane University. Haber will officially begin her appointment July 1. Haber will replace Interim Dean George Bernstein, who will return to his faculty position in Tulane's history department.

"Recent events have made New Orleans and Tulane a place of both challenges and opportunities," Haber said. "My enthusiasm for the mission of Tulane as well as my desire to be part of the team that shapes the future of New Orleans makes me extremely excited about this position and its possibilities."

A scholar and author with extensive administrative experience, Haber graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in history from Washington University in St. Louis in 1973 and earned a PhD in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979.

She joined the department of history at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte in 1979 as an assistant professor. During the next nearly 20 years she served in various academic and administrative roles at UNC-Charlotte, eventually becoming chair of the history department in 1993.

In 1998 Haber left UNC for the University of Delaware where she was named full professor and history department chair. In 2003 she was named Richards Professor of History, an endowed position. She also held several administrative positions at the University of Delaware including membership on the Dean's Advisory Committee, a position through which she shared oversight of the College of Arts and Sciences' budget. Haber was also appointed chair of the university's Steering Committee and chair of the Chairs' Caucus, a position in which she convened monthly meetings

between various department chairs and university administrators.

"An accomplished scholar-teacher, an experienced and gifted administrator and a fine colleague possessed of exemplary values and principles, Carole Haber is an ideal choice as the new Dean of the Tulane School of Liberal Arts. She will distinguish herself as an outstanding leader and an inspired collaborator. I look forward to working with Carole very much. It will be a great pleasure welcoming her and her family to our community," Tulane Provost Michael Bernstein said.

In addition to her administrative experience, Haber's wide academic interests include aging and death, a subject on which she has written several books including *Beyond Sixty-Five: The Dilemma of Old Age in America's Past*; *Old Age and the Search for Security*; and *Key Words in Sociocultural Gerontology*. She has also served as a consultant on aging for NBC, BBC, NPR, the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute on Aging.

The School of Liberal Arts at Tulane, which Haber will lead, consists of 15 departments and 22 interdisciplinary programs including anthropology, art, classical studies, communication, economics, English, French and Italian, Germanic and Slavic Studies, history, music, philosophy, political science, sociology, Spanish and Portuguese and theatre and dance.