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Cal Poly Pomona Announces New Dean of College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences

POMONA, Calif. -- Cal Poly Pomona provost Marten denBoer has announced that Dr. Carol P. Richardson, professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has accepted an offer to become the new dean of the College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences. On **Jan. 1, 2009**, she will assume leadership of the college and begin a six-month transition from her responsibilities in Michigan.

With an extensive background in music education, Richardson has served on the faculty in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance at the University of Michigan for 12 years, teaching music education and research methods and overseeing theses and dissertations. For six years, she also served as chair of the Music Education Department, leading a curriculum review, redesign and implementation for the undergraduate and graduate programs and establishing continuous assessments.

"The important role of CLASS within the campus and external communities makes this a marvelous opportunity," said Richardson. "To be charged as its next steward is humbling and I look forward to beginning my transition."

In addition to teaching, Richardson has worked with the Office of the Dean to facilitate planning processes in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Richardson also assisted in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan.

"Carol will continue a legacy of energy and passion in the leadership of CLASS," adds denBoer. "Her vision for the future gives me great confidence that we will continue to elevate the work of these important faculty, staff and students."

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Richardson's previous teaching experience also includes serving on the faculty at School of Music and Music Education at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, School of Music at Northwestern University, Ill., and the Music Department at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

For her undergraduate education, Richardson attended Valparaiso University in Indiana, majoring in music education. She received her master's degree in music from Northwestern University and her doctorate in music education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also was an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow (2004-2005), working with Chancellor Nancy Cantor (Syracuse University) and President Mary Sue Coleman (University of Michigan).

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