



College of Health and Human Sciences

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TO: Jay Akridge
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Marion K. Underwood, Dean *Marion K. Underwood*
College of Health and Human Sciences

DATE: January 15, 2020

RE: Nomination of Margo J. Monteith for distinguished professorship

I am pleased to forward to you this request for a conferral of a distinguished professorship to Margo Monteith. Specially, we seek approval to appoint Dr. Monteith as a *Distinguished Professor of Psychological Sciences*.

Dr. Monteith is one of the world’s leading experts on stereotyping and prejudice. On the basis of her programmatic research, she developed the widely accepted Self-Regulation of Prejudiced Responses Model. Dr. Monteith’s pioneering, innovative research has established that implicit biases can be controlled if individuals wish to regulate them. Dr. Monteith has translated her theory to practice by developing interventions to reduce behavioral manifestation of biases and to improve the sense of belonging of those who have been made to feel marginalized. In 2016, Dr. Monteith won one of nine Purdue Diversity Transformation Awards to develop videos to foster stereotype and bias reduction, titled “Promoting Student Inclusion: An Evidence-Based Program for Transforming Purdue’s Climate.” Dr. Monteith’s research is consistently published in the highest impact journals in the field of social psychology. She has attracted external funding from the National Science Foundation, an agency that provides limited funding for the field of social psychology. Dr. Monteith serves as the Editor-in-Chief of *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, holds leadership roles in national organizations, and was elected the President of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Dr. Monteith’s nomination is supported by five strongly supportive letters from eminent leaders in the field of social psychology. Along with every member of the college’s Area Committee, I wholeheartedly concur with the assessment of Dr. Jennifer Crocker of Ohio State University that Dr. Monteith is “a highly distinguished, path-breaking scholar with a stellar international reputation.” I strongly and enthusiastically endorse this nomination.

Approval Recommended:

Approved:

Jay Akridge 1/16/21

Jay Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity Date

M. E. Daniels, Jr. 1/20/21

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President Date