Philip L. Yeagle, currently dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FASN) at Rutgers-Newark, has been appointed interim chancellor, effective Dec. 24, 2011, by Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick.

“Dr. Yeagle will serve as interim chancellor until the next Rutgers president appoints the permanent chancellor,” said McCormick.

Yeagle has served as dean of FASN for five years, providing leadership for the College of Arts and Sciences, the Honors College, and University College, which together enroll 55 percent of Rutgers-Newark’s undergraduates. Among his achievements at Rutgers are an increase in external and private funding, improved student advising, renewed strength in scientific research and the development of a new undergraduate curriculum.

Before coming to Rutgers in 2007, Yeagle spent 10 years as professor and head of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of Connecticut.

He began his academic career at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Science after earning his doctoral degree at Duke University in the area of membrane structure and function, a field in which he has authored more than 150 articles and seven books.

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Joan Morrell Honored As 2011-2012 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Scholar

Dr. Joan Morrell, a behavioral neuroscientist whose research seeks to unravel the motivational systems of the brain, was honored Nov. 3 as the 2011-2012 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Scholar. Morrell was publicly recognized by Newark Chancellor Steven J. Diner at a program in which she also gave a presentation about her research. “Common Roots: Laboratory Rats Help Us Understand the Neurobiology of Human Motivation and Emotions” explained her work, which focuses on the brain basis of motivation with an emphasis on examining the systems that impact maternal motivation and motivation to seek drugs of abuse.

The Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award honors professors who have done exceptional scholarly work on a subject of fundamental intellectual importance.

“I am very pleased to accept this honor in recognition of the community of neuroscientists on the Newark Campus of Rutgers and particularly my closest colleagues in the Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience (CMBN),” stated Morrell, a researcher at CMBN since 1986.

Why study the biological roots of motivation? By unlocking the keys to motivation, it might become possible to mold it to produce more beneficial behaviors. “Healthy working motivational forces…are crucial as we advance our society,” notes Morrell.

Much of her research focuses on motivations for parental caregiving, an area where she has learned that the “biological roots of parental motivation lead to work and sacrifice for sake of the young, concepts familiar and beneficial to us all.” Morrell was the first to uncover that subregions of the brain’s prefrontal cortex are involved in both the caregiving of offspring and the motivation to parent. Morrell compares this area of the brain to the “Planning and Decision Central” department in a corporation, since it conducts the highest level “thinking” in humans, making plans and complex decisions and considering their consequences. These same systems turn to “the dark side of motivated choice” when they function in the motivation to seek drugs of abuse. Understanding the choice in motivated behavior is a key aspect of Morrell’s work.

Morrell has recently ventured into a new area: examining the “hardwiring” of the motivation to exercise. Given the wide-ranging positive effects of exercise on physical and mental health, and “the almost universal human motivational problem, our lack of motivation to exercise,” Morrell believes this is a crucial area to extend her exploration of the brain regions mediating motivation.

“Our research suggests that there may be things we can do to strengthen parental behavior, and also perhaps the desire to exercise, in a manner similar to the way people can be trained if they have gambling addictions to make prudent choices,” says Morrell.

For a layman’s guide to Morrell’s research, read her commencement speech at http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/commencement/index.php?sid=morrell-speech.

College Of Nursing Receives Nearly $1.8 Million Grant To Prepare Future Nursing Professors

Few people are aware of New Jersey’s growing shortage of nursing faculty. With many nursing professors approaching retirement and few nurses with doctoral degrees in the faculty pipeline to replace them, the crisis will likely worsen in coming years especially as an aging population with chronic ailments continually increases. To help fill the gap, under its “New Jersey Nursing Initiative” the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has awarded the Rutgers College of Nursing a four-year grant for nearly $1.8 million to prepare future nurses for teaching careers. Each RWJF New Jersey Nursing Scholar will receive a $50,000 annual stipend as well as funds for tuition, fees, a laptop, books and other direct costs of the doctoral program.

“Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s generosity helps to support five Ph.D. scholars who will be committed to securing nursing faculty positions at New Jersey institutions of higher education upon obtaining their doctoral degrees,” notes William L. Holzem, dean of Rutgers College of Nursing.

RWJF’s nursing program was established in 1952 as the School of Nursing and became the College of Nursing in 1955. In 1989, Rutgers College of Nursing created New Jersey’s first doctoral program in nursing, followed by the doctor of nursing practice in 2007. Rutgers College of Nursing programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
Dan Morgenstern has held many titles over his lifetime: Author. Historian. Editor. Archivist. National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master. Grammy Award winner (eight times) for album notes. Director of the Institute of Jazz Studies (IJS) since 1976.

But the title held longest, and the one from which all the others flow, is "lifelong lover of the music called jazz," which he will hold long after his January 2012 retirement from IJS.

Morgenstern was born in Vienna, home of the waltz, but the city where his passion for jazz was born was Copenhagen. When he came to New York in 1947, one of the young immigrant’s first stops was 52nd Street ("Swing Street"), then a "legendary block of jazz clubs." That visit, and many subsequent ones, truly sealed "legendary block of jazz clubs." That visit, was 52nd Street ("Swing Street"), then a place for the young immigrant's first stops.

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For Dan Morgenstern, The Beat Will Slow A Bit, But The Bands Will Play On by Carla Capizzi

Before Morgenstern came to Rutgers in 1976 to direct IJS, that life included seven years as editor of Down Beat magazine, last editor of Metronome and first editor of Jazz Magazine, and stints as jazz reviewer for the New York Post and record-reviewer for the Chicago Sun Times. "I never anticipated winding up in the academic world, after my prior incarnation as a journalist, but it turned out to be an ideal job for this lifelong lover of the music called jazz," he reflects. "The opportunity to collect, preserve and make accessible some of the rich heritage of jazz has been an immensely satisfying experience."

As IJS director, he and his colleagues transformed the collection created by jazz historian Marshall Stearns into the most extensive, and most respected, jazz archive in the world. Its reputation is such that when Ken Burns was creating his award-winning PBS documentary on jazz, he knew exactly where to turn for the most authoritative jazz knowledge: Dan Morgenstern and the IJS. IJS has become a central resource for the Rutgers MA in Jazz History program, and a vital programming partner to WBGQ-FM, the only full-time jazz radio station in the greater New York-New Jersey region. The prolific author of hundreds of articles, and co-author or contributor to numerous jazz books, Morgenstern plans to write a memoir or contributor to numerous jazz books, Morgenstern plans to write a memoir.

It’s easy to see why Walker-McCall finds her job so rewarding. EOF is a state-funded program that provides financial assistance and academic support services to low-income, first-generation college students. With the goal of helping EOF students stay in and ultimately graduate from school, all EOF students attend pre-college summer programs to ensure they possess basic college-level competencies, and while enrolled in the program, continually receive counseling on how to adjust and manage collegiate life. The efforts of Walker-McCall and her nearly 20-member staff are garnering impressive results. Walker-McCall proudly reports that EOF students graduate from Rutgers-Newark at the same rate as non-EOF students.

The Rutgers Future Scholars Program at Rutgers-Newark, an initiative of President McCormick, also falls under Walker-McCall’s purview. Now in its fourth year, the privately funded program creates a pipeline of academically ambitious Newark middle and high school students from low-income households who aspire to be among the first in their families to earn a four-year college degree. A Rutgers Future Scholar who gets admitted to and chooses to attend Rutgers University receives full tuition funding. At Rutgers-Newark there are 200 Rutgers Future Scholars in grades 9-11, with the first class graduating from high school in 2013.

Always endeavoring to increase the pool of college-ready youth from at-risk communities, Walker-McCall’s team recently won two $230,000 grants from the U.S. Department of Education that will be used to help students from Irvington, Orange and East Orange improve their reading, writing, math and other analytical skills. A total of 1,000 students ranging from grades 6-12 will benefit from the "Talent Search" grant.

A native of Newark, Walker-McCall earned her bachelor’s degree from Rutgers College of Nursing and her master of business administration in marketing and marketing research from Rutgers Business School. Married and the mother of three daughters, Walker-McCall’s oldest daughter, a junior at Rutgers-New Brunswick, continues the scarlet and black tradition.

But the title held longest, and the one from which all the others flow, is "lifelong lover of the music called jazz," which he will hold long after his January 2012 retirement from IJS.
Jerome D. Williams Assumes First Prudential Chair in Business

Jerome D. Williams is now the first professor to hold the Prudential Chair in Business at the Rutgers Business School—Newark. Williams is a professor of management & global business as well as research director of The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development.

“The Prudential Chair will help further my research in such areas as urban entrepreneurship, small business development, marketing to multi-cultural customers, and discriminatory practices in the banking industry,” said Williams, who joined the RBS faculty in 2010.

Lessons From Tanzania, and From Life

The undergraduate Urban College and Cultural Leadership course offered through the School of Public Affairs and Administration aims to develop student leaders who can effect social change and transform city environments. But along the road to becoming agents of change, the students themselves are transformed, and this year was no exception, notes instructor Clayton Walton, associate dean of student life and director of the Paul Robeson Campus Center.

The three-credit seminar incorporates coursework, readings, films, guest lectures, discussion and hands-on experiences, culminating in a field trip overseas; this year to Tanzania. The R-N students visited sites not usually found on tourists’ itineraries, such as a studio and store run by artisans with polio, and a shelter for vulnerable children. They met with students at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and local families, participated in moderated discussions, and kept journals. “At its most basic level, the trips offer our students a different world view, and an opportunity to wrestle with western views of community, poverty and other concepts that vary around the world,” explains Walton.

Beyond that, students gain new perspectives on community leadership outside the U.S. For instance, the UDSM students explained their own efforts to improve their communities, while the R-N students’ studio and children’s shelter offered living examples of community engagement, Tanzania-style.

Jean-Marc Coicaud

Jean-Marc Coicaud, professor to hold the Prudential Chair in Business at the Rutgers Business School—Newark, has been welcomed to the United Nations, where he served as director of the UN University Office in New York since 2003. A native of France, Coicaud’s academic experience includes teaching and fellowship positions at Harvard University, New School University, New York University School of Law, Tsinghua University (Beijing), the École Supérieure-Unil and the University of Paris 1-Sorbonne. Among his many publications are books in the fields of comparative politics, political and legal theory, international relations and international law.

Coicaud earned a Doctorat d’Etat in political philosophy from the Institut d’Études Politiques and a doctoral degree in political science and law from the University of Paris 1-Sorbonne. He also holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in linguistics, literature, and philosophy.
A Carechild Center For Rutgers-Newark

They were too young to know it, but members of the “chorus” at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony were making campus history on Sept. 21. On a sunny afternoon, as the tiny singers serenaded guests in an outdoor tent, Rutgers University in Newark celebrated the opening of its first-ever on-site child care center. The singers, oblivious of their momentous role, were part of the first group of children of students, faculty and staff to attend the Child Care Center at 75 Halsey St. The center opened on Sept. 1, for fall classes, but the official celebration brought together the campus community and special guests. The children’s repertoire included a specially written, rousing cheer by the “Little Rutgers Scarlet Raiders.” After participating in the ribbon-cutting, the little Raiders headed inside for their naps.

Our new child care center is going to significantly enhance the quality of life for everyone, and it will be a place where the children in our community can thrive,” stated Marcia W. Brown, vice chancellor for student and community affairs. “The Center is the byproduct of the careful and well-thought out planning of the campus committee, the generosity of Chancellor Steven Diner, who gave us an ideal location and committed financial resources, and a faculty and students who continuously indicated their belief in the need for a center and thus kept the dream alive.”

Initially the center will accept a maximum of 30 children, ages 2½ through 5, with priority given to families in need of fulltime childcare. Long-term plans call to expand the center to accept 60 children, including infants. The center, which is fully licensed by the state, will be open year-round, Monday through Friday, to serve both day and evening students.

The Campus Child Care Committee, led by Lenore Pearson, Chancellor’s Office, and Miriam Montalvo, Academic Foundations Center, worked for seven years to create the center, tackling tasks ranging from surveying the campus community on the need for a center, to winning a federal grant to help student-parents pay for care, to selecting playground equipment. Before the center, Rutgers parents had to rely on nearby off-campus centers, which offered special Rutgers discounts. Those centers will continue to serve Rutgers parents if their children cannot be accommodated.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, a nonsectarian nonprofit, experienced in providing child care in the state, was selected through competitive bidding to operate the center. The center will incorporate a research-based curriculum that will be coordinated with the Rutgers-Newark Department of Psychology and the College of Nursing.

The center’s location is in the heart of the Rutgers Business School’s Halsey Street community revitalization efforts, which have brought new restaurants, businesses and social life into the area over the last few years. The campus has been steadily expanding its footprint in downtown Newark, most noticeably with the move of the Rutgers Business School into One Washington Park. That move freed up space in several other buildings, allowing the facility that now houses the child care center to be renovated and furnished, complete with playground.

Leadership Changes… from cover page

“T故宫 forward to working with the faculty, staff and students of Rutgers,” commented Yeagle, “and continuing to build on the strong record of Chancellor Steven Diner.”

Diner will be returning to the faculty in the Department of History as University Professor following a nearly 10-year term leading Rutgers-Newark. “I take great pride in the progress we have made at Rutgers-Newark,” commented Diner. “Rutgers-Newark is now recognized nationally as a leading urban research university. Our student enrollments have grown by nearly 2,000, We have recruited superb new faculty and greatly enhanced and expanded research and external funding. Our doctoral programs in the sciences, American studies, global affairs, urban systems and the professions have expanded and grown in stature, and our recently established MFA in Creative Writing program has quickly gained national visibility.” During Diner’s tenure, the School of Public Affairs and Administration was founded, and has achieved national and international recognition.

Under Diner’s leadership, faculty expanded their engagement with the city of Newark, taking advantage of the opportunities for experiential learning and research in the city and its institutions. Additionally, community-based learning was expanded, and a growing percentage of R-N’s students have undertaken volunteer community service. The physical campus of Rutgers University in Newark saw a number of changes and improvements during Diner’s tenure. The opening of University Square in 2007 doubled the residential student population at R-N and added much-needed retail to the campus neighborhood. Rutgers Business School moved to new state-of-the-art facilities at One Washington Park, contributing significantly to the revitalization of downtown Newark. The campus also opened its first child care center to serve children of university employees and students.

During Diner’s tenure R-N continued its long tradition of promoting diversity among its students and faculty. Rutgers-Newark continues to be ranked number one in the country among doctoral-granting institutions for undergraduate student diversity. R-N has also won national recognition, from the American Council on Education and The Washington Monthly, among others, as a model engaged public urban research university.

For a slideshow highlighting Chancellor Steven Diner’s tenure as chancellor at Rutgers-Newark, please visit www.newark.rutgers.edu/dinertenure
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FROM THE BOOKSHELF
Rutgers-Newark faculty, staff and alumni are a talented group of scholars and experts from a broad range of disciplines, and they’ve written books that prove it. Here is a sampling of some of the books published this year:

Then and Now
Barely crawling five years ago when Connect newsletter photographed a group of babies born to R-N staff members in 2006, this fall these Rutgers-Newark children walked into kindergarten classes throughout New Jersey.

Rutgers clothing and gear courtesy of Barnes & Noble

LEFT TO RIGHT: Tyrone Boyd, son of LaWanda Thomas, School of Criminal Justice; Madeleine Wilson, daughter of Theresa Tantay-Wilson, Health Services; Abigail Lydon, daughter of Sharon Lydon, Rutgers Business School; Alexandra Hand, daughter of Jason Hand, Admissions; Molly Rowe-Smith, daughter of Elizabeth Rowe, Office of Summer and Winter Sessions; Nina Villanueva, daughter of Daniel Villanueva, Registrar’s Office; Alexander Luu, son of Annabelle Luu, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Dionna Benjamin, daughter of Monnique DeSilva, Rutgers Business School.

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