Barry named Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education

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Dr. Tammy Barry has been named Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education (formerly titled the Dean of the Graduate School.) She will assume the new position effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Barry is currently the associate dean for the Graduate School and a full professor in the Department of Psychology at WSU, where she previously served as the director of the clinical psychology doctoral program. As associate dean, she oversaw the Graduate School function of program assessment and review, represented the Graduate School on the Committee on Institutional Accreditation and Program Assessment, and worked with the Provost’s Office to meet the needs of institutional accreditation processes.

In her new role, Dr. Barry will be charged with creating a vision for dynamic growth and excellence in WSU’s graduate and professional education programs. This will include collaborating with academic leadership system-wide to conduct a careful assessment of WSU’s current support for graduate and professional education. This assessment will include engagement with faculty and graduate student stakeholders, research into national best practices in the administration of graduate and professional education, and recommendations for changes to WSU’s administrative and supportive services.

“I am am thrilled to welcome Dr. Barry to the academic leadership team, and I know that she will bring a renewed energy to graduate and professional education across the WSU system,” said Dr. Elizabeth Chilton, WSU Provost and Executive Vice President. “Dr. Barry’s commitment to collaboration and strong leadership was apparent throughout the interview process. It is clear that she has a firm understanding of graduate education at WSU and is well respected by the Graduate School’s staff and members of the University community.”

Dr. Barry earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Alabama. She completed her pre-doctoral clinical internship in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, followed by an NIH-funded post-doctoral research position in the Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama. She was licensed as a psychologist in 2001. Before joining the faculty at WSU, Dr. Barry was an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama and interim director of their autism clinic. She has held positions as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Louisville, a tenure-track assistant professor at Texas A&M University, and a tenured associate professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she also served as the director of the clinical psychology doctoral program.

Dr. Barry is assuming the role as Dr. Lisa Gloss steps down as the Dean of the Graduate School and returns to her associate professor faculty position in the School of Molecular Biosciences. Dr. Gloss has served as the Dean for more than three years and has been a committed leader of graduate education for WSU.