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Dear Lehman Community-

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Patricia Ruiz Navarro has joined the Office of the Provost as Lehman's inaugural Associate Director for Research Compliance. Dr. Ruiz Navarro will work with College and University stakeholders to support all aspects of research compliance. This includes export control and coordination of our Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and Institutional Review Board (IRB) responsibilities to ensure that all human-subject research conducted by faculty, staff, and students is conducted ethically and in compliance with College, CUNY and federal policies and regulations.

Patricia Ruiz Navarro graduated with honors from Universidad de las Americas-Puebla (UDLAP), with a B.A in Psychology. Later, she won a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue a master's degree in Psychology at the New School for Social Research, and subsequently completed her Ph.D. in Social Psychology at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Dr. Ruiz Navarro's research interest focuses on the identity and mental health of migrants, as well as religiosity, early childhood education, poverty, and health disparities. She worked with the public and private sectors to support Mexican migrant families in New York and New Jersey, before a family move to her home state of Puebla, Mexico. While in Mexico, Dr. Ruiz Navarro worked at UDLAP, first as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology, and later as Director of International Agreements at the university.

I would like to extend my deep appreciation to Leslie Unger who has provided interim HRPP/IRB support for the College in the last year and wish her well with her doctoral studies and future endeavors. At multiple periods of transitions, Leslie has stepped in to provide much needed support and we are grateful for her service.

Going forward, all HRPP/IRB matters can be directed to [irb.lehman@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:irb.lehman@lehman.cuny.edu)

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Dr. Ruiz Navarro. She can be reached directly at [patricia.ruiznavarro@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:patricia.ruiznavarro@lehman.cuny.edu)

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