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Dear Colleagues—

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Stephanie Rupp** as the Director of the Office of International Programs and Community Engagement (IPCE), for a two-year term (renewable), beginning August 16, 2022. Dr. Rupp will report to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success.

As director, Dr. Rupp will serve as the Senior International Office for the college and will be responsible for creating Lehman's vision for comprehensive internationalization and community engagement, acting as an ambassador between the college and both foreign institutions and community partners. In addition, she will manage all areas of IPCE, including study abroad, international student and scholar services, service learning, and community engagement programs at home and abroad. Dr. Rupp will also work closely with Enrollment Management to recruit and enroll international students and collaborate with the School of Continuing and Professional Studies in the English as a Second Language program.

Dr. Rupp is an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology. Her ethnographic and oral historical research in southeastern Cameroon – where she has worked for over 25 years – focuses on networks in the Congo River basin, examining the ways that ecological and economic, social and political systems are entangled. Dr. Rupp has established a not-for-profit organization to support women's associations of southeastern Cameroon (www.esonge.org), and is building a research institute to support the scholars, students, and experts of the region. She also founded and co-directs the Lehman Lab for Social Analysis (www.lehmanlab.org), which engages students in original, collaborative research that generates community engagement and policy contributions in the Bronx. Prior to her time at Lehman, Dr. Rupp served as Assistant Dean of the University Scholars Programme and Student Exchange Coordinator at the National University of Singapore.

I know that Stephanie's extensive experiences in global programming and community engagement will serve the IPCE and Lehman well as we continue to work together to build a university that is globally engaged. I am thrilled that she has accepted this important leadership role.

Please join me in congratulating her. I know she will have the support of our entire campus community of teachers, scholars, learners, advocates, and activists.

Also, join me in thanking Dr. Teresita Levy, who has been leading IPCE since 2016, transforming it from a small operation into an internationally renowned one that serves hundreds of students per year. It is her vision, enthusiasm and commitment that has brought us to this moment. Our students are fortunate that she will be returning to the classroom and will continue to take them abroad. If you have not yet traveled with Teresita, you should – I traveled with her award-winning Cuba program several years ago and was impressed with the depth of knowledge, generosity, and respect with which she conducted the program. I am also grateful to the IPCE staff for their diligence and commitment to creating and sustaining a community that is engaged with our neighbors at home and abroad. The success of the IPCE to date and the exciting plans for the future are indicative of this passion and dedication.

Be well and stay safe.

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