



College of Arts & Media

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To: All CAM Faculty & Staff
From: Larry Kaptain, Dean
Subject: Wishing Dane Webster well in his move to Texas Tech and introducing Mark Rabideau, CAM's next Associate Dean

Many thanks again for finishing the semester strong and providing our graduates (and all CAM students) with the detailed and nuanced support, guidance, mentoring and instruction that students needed—and deserve.

We all wish Dane Webster well, in his move to Lubbock, Texas as he begins his new role at Texas Tech University, where he will coordinate and guide all aspects of the School of Art in collaboration with the faculty and the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts. His accomplishments were many, here in CAM and at CU Denver. As you all know, he led the 3D Graphics & Animation program, co-chaired VA, and then served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. His last day will be June 30th. Thank you, Dane, for your efforts in advancing student support and faculty research, creative work, and teaching.

After a national search led by College of Engineering, Design and Computing Dean Marty Dunn (with over 25 candidates), a preferred finalist was identified and has signed on as our next Associate Dean of Academic and faculty Affairs. Mark Rabideau is known as leader in arts education and creative entrepreneurship. This dynamic position is charged with advancing academic activity within a college that is internationally recognized for its exclusive devotion to arts and entertainment, and the influence of modern trends on contemporary and traditional art forms.

“Rabideau is distinctly gifted for a role like this—a champion of great and innovative work and a partner in spirit and in fortitude, Mark’s engine for good never wanes,” says Tayloe Harding, Dean of the School of Music at the University of South Carolina. “His colleagues will soon know what all of the rest of us who work with him on national, global issues of arts impact on societies know—that there are few individuals with as much capacity for compassion and for creativity than he.”

Dr. Rabideau begins his position at CU Denver on July 1, 2020. His role compliments our Associate Dean for Research and Strategic Partnerships, Laurie Baefsky.

Associate Dean Rabideau brings tremendous experience in visionary arts education to his new position, drawing from over 20 years as a tenured faculty member, musician, and imaginative administrator. Rabideau comes to Denver from his role as Director of the 21st Century Music Initiative at DePauw University, where his national reach has included serving as publisher/editor of 21CM.org and the author of *The 21CM Introduction to Music Entrepreneurship* – recipient of the 2018 Society for Arts Entrepreneurship Educators’ Innovative Arts Entrepreneurship Pedagogy award. He is a renowned arts advocate, recently delivering talks at Curtis, Yale, Cornell, American College in Greece, The Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and American University in Cairo (where he was named Distinguished Visiting Researcher) and is President-Elect for the College Music Society.

Please join me in welcoming Mark Rabideau to the College of Arts & Media.