

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: University Community

FROM: Vilas A. Prabhu
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 10, 2018

RE: **APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC
ADMINISTRATION**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James A. Delle as Associate Provost for Academic Administration, effective July 1, 2018.

Dr. Delle has spent the past 15 years working as an academic leader and teaching scholar in masters/comprehensive institutions, most recently at Shippensburg University. He joined the leadership team at Shippensburg in 2014 to serve as the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In January 2017, he concurrently served as Acting Associate Provost, working to develop and implement university-wide retention and student success initiatives. Before moving to Shippensburg, Dr. Delle spent six years as chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Kutztown University, where he achieved the rank of full professor. While at Kutztown, Dr. Delle led university-wide initiatives on strategic planning, general education reform, and student learning outcomes assessment.

Dr. Delle earned his B.A. in History from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, the M.A. in Anthropology from the College of William and Mary, and the Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His research focuses on the material realities of slavery as it was experienced in Jamaica and the northeastern United States, including in New York and Pennsylvania. He is the author of over 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, two monographs and four edited volumes. He currently has two books in production. He has received the Chambliss Faculty Research Award at Kutztown, the university's highest faculty research honor, and awards from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. In spring 2014 he was named a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, and has been a Fellow in the American Council of Learned Societies.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Delle on his appointment.

I wish to extend thanks to the Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Michael Jackson, Dean of the College of Science and Technology. Members included Ms. Katy Ferrier, Mr. Srinu Gotety, Mr. Christopher Jachimowicz, Dr. Nakeiha Primus, Dr. Lisa Shibley and Prof. Greg Szczyrbak. I also thank Ms. Marie Zufelt for providing staff support for this search.