

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 28, 2019

TO: University Faculty and Staff

FROM: Vilas A. Prabhu, Ph.D., M.B.A.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Nakeiha Primus, Department of Educational Foundations, has been appointed to the position of Program Coordinator for the BA in Multidisciplinary Studies effective Fall 2019. Dr. Primus will lead and coordinate the MDST major in accordance with Millersville University's mission and governance, working closely with faculty developing programs, with faculty advisors advising students in the major, and with all students declaring the major. As Program Coordinator, Dr. Primus will serve as the faculty liaison with the administration and will report to the Associate Provost for Academic Administration.

Dr. Primus is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations. Her primary teaching responsibilities include preparing future K-12 educators in a wide variety of programs. She is the faculty advisor for the Multidisciplinary Studies-Educational Studies & Post-Baccalaureate Secondary English programs. Dr. Primus received her Ph.D. from the University of Delaware. Her research explores the intersections of narrative, curricula, and identity development within education. Dr. Primus was editor of *Philadelphia Freedom Schools: Lessons in Freedom* (2016) and completed a three-year longitudinal study on resilience of African American and Latinx gifted students. Her most recent work focuses on two primary areas: 1) the experiences of undergraduate student parents and; 2) students' perceptions and performances of culturally sustaining ideologies in online spaces. In 2019, Dr. Primus was awarded an inaugural fellowship to participate in the Faculty of Color Working Group Symposium, funded by the Mellon Foundation and the New England Humanities Consortium (NEHC).

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Lowery Woodall, Department of Communication & Theatre and outgoing Program Coordinator, for his service to Millersville as the program's coordinator for the past year.