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CGS Names 2010-11 Dean in Residence

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is pleased to name **William R. Wiener** as its Dean-in-Residence for 2010-11. Dr. Wiener is currently Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, and will join CGS on August 16.

Each year, CGS selects an outstanding graduate school dean with national leadership experience to serve as Dean-in-Residence. The dean joins the staff at CGS for one year, infusing a campus-based perspective and vision across a variety of the Council's programs and initiatives. Wiener will focus his work at CGS on the [Ph.D. Completion Project](#) and the [Project for Scholarly Integrity](#).

"I am delighted that Bill will be joining us," said Debra W. Stewart, CGS President. "He will continue the long tradition of our most distinguished leaders lending their experience to further graduate education, enhancing our ability to serve our members," she added.

Wiener stated, "I have long admired the leadership role that CGS has taken on graduate issues. It has worked with graduate deans to develop innovative programs and needed policies, and has provided excellent advocacy. I am honored to be able to contribute, and am excited about spending a year at CGS."

Dr. Wiener assumed his current position at Marquette in 2005, and previously served as Dean of the Graduate College at Western Michigan University. He was professor and chair of the Department of Blind Rehabilitation at Western Michigan, where he held a joint appointment with that department and the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology.

Dr. Wiener has been a leader in the graduate education community for several years. Under his guidance, Marquette developed a series of Ph.D. completion workshops for students and faculty and established an academic program review process. He is currently the chair-elect of the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools.

Dr. Wiener earned his baccalaureate degree from Cleveland State University, master's degrees from Cleveland State and Western Michigan, and his doctorate from Kent State University. His work within the blindness and disability fields has been recognized with several awards. He has served as president of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, and is a trustee of the American Foundation for the Blind.

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