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### **Sally Pratt of University of Southern California to Serve as Chair of CGS Board Three New Members to Join Board in 2020**

Washington, DC – The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Board of Directors has announced its officers for the 2020 term. CGS is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors drawn from member institutions. Board members serve for set terms.

**Dr. Sally Pratt**, vice provost for graduate programs at the University of Southern California, was announced as the 2020 Board Chair at the conclusion of the 2019 CGS Annual Meeting. Appointed vice provost in 2010, Pratt is also a professor in the department of Slavic languages and literatures. She has served as dean of Academic Programs in USC Dornsife College and president of the College Faculty Council and the Academic Senate. Under Pratt's leadership, a system of PhD Program Progress Data was implemented, and she established a group called Friends of the Graduate School comprised of representatives from academic departments, financial aid, campus security, health services, and other offices. She is interested in a variety of topics, including student wellness, increasing diversity in graduate study, academic professional development, ways of addressing sexual misconduct, and the nature and use of the PhD degree.

"CGS is honored to have Dr. Pratt's expertise during this important time in graduate education. She has provided exceptional leadership during her tenure at USC and her expertise, particularly in PhD career pathways and student mental health and wellbeing, will help advance CGS' mission to meet the evolving needs of our member institutions," said CGS President Suzanne T. Ortega.

The new Chair-elect, Dr. Andrew G. Campbell serves as the dean of the Graduate School at Brown University. Appointed to his role in 2016, Campbell is also professor of Medical Science in the Division of Biology & Medicine at Brown. He has taught and advised Brown undergraduate and graduate students since his faculty appointment began in 1994. He has received many honors, including the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, American Foundations for AIDS Research Investigator Award, and Brown's Presidential Award for Excellence in Faculty Governance. Campbell is PI and Co-PI for two National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants and leads the NIH-funded Initiative to Maximize Student Development in Brown's Division of Biology and Medicine, a program to improve recruiting and performance of URM students in doctoral programs.

Beginning their three-year terms on the board on January 1, 2020, are **Dr. Suzanne Barbour**, dean of The Graduate School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; **Dr. H. Dele Davies**, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean for graduate studies at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and **Dr. Thomas Jeitschko**, dean of the Graduate School and associate provost for graduate education at Michigan State University.

**Dr. Christopher Sindt**, provost and dean of the Graduate School at Lewis University, will remain on CGS's Executive Committee for one year as immediate past chair.

"Dr. Sindt has provided exceptional leadership during his term as CGS Board Chair," Ortega said. "He has contributed greatly to the success of graduate students at his own institution and to graduate education more broadly in his efforts to improve career and professional development and student success."

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*The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of approximately 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. The organization's mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.*