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UNH Announces Appointment of New CEPS Dean

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The new dean for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences at the University of New Hampshire is Arthur Greenberg, professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

David Hiley, provost and vice president for academic affairs, made the announcement this week. "We are pleased to have him on board," Hiley said. "He is a renowned organic chemist and a demonstrated leader.

"I am particularly impressed with the breadth of Art's commitment to the total mission of the university. At the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, he is engaged as much in general education as he is in research and graduate study," said Hiley. "That perspective will be especially valuable here and I look forward to working with him."

"We are delighted with the selection of Arthur Greenberg as new CEPS dean," said UNH chemist Richard Johnson. "Professor Greenberg is well known as the author of more than 150 scientific articles, co-editor of the journal 'Structural Chemistry' and author or editor of 21 books, nine of which are in the UNH library. His scholarly work ranges from chemical history to environmental science."

According to Johnson, Greenberg brings to UNH extensive experience as a faculty member and administrator in engineering and science departments, "a viewpoint strongly resonant with our priorities for excellence in teaching and research, and an entrepreneurial approach to developing collaborations both on and off campus. Our search committee and other campus constituents were impressed by his candor, native optimism, fine sense of humor and non-confrontational style of leadership," said Johnson.

Greenberg said he is impressed with UNH's reputation and its prospects. "The University of New Hampshire is an excellent land-grant university located in one of the most beautiful and desirable locations in the United States. It boasts major league research, yet has an institutional ethic emphasizing strong teaching. During my visits I found a great deal of mutual respect between students and faculty.

"While I realize there are some short-term hurdles to be cleared, I feel the university is well placed to be the best small land-grant university in the country," said Greenberg.

President Joan Leitzel said Greenberg is the right choice to lead and support CEPS. "The programs in CEPS are high quality and critical to New Hampshire's future. We are fortunate to have attracted an exceptionally strong leader in the sciences. I am confident that under Greenberg's leadership, the programs will continue to prosper."

Greenberg, known for his work in organic chemistry, also is regarded as a leader in collaborative programs. At UNC-Charlotte he appointed an industrial advisory board and established the Regional Analytical Chemistry Laboratory to serve the community as well as the university. Since his appointment in 1994, six tenure-track faculty have joined the department.

He also spearheaded efforts to establish a multidisciplinary doctoral program in biotechnology-biomedicine; among the faculty are biologist, chemists, physicists, engineers and scientists from the Carolina Medical Center. "It is my interest and dedication to such interdisciplinary programs that, in part, motivate my application for the position of dean," he wrote in a letter to the search committee.

Prior to his appointment at UNC-Charlotte, he was director of the Graduate Program in Environmental Sciences at Rutgers University in New Jersey. During his five-year tenure at Rutgers, Greenberg received the Joseph B. Hyman Award for College Chemistry Teaching. At the New Jersey Institute of Technology from 1977 to 1989, Greenberg was one of three founding co-directors of the Air Pollution Research Laboratory, which was critical to the establishment of a

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Greenberg earned his doctoral degree in chemistry at Princeton in 1971, following a master's degree in chemistry there in 1970, and his bachelor's degree in chemistry, magna cum laude, at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1967.

Both Leitzel and Hiley expressed appreciation to CEPS Dean Roy Torbert, who is stepping down after five years to return to teaching and research. "The university is grateful to Roy for leading CEPS through one of the most exciting periods in the history of the school," said Hiley. Torbert, a professor of physics and director of a multimillion-dollar research program, the Experimental Space Physics Group, was instrumental in developing the Entrepreneurial Campus.

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