

Monica Chiu Named Interim Head of Diversity, Community

Chiu assumed new post July 16

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Monica Chiu has been named interim associate vice president for community, equity and diversity. She assumed the position July 16.

Chiu is a professor of English and a COLA Excellence in Teaching Award recipient. In her past leadership roles, she served as co-chair of the President's Commission on the Status of People of Color, chair of the

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English department's Diversity Committee and director of the University Honors Program (2008-2011). She has won campus-wide and regional awards for her commitment to diversity, including the President's Excellence Through Diversity Faculty Award (2008) and the Social Justice Award for Faculty Groups, recognizing her Ford Foundation-supported work on diversity and pedagogy (2007).

"I am grateful for Monica's willingness to serve UNH in this critical capacity, and I look forward to working with her in advance of our students' return in the fall," President James Dean says.

The organization [New Hampshire Women in Higher Education Leadership](#) presented Chiu with an Emerging Professional Award in 2008. She is a 2008 graduate of the [HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration](#) at Wellesley College and is currently chairing an NSF-funded committee on the recruitment of women and underrepresented faculty in sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Chiu specializes in Asian American studies, with a current focus on Asian American graphic narratives and manga. Her monographs include "Filthy Fictions: Asian American Literature by Women" (Alta Mira, 2004) and "Scrutinized! Surveillance in Asian North American Literature" (University of Hawai'i Press, 2014).

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