Dear UCLA Campus Community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. April de Stefano as Director of the Office of Postdoctoral and Visiting Scholars in the Graduate Division. Dr. de Stefano comes to the Graduate Division from the UCLA Center for the Study of Women (CSW), where she served as Assistant Director for almost four years. In her work at the CSW, Dr. de Stefano managed daily operations, award selection and processing, events planning, finances, and personnel and payroll. She was also responsible for coordinating their visiting scholars ("Research Scholars") program.

Prior to arriving at UCLA, Dr. de Stefano spent two years as Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Claremont McKenna College. She conducted research and led advocacy efforts related to homelessness and poverty for HELP USA and performed social research for San Francisco State University’s Public Research Institute. She earned a Ph.D. in United States History from Rutgers University and a bachelor’s degree in history from Vassar College.

Dr. de Stefano is eager to engage her analytical skills and to move forward on a range of new initiatives, including our desire to do much more in the area of postdoctoral career services. She will serve as key advisor to Graduate Division senior management and the general campus as well as to the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SoPS). She will also work closely with campus administration regarding interpretation of university policy and outside funding agency regulations including those of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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