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## Graduate Division

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**To: Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, Administrative Officers and Faculty**

As I recently assumed the role of Interim Dean in the Graduate Division and thereby stepped away from my position as Associate Dean, I am delighted to announce the appointment of a new Acting Associate Dean, effective August 1, 2020.

**Onyebuchi (Onyi) Arah, M.D., M.Sc., M.P.H., D.Sc., Ph.D.** is a Professor of Epidemiology in the Fielding School of Public Health and an affiliated professor in the Department of Statistics. He is a physician trained in epidemiology, causal inference, biostatistics, and health services research. After serving as an Associate Dean at the Fielding School of Public Health and the Director of the Center for Global and Immigrant Health, he was the Vice Chair of the Graduate Council and the Chair of the Coordinating Committee for Graduate Affairs for the UC System.

Dr. Arah's research focuses on epidemiologic methodology, causal inference, clinical epidemiology, computational epidemiology, and global social epidemiology. At the departmental level, he has served on many committees, including the Graduate Admissions Committee, the Academic Personnel Committee, the Doctoral Examination Committee (which he chaired for a decade), fellowship and awards committee, training programs (as core faculty), and dozens of dissertation committees. His deep departmental involvement, which centered around students and their training, also extended to the Fielding School of Public Health, where he served on the Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, the International Health Committee (as chair), Undergraduate Programs Committee, and several faculty and dean search committees. As a founding member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Society for Epidemiologic Research and Co-Chair of the Epidemiology Task Force on Anti-Racism and Racial Justice, Dr. Arah believes firmly in the superior creativity and effectiveness of students, staff and faculty from diverse backgrounds working together in a respectful and supportive environment.

Dr. Arah has received several research, teaching and service awards, including the Council of Science Editors Award (hosted by Fogarty International) for outstanding contributions to global health policy and practice, the European Society for Philosophy, Medicine and Health Care's First Prize for Young Scholars under age 35 who have made innovative contributions to the philosophy of medicine and health care, the Causality in Statistics Education Award from the American Statistical Association, the Honorary Skou Professorship in Epidemiology, Health Policy and Biostatistics from Aarhus University in Denmark, and the Academic Council Chairs Award for Mid-Career Leadership from the University of California Systemwide Academic Senate.

Professor Arah will join Professor Renate Lux, who is continuing as Associate Dean in the Graduate Division. They will share responsibility for liaising with campus departments and programs, advancing diversity and excellence in graduate education, and working with the Graduate Council and departments to ensure that our graduate students and postdoctoral scholars have the resources they need to be successful at UCLA and in their future careers.

With best regards,

**Susan L. Ettner**  
Interim Dean of Graduate Education