

A Message from John McGreevy

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully concluded our search for the Edward H. Arnold Dean of the Hesburgh Libraries. Vice President and Associate Provost Margaret Meserve, who has done a superb job as interim dean for the past 15 months, has accepted our offer and now begins a five-year term as library dean.

As you will read in [the announcement](#), Margaret is an unusually gifted administrator — she possesses vision, outstanding communications skills, and a deep commitment to Notre Dame. All of this has been in evidence in her multiple roles at the University, including associate provost for academic space and support, associate dean for the humanities and faculty affairs and director of space planning in the College of Arts and Letters, and co-director of the Glynn Family Honors Program.



A professor of history, Margaret is passionate about rare books and special collections, sophisticated in her use of data, and a leading scholar of the history of the book. The search committee praised her work as interim dean, her compelling vision for the library, and her commitment to deepening the engagement of the libraries with all of Notre Dame's colleges and schools.

In her continued capacity as vice president and associate provost, Margaret will maintain oversight of the University of Notre Dame Press, the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art, and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. She will be handing off her current duties related to academic space and support to Vice President and Associate Provost David Go by the end of the academic year.

Please join me in congratulating Margaret on her appointment.

Sincerely,

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