

MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans, Faculty, and Staff
From: C. L. Max Nikias *C. C. Nikias*
Date: August 15, 2007
Subject: Appointment of Peter C. Mancall as Associate Vice Provost for Research Advancement

Office of the Provost

C. L. Max Nikias
Provost and
Senior Vice
President for
Academic Affairs

I am delighted to announce the appointment of **Peter C. Mancall** as associate vice provost for research advancement. In this role, he will work with faculty in the arts, humanities, and social sciences to stimulate new research activity. In particular, he will emphasize building research collaborations that increase USC's effectiveness in competing for funding from foundations and government agencies. He will also expand on his work within the Center for Excellence in Research, in which he serves as a fellow. This will include raising USC's profile among academic book publishers through events at USC. Dr. Mancall reports to **Randolph Hall**, our vice provost for research advancement.

Dr. Mancall is a professor of history and anthropology in the USC College and director of the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute. He is the author of *Valley of Opportunity: Economic Culture along the Upper Susquehanna, 1700-1800* (Cornell, 1991), *Deadly Medicine: Indians and Alcohol in Early America* (Cornell, 1995), *At the Edge of Empire: The Backcountry in British North America* (with Eric Hinderaker, Johns Hopkins, 2003), and *Hakluyt's Promise: An Elizabethan's Obsession for an English America* (Yale, 2007), and the editor of nine books, including *Virginia and the Atlantic World, 1550-1624* (University of North Carolina/Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, 2007) and *Travel Narratives from the Age of Discovery* (Oxford, 2006).

Dr. Mancall teaches early American history, Native American history, and the history of medicine in the USC College, and works frequently with teachers from the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is on the editorial boards of six journals, including the *Journal of American History*, *Huntington Library Quarterly*, and *Reviews in American History* and serves as guest curator for the show, "Jamestown at 400: Natives and Newcomers in Early Virginia," on view at the Huntington Library from July 24, 2007 to January 14, 2008. His 48-part lecture course "Origins and Ideologies of the American Revolution" is available from The Teaching Company, and was recently featured in the *Trojan Family Magazine*. He is currently writing a book entitled *Hudson's Fatal Journey: Mutiny on the Voyage of Discovery*, to be published by Basic Books in 2009. He received his Ph.D. in 1986 from Harvard University.

Please join me in congratulating Peter Mancall on his appointment as associate vice provost for research advancement. We all look forward to his contributions in this vital role.

cc: Provost's Cabinet