

MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans, Faculty, and Staff

From: Elizabeth Garrett
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: May 10, 2011

Subject: Appointment of Two Provost Professors

Office of the Provost

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On behalf of President Nikias, I am pleased to announce that two outstanding scholars have been appointed Provost Professors at USC. Kate Flint has been named Provost Professor of English and Art History in the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and Lee Epstein has been named Provost Professor of Law and Political Science, with appointments in the USC Gould School of Law and the USC Dornsife College.

Professor Flint comes to USC from Rutgers, where she has recently served as chair of the English Department. She specializes in Victorian and early twentieth-century cultural and literary history, visual culture, women's writing, gender studies, and transatlantic studies. Her most recent book, *The Transatlantic Indian, 1776-1930*, explores the role of the Native American in British transatlantic culture during this period, alongside the views that Native travelers and performers held of British society. She is general editor of the forthcoming Victorian volume of the *New Cambridge History of English Literature* and is currently writing a book entitled *Flash! Photography, Writing, and Surprising Illumination*.

Professor Flint's previous works, *The Victorians and The Visual Imagination* (Cambridge University Press, 2000) and *The Woman Reader, 1837-1914* (Oxford University Press, 1993), each garnered the British Academy's Rose Mary Crawshay prize. She is the editor of *Victorian Love Stories* (Oxford University Press, 1996) as well as a number of works by Dickens, Virginia Woolf, D. H. Lawrence, and Anthony Trollope for Penguin Classics and OUP World's Classics. Before joining the faculty at Rutgers in 2001, Professor Flint taught at Bristol and Oxford Universities. She was a fellow of the National Humanities Center from 2007 to 2008 and a fellow of the Huntington Library, San Marino, in 2008. She earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Oxford University as well as an M.A. from the Courtauld Institute, London University.

Professor Epstein will join USC from Northwestern University, where she holds the Henry Wade Rogers Professorship, a university-wide chair. She is also a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science and the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Professor Epstein is interested in the U.S. Supreme Court, constitutional courts abroad, judicial behavior, and constitutional law. Recent projects include *Untangling the Causal Effects of Sex on Judging*, which examines the ways male and female judges decide cases and whether or not the presence of a female judge on a panel might cause her male colleagues to behave differently. She is a co-editor of the *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization*, vice president of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Professor Epstein is the recipient of twelve grants from the National Science Foundation for her work on law and legal institutions. Recent awards include Outstanding First-Year Course Instructor, the Lasting Contribution Award for a book that has made a lasting impression on the field of law and courts, and the McGraw-Hill Award for the best journal article on law and courts. The author or co-author of over 100 articles and essays, Professor Epstein will serve as an experienced mentor for students in the USC Gould School of Law while fostering collaborations across the university. She earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Political Science from Emory University.

The appointment of Professors Flint and Epstein increases the number of Provost Professors at USC to ten. These outstanding interdisciplinary scholars attract excellent faculty and graduate students while contributing significantly to the culture of interdisciplinary research and education that is a hallmark of academic life at USC.

Please join me in welcoming Provost Professors Kate Flint and Lee Epstein to our academic community.

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