



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** USC Faculty  
**FROM:** C. L. Max Nikias *C. C. Nikias*  
**DATE:** January 29, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** University Professor

Office of the Provost

C. L. Max Nikias  
Executive Vice President  
and Provost

Malcolm R. Currie Chair  
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the Humanities

I am pleased to announce that President Sample has appointed Manuel Castells University Professor.

Professor Castells is the Wallis Annenberg Chair in Communication Technology and Society and Professor of Communication, Sociology, Planning, and International Relations, at the Annenberg School for Communication, the USC College, and the School of Policy, Planning and Development. He is regarded as the leading scholar of the cultural, social and economic changes connected with the Internet and the Web, and one of the intellectual founders of the "new urban sociology."

Professor Castells is by far the most cited communication scholar in the world, and among the top five most cited scholars worldwide in all the social sciences. There have been eleven books written by others about his work, and he has received honorary doctorates from 18 universities, national prizes or knighthoods from six countries, and prizes in global politics, journalism, social problems, architecture theory, and urbanism, as well as a lifetime achievement award from the American Sociological Association for his research on the sociology of computers and information technology.

His outstanding accomplishments do honor to the University. Please join me in congratulating Professor Castells on his appointment. Attached is the updated list of all Distinguished and University Professors.

Attachment

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**DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS**  
**Spring 2009**

**Leonard M. Adleman**, *Henry Salvatori Distinguished Chair in Computer Science*

**Norman Arnheim**, *Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, and Ester Dornsife Chair in Biological Sciences*

**Warren Bennis**, *University Professor and Distinguished Professor of Business Administration*

**T. Coraghessan Boyle**, *Distinguished Professor of English*

**Percival Everett**, *Distinguished Professor of English*

**Solomon W. Golomb**, *University Professor, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, and Andrew and Erna Viterbi Chair in Communications*

**Mark Jonathan Harris**, *Distinguished Professor of Cinematic Arts*

**Stephen Hartke**, *Distinguished Professor of Composition*

**Brian E. Henderson**, *Distinguished Professor of Preventive Medicine, and Kenneth T. Norris, Jr. Chair in Cancer Prevention*

**James T. Higginbotham**, *Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Linguistics, and Linda Hilf Chair in Philosophy*

**Peter A. Jones**, *Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and H. Leslie Hoffman and Elaine S. Hoffman Chair in Cancer Research*

**Francine Ratner Kaufman**, *Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics*

**Michael M. C. Lai**, *Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, and Neurology*

**Morten J. Lauridsen**, *Distinguished Professor of Composition*

**Edward E. Lawler III**, *Distinguished Research Professor of Business*

**Alexandra M. Levine**, *Distinguished Professor Emerita of Medicine*

**George A. Olah**, *Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Chair in Organic Chemistry*

**Shahbudin H. Rahimtoola**, *Distinguished Professor of Medicine and George C. Griffith Chair in Cardiology*

**Stephen J. Ryan**, *Grace and Emery Beardsley Distinguished Chair of Ophthalmology*

**Vaughn A. Starnes**, *Distinguished Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and H. Russell Smith Foundation Chair for Stem Cell and Cardiovascular Thoracic Research*

**Walter Wolf**, *Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

## **UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS** Spring 2009

**Michael A. Arbib**, *University Professor, Fletcher Jones Chair in Computer Science, and Professor of Biological Sciences and Biomedical Engineering*

**Lloyd Armstrong, Jr.**, *University Professor, Professor of Physics, and Professor of Education*

**George A. Bekey**, *University Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Computer Science*

**Warren Bennis**, *University Professor and Distinguished Professor of Business Administration*

**Leo B. Braudy**, *University Professor and Leo S. Bing Chair in English and American Literature*

**Alexander M. Capron**, *University Professor, Scott H. Bice Chair in Healthcare Law, Policy and Ethics, and Professor of Law and Medicine*

**Manuel Castells**, *University Professor, Wallis Annenberg Chair in Communication Technology and Society, and Professor of Communication, Sociology, Planning, and International Relations*

**Marshall Cohen**, *University Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Law*

**Geoffrey Cowan**, *University Professor and Annenberg Family Chair in Communication Leadership*

**Richard A. Easterlin**, *University Professor and Professor of Economics*

**Caleb Finch**, *University Professor, ARCO/William F. Kieschnick Chair in the Neurobiology of Aging, and Professor of Gerontology and Biological Sciences*

**Solomon W. Golomb**, *University Professor, Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, and Andrew and Erna Viterbi Chair in Communications*

**Robert W. Hellwarth**, *University Professor, George T. Pflieger Chair in Electrical Engineering, and Professor of Physics*

**Thomas Jordan**, *University Professor, W. M. Keck Foundation Professor in Geological Sciences, and Professor of Earth Sciences*

**Marsha Kinder**, *University Professor and Professor of Critical Studies, Spanish and Portuguese, and Comparative Literature*

**Malcolm C. Pike**, *University Professor and Professor of Preventive Medicine*

**Jean C. Shih**, *University Professor, Boyd P. and Elsie D. Welin Professor of Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology, and Professor of Cell and Neurobiology*

**Kevin O. Starr**, *University Professor and Professor of History, and Policy, Planning, and Development*

**Richard F. Thompson**, *University Professor, William M. Keck Chair in Biological Sciences, and Professor of Neurology*

**William G. Tierney**, *University Professor and Leslie Wilbur and Norma Lash Wilbur-Evelyn Kieffer Professor of Higher Education*

**Stephen E. Toulmin**, *University Professor Emeritus*

**Michael S. Waterman**, *University Professor, USC Associates Chair in Natural Sciences, and Professor of Biological Sciences and Mathematics*