

## **Psychiatry professor Nolan E. Penn, appointed Associate Chancellor of Affirmative Action**

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PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY APPOINTED TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POST AT UCSD

UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson has appointed Nolan E. Penn, professor of psychiatry at the UCSD School of Medicine, to the position of associate chancellor, effective August 1. Penn will serve as senior adviser to the chancellor in all matters related to affirmative action. He replaces Faustina Solis, professor of community and family medicine, who has completed a four-year term as the chancellor's affirmative action adviser.

"Professor Penn has been a member of the UCSD faculty for 18 years and has had a distinguished record in both teaching and research. During his tenure at UCSD, he has served on a wide variety of faculty senate and administrative committees," Atkinson said. "The university is deeply committed to affirmative action and I am confident that professor Penn will provide excellent guidance and leadership as we seek to fulfill that commitment."

Penn earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles, a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Southern California, and a doctorate in clinical/experimental psychology from the University of Denver. He received his certification as a community psychologist from the Harvard Medical School psychiatry department.

Penn joined the UCSD School of Medicine faculty as a professor of psychiatry in 1970. He was the founding chair of Urban and Rural Studies at UCSD's Third College, and has been director of group therapy and community and forensic training in the department of psychiatry. Currently he is regional director of the Area Health Education Centers System (AHECS) in the UCSD School of Medicine.

During his career, he has served as a member of the review panel for projects of the U.S. Administration on Aging, as chair of the Gerontological Society of America's Task Force Sub-Committee to Define Parameters of a Clinical Psychology on Aging, as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus Brain Trust on Aging, and as a planner for a National Caucus on Black Aged, a White House mini-conference. Penn has also served as an associate field assessment officer for the Peace Corps.

At the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, he was a postdoctoral fellow and instructor in the department of psychiatry (1959-1961) before being appointed staff clinical psychologist at the Mendota State Hospital and assistant clinical professor of psychiatry in 1961. From 1963 to 1970, Penn was a professor of counseling and psychology and founding chair of UW's department of Afro-American Studies. When he left in 1970, he was an associate clinical professor of psychiatry, a professor of Afro-American studies, counseling, and psychology, and the assistant director of the Counseling Center.

Penn is a fellow in both the American Psychological Association (Division 12) and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. He is also a member of the American Public Health Association, Sigma Xi, the American Group Psychotherapy Society, the American Orthopsychiatric Association and the Gerontological Society of America. He is a diplomat in clinical psychology (ABPP) and a licensed psychologist in California.

Currently he serves on the board of directors of the San Diego Urban League and the American Heart Association.

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