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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Employees
From: Dr. Elizabeth Benton, Dean, English and Reading
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It is my pleasure to announce that Professor Alejandro Leopardi has accepted the appointment of interim department chair for English and Reading on the Germantown Campus. Professor Leopardi's appointment became effective on August 17, 2024.

Professor Leopardi has been a member of the Montgomery College community since 2012, as full-time English professor teaching a wide variety of developmental reading and college-level English courses in person and via distance learning including Film and Literature, Introduction to Literature, Introduction to Mythology, Survey of British Literature, and honors seminar. He has also served as a course coordinator for introduction to college writing, created and piloted an ENGL 122DL common course that uses OER as well as creating the Student Excellence in English/Reading Awards in order to recognize excellence in each of the English and Reading courses at the Germantown Campus.

Professor Leopardi has served as a mentor in the Paul Peck Humanities Institute student internship program, helping students complete a semester-long research paper related to their internship. He also served as a member of the College Area Report (CAR) Committee for English compiling research, reviewing information from a discipline-wide perspective, and setting priorities for the next five years. He was accepted into the Scholarship for Excellence in Teaching 2024 cohort which focused on the learning and application of grammar concepts in ENGL 101/011 by using a combination of retrieval practice and feedback-driven metacognition strategies. In addition, he received several fellowship opportunities, the Quantitative Reasoning in the Disciplines Faculty Fellowship, the Global Classrooms Fellowship, the Smithsonian Faculty Fellowship, and the Honors Faculty Fellowship, all of which served to improve the quality of his teaching and enhance the student learning experience.

Professor Leopardi earned a bachelor of arts in communication from the University of Maryland, College Park and a master of arts in English from National University in California.

Please welcome Professor Leopardi to his role as interim department chair for English and Reading at the Germantown Campus.

