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Dear Colleagues,

Now that we're all back for the academic year, it's a good time to alert you to important news and upcoming events.

1. On Thursday, September 25, Mr. Daryl Lapp, an attorney with Edwards, Angell, Palmer and Dodge, and an expert on higher education issues, will make a presentation to the faculty from 4-5 p.m. in Olin-Sang auditorium. His topic will be the legal definition and boundaries of racially harassing speech and the implications of case law on this subject. I urge you all to attend.
2. On Monday, October 20, at 4 p.m. I will host a university wide reception to welcome Prof. Lisa Lynch as the Dean of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. The reception will be held in the Zinner Forum of the Schneider Building at the Heller School. Please make plans to attend this special event.
3. I am delighted to announce that Mr. James Carroll, prolific author and acclaimed columnist, will be the Fred and Rita Richman Distinguished Visiting Professor during the Spring, 2009 semester.
4. I am also delighted to announce that MaryPat Lohse, Ph.D. has been appointed as Assistant Provost, effective October 6, 2008. She earned her doctorate at Boston College in the Lynch School of Education. Previously, she worked in various capacities at Wheelock College and at Boston College.
5. Please join us for the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Mandel Center for the Humanities and Mandel Humanities Quadrangle on Tuesday, September 23 at 11 am. The ceremony will be held on the Upper Campus, Humanities Quadrangle.
6. With grant funding, 475 incoming undergraduates participated in the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education which uses quantitative instruments to measure change in students' experiences and perspectives, particularly in critical thinking, moral reasoning, lifelong learning, and attitudes toward diversity. This will be administered again at the end of the first-year and at the end of the senior year. We hope to understand how and why students experience Brandeis differently and to learn more about our best teaching practices.

I look forward to a productive and busy year!

Sincerely,

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