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Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Ms. Jennifer Haydel, Acting Dean of Humanities
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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Michael Harding as the Acting Chair of Humanities for the Germantown Campus. This department comprises multiple disciplines, including philosophy, political science, history, global humanities, women's and gender studies, and world languages. Dr. Harding's office is HS138, and he assumed the duties and responsibilities of acting chair on May 25, 2024.

Dr. Harding has been a member of the Montgomery College community since 2013, serving as a professor of philosophy, teaching courses including Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Western Political Theory and several honors courses teaching close readings of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, *The Federalist Papers*, Xenophon's *Memorabilia of Socrates*, and others. He received an Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarly or Professional Accomplishments in 2019, and has served on many committees including the Liberal Arts Scholarship Application Committee; College Area Review Committee; and Disciplinary Committee. Dr. Harding has also served as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor. He has written on a variety of philosophical topics in respected journals, such as *The Political Science Reviewer*, *Pietas* and *Interpretation*. In addition, he previously served as chair of the Montgomery Liberal Arts Foundation, and currently serves on the board of directors of the Ciceronian Society.

Previously, Dr. Harding served as an adjunct professor at several Texas institutions, including University of North Texas, North Central Texas College, University of Dallas, Mountain View College, Brookhaven College and Texas Women's University. During this time, he was also a sought-after presenter, speaking at the annual meetings of the Southwestern Political Science Association, the Northeastern Political Science Annual Meeting, and the Association for Core Texts and Courses.

Dr. Harding earned a bachelor of arts in anthropology/philosophy from the University of North Texas, a master of arts in philosophy from the University of Dallas, and a master of arts and a doctor of philosophy in political philosophy from the University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies.

Please join me in extending our warmest congratulations to Dr. Harding on his appointment.