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Park University Promotes Pasley to Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Parkville, Mo.—May 1, 2017 — James (Jamie) F. Pasley, Ph.D., has been promoted to the position of dean of the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) at Park University. He began his new duties on May 1.

Pasley, a resident of Kansas City, Mo., has spent his entire career in higher education, including the last 11 years at Park University. He served the University the previous nine months as the interim dean of the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#). Pasley began his career at Park in 2006 as associate professor of [political science](#) before being promoted to the rank of professor of [political science](#) (a position he continues to maintain) in 2013.

As dean of the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#), Pasley will oversee two schools — the [School of Liberal Arts](#) and the [School of Natural and Applied Sciences](#) — as well as the University's [International Center for Music](#). In his role, Pasley's main responsibilities will be to establish and implement strategic plans for CLAS, ensure the integrity, quality and value of CLAS' academic degrees, and develop new programs for CLAS. Pasley will manage approximately 50 full-time and 500 adjunct faculty that teach about 6,500 CLAS majors across the country.

“Dr. Pasley's depth and breadth of knowledge of Park University, and his experience and leadership, have prepared him well for this opportunity,” said Doug Fiore, Ph.D., Park University provost and vice president for academic affairs. “He has demonstrated the leadership skills, humility and cooperation needed to serve successfully as the next dean of the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#).”

Prior to joining Park, Pasley served as an assistant professor of political science at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (2002-06), visiting assistant professor of political science at Saint Leo (Fla.) University (2000) and instructor of political science at Louisiana State University (1998-99). He also spent time (1996-99) as a research assistant, teaching assistant and academic tutor while at LSU.

While at Park, Pasley has been honored with a number of awards, including a Faculty Development Endowment Award in 2016 for his research at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. In 2012, he was honored with the University's Excellence in Academic Advising Award, given to recognize faculty who have achieved excellence in providing Park University students academic advising and mentoring, and to recognize outstanding contributions in helping students define and achieve their academic goals. In addition, he received Excellence in Teaching awards from the University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (now the [Faculty Center for Innovation](#)) in 2009 and from the University's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (2008).

Pasley is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles and one book, *Nuclear Deterrence in the Twentieth Century: The Impact of Atomic Weapons on Conflict Between Interstate Dyads* (Mellon Press, 2010). He earned his doctorate degree in political science from Louisiana State University, a Master of Science degree in defense and strategic studies from Missouri State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Southwestern University (Texas).

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