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## Mark Denham named Dean of the College of Liberal Arts+Education

University Detroit Mercy appointed Mark Denham, Ph.D., as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education, effective August 5.

Denham joins the University after serving as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Toledo for 18 years. During his tenure, Denham has also served as chair as well as acting associate dean for the Social Sciences in 2008.

His scholarly research has focused on the changing social dynamics throughout Africa and Third World problems. Denham has works published on these and other topics, including his book, *Citizenship After Liberalism*, which explores both the political and philosophical concepts of citizenship throughout several geographical locations.

Denham has received several grants and has traveled extensively in Africa to study the people of Southern Africa and their changing social and political dynamics. He has served as the co-director in the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Award Program and traveled to South Africa and Lesotho studying visual arts and social sciences.

He earned his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his Ph. D. in Political Science from The Ohio State University. Denham also holds a Masters degree in Social Ethics from Boston University.

The University of Detroit Mercy is Michigan's largest private Catholic University, with more than 100 academic majors and programs. Sponsored by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and the Sisters of Mercy, the University has campuses located in downtown and northwest Detroit.

UDM is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities and the largest of 16 Mercy institutions of higher education in the United States. For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, University of Detroit Mercy is listed in the top tier of Midwest in the 2013 edition of the *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Colleges."

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