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Honors College Dean Richard Milo retires

His work and service embodies CSU principles of excellence, leadership and service

CHICAGO, Dec. 22, 2011 — Chicago State University salutes Dr. Richard Milo, who has retired as Honors College dean after 16 years.

“Dean Milo leaves a significant imprint at Chicago State, as a champion of excellence, intellectual inquiry and shared governance,” said Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. “The experience he has created for our students represents the highest ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.”

Milo didn’t set out to teach after earning his doctorate in anthropology and prehistoric archaeology in 1994 from the University of Chicago. He fondly recalls his first CSU class, on a Saturday, no less, that drew him to rededicate his chosen vocation: “I found that archaeological research was less rewarding than teaching students who wanted to learn and who wanted to be taken seriously as students.”

Milo’s activities included teaching a full load of anthropology courses, as well as developing new courses in medical anthropology and the cultures of the Middle East and South Asia.

In 2001, as chair of the faculty senate’s Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, Milo joined Prof. Victor Sorrel, assoc. dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, as co-chair of a task force charged with developing a new honors program to better serve the university’s most highly motivated students.

In late 2003, Dr. Milo was named dean of the new Honors College. He assisted a dozen faculty members in designing the new core general education curriculum, and in fall 2004, the Honors College admitted its first students. In fall, 2011, the Honors College inducted its eighth cohort of students.

The Pittsburgh native briefly studied engineering before enlisting in the U.S. Army Security Agency as a Russian translator/interpreter. Milo pursued higher education at the encouragement of his wife, Robin Benny, where they both studied at the University of Colorado.

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