

University of Houston System Board of Regents

Introduction

Organization: University of Houston-Downtown

Type of Appointment:	Appointment
Name:	Dr. Ricardo Osorio
To Title:	Dean, College of Public Service
Effective Date:	June 2, 2025

Biographical Sketch:

Ricardo Osorio is the Dean of the College of Public Service at the University of Houston-Downtown, starting June 2, 2025.

Dr. José Ricardo-Osorio holds a bachelor's degree in modern languages from Universidad del Atlántico (Barranquilla, Colombia) and earned a master's degree in Spanish and a Doctorate in Higher Education from the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville). Dr. Ricardo-Osorio has over twenty years of experience as a teacher and over ten years as an administrator.

Dr. Ricardo-Osorio served as the interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he has held positions as Associate Dean and as Department Chair. Dr. Ricardo-Osorio has taught foreign language teaching methods, Spanish, and Latin American culture. He has also served as supervisor of student teaching.

Dr. Ricardo-Osorio is a member of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the Pennsylvania Modern Language Association (PSMLA). For his contributions to foreign language teaching and the preparation of language teachers, Dr. Ricardo was awarded the Educator of the Year distinction by PSMLA and the Universidad del Atlántico honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus.

His research interests focus on assessment of student learning outcomes, faculty development, and educational and professional leadership. His research has been published by the Teagle Foundation, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and the National Association of Laboratory Schools Affiliated with Universities.

Currently, Dr. Ricardo-Osorio is developing a conceptual framework that he calls Net Engagement. This framework provides principles that can be used to enhance student success, self-leadership, and sense of purpose. As the Dean of UHD's College of Public Service, he engages with students, faculty, staff, and community members to accomplish the College's mission and to strive for its vision.

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Type of Appointment:	Appointment
Name:	Dr. Yarneccia Dyson
To Title:	Dean, Graduate College of Social Work
Effective Date:	June 1, 2025

Biographical Sketch:

Yarneccia Dyson is the Dean of the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston, starting June 1, 2025.

Dyson comes to UH from North Carolina State University, where she serves as executive director and head of the School of Social Work. Prior to this role, Dyson was a faculty member and held administrative positions at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Benedict College. At James Madison University, she held the role of visiting scholar. Additionally, she served as a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Alabama.

Dyson describes herself as an adaptable leader who embraces three distinct leadership styles: transformational leadership, collaborative leadership and servant leadership.

As a scholar, Dyson's research has appeared in the Journal of Social Work Education, Social Work in Public Health, Journal of American College Health, Affilia - Journal of Women and Social Work, and others.

In her new role as dean, she plans to work alongside the GCSW faculty, staff, students, alumni and external partners. Dyson is optimistic that such collaborations will advance the college's scholarly output and produce professionals ready to serve their communities.

Dyson holds a Ph.D. in Social Work Policy, Planning, and Administration & Social Science from Clark Atlanta University's Whitney M. Young, Jr. School of Social Work, a Master of Social Work from The Florida State University, and a Bachelor of Social Work from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

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Type of Appointment:	Appointment
Name:	Dr. Gregory Dudley
To Title:	Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Effective Date:	August 1, 2025

Biographical Sketch:

Gregory Dudley is the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Houston, starting August 1, 2025.

Dudley was Eberly Family Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at West Virginia University and program director for the National Science Foundation Division of Chemistry.

He previously led WVU's Eugene Bennett Department of Chemistry as its chair. Dudley also held leadership and faculty roles at Florida State University.

Dudley's research bridges synthesis, physical organic chemistry, and catalysis, driving innovation at the intersection of molecular design and chemical reactivity. His work—reflected in over 100 publications, 200 presentations and multiple patents—advances the frontiers of organic synthesis.

Dudley holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from Florida State University.

Student success will be a priority for Dudley, and he will focus on ensuring that NSM Coogs discover their full potential within his college.

Six departments comprise the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology and biochemistry, earth and atmospheric sciences and computer science. The college's faculty include members of the National Academies, recipients of presidential honors and some of the world's most cited researchers. Both professors and students are actively engaged in groundbreaking research and scholarly activities.

Dudley succeeds Dan Wells as dean of NSM. Wells, who had served as dean since 2015, will return to the faculty ranks to resume his research and teaching obligations.