

Important Message from Dean Schulze  
Email to all CAS faculty  
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Dear Faculty,

I have a further important announcement related to the PhD Excellence Initiative in the College. Thank you for your patience.

I am happy to announce that Professor Stephen Tiffany has agreed to chair what shall from this point forward be known as the CAS PhD Excellence Bridge Committee.

Steve joined the University at Buffalo Department of Psychology as an Empire Innovation Professor in August 2007 and was chair of the Department of Psychology from 2011 to 2018. His research focuses on drug addiction. He studies the processes of drug craving, the causes of drug dependence, adolescent drug use, and the interaction of biological and psychological factors in the control of addictive behaviors. Professor Tiffany was recently elected a fellow of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco.

The initial charge of this committee is to create a plan for how best to distribute College resources for TAs and RAs in order to attract the very best PhD students to the College and ensure the very best outcomes for our PhD students, but the focus of the charge may evolve as the committee does its work. Professor Tiffany will guide the College in a robust data-driven public process and make sure that all voices are heard.

I have also asked Professor Tiffany to evaluate the membership of the CAS PhD Excellence Initiative Bridge Committee to ensure broad College representation as well as ready access to the data and information the committee will need to consult.

Take care,  
Robin