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NJCU Appoints a Transformative Leader as Dean of Its College of Arts and Sciences

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The new dean of New Jersey City University's (NJCU) William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences is Dr. João Sedycias, as of August 1, 2016. The selection was announced following a national search for qualified candidates, which included meetings and open forums with NJCU's faculty, administrators, staff, and students.



A transformative teacher and scholar with international experience in North and South America, Dr. Sedycias will also assume a faculty position as Professor in the Department of Modern Languages.

"Dean Sedycias' academic acumen will help the College and the faculty develop academically and intellectually. His expertise as a dean and scholar will ensure learning and research opportunities for students and faculty remain at the forefront of priorities," state Dr. Sue Henderson, president of NJCU.

Formerly, the dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at the State University of New York College at Oneonta from 2014 to 2016, Dr. Sedycias also served as professor in the Department of Foreign Language and Literatures at SUNY Oneonta. At SUNY he taught Spanish and Portuguese. From 2011 to 2014, Dr. Sedycias was chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where he also taught Spanish and Portuguese. Prior to that appointment, Dr. Sedycias served as chair of the Division of Humanities at Essex County Community College in Newark, NJ.

Having taught at colleges and universities both in the U.S. and abroad at all levels of the curriculum, Dr. Sedycias has an internationally recognized research agenda, plus a strong record of teaching and service. He brings to NJCU over 12 years of successful domestic and international senior administrative experience at five equally large and dynamic institutions of higher learning, two in South America and three in the U.S. (New Jersey, Illinois, and New York)

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Dr. Sedycias brings a strong commitment to the advancement of the arts and sciences. He recognizes the twin goals of excellence and opportunity in urban public higher education, along with a keen appreciation for the cultural wealth and diversity to be found in a vibrant college community such as NJCU's.

A linguist with an impressive knowledge of seven languages, Dr. Sedycias received his PhD in Comparative Literature from the State University of New York at Buffalo where he also earned an M.A. in English, an M.A. in Spanish, and a B.A. in Spanish.

About New Jersey City University

The mission at New Jersey City University (NJCU) is to provide a diverse population with an excellent education. The University is committed to the improvement of the educational, intellectual, cultural, socioeconomic, and physical environment of the surrounding urban region and beyond. Established in 1927 as a training school for teachers, today NJCU is among the most comprehensive universities in the state. Located in Jersey City, NJ, and minutes from New York City, NJCU's fully accredited Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Professional Studies, and School of Business offer 43 undergraduate degree programs and 28 master's programs and 2 doctoral programs, including emerging and interdisciplinary fields. NJCU students engage in rigorous applied-learning experiences that include opportunity to study abroad, and cooperative education internships. NJCU operates two additional campus sites – NJCU School of Business at Harborside Plaza 2 in Jersey City's financial district and NJCU at Brookdale in Wall Township in Monmouth County.