

Dear Howard University Community:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Judi Moore Latta, Ph.D., as Interim Executive Director of Communications and Marketing. The appointment is effective June 10, 2009.

Dr. Latta brings to the position a breadth of communication experiences spanning three decades, knowledge of Howard University and expertise in managing and working with a communications staff. She holds the rank of Professor in the Department of Radio, TV, and Film (RTVF), currently serving as Director of WHUR-WORLD, 96.3, HD-2, and has a distinguished record of accomplishments in commercial and public radio and television. At National Public Radio, she served as the first Education Reporter, Executive Producer of Special Programs and creator of "Latin File" -- the first national radio network Hispanic daily news program. She earned the George Foster Peabody Award for her work as Senior Producer of the NPR/Smithsonian documentary series "Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions" and recognition for her productions from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the American Women in Radio and Television, the National Education Association, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, among others.

Since coming to Howard in the 1980's, she has served as Chair of the Department of RTVF, Interim General Manager of WHUT-TV, Co-Director of the Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Program and as member of both the Graduate and Undergraduate faculties. She holds the B.S. from Hampton Institute, the M.A. from Boston University, and the Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

The re-structuring of the Division of Communications and Marketing -- to report directly to the Office of the President -- is part of the comprehensive plan to coordinate the University's diverse communication assets and to improve internal and external communications. With Dr. Latta's appointment, we affirm our commitment to the vision of renewing Howard's extraordinary legacy and telling its story. We are proud that one of our own will assume the leadership of this unit, essential to building a strong Howard University for the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. Ribeau,  
President