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Gilchrist Named Chief Diversity Officer for UW-Extension & UW Colleges

David Wilson, chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension, has named Stephan Hiroshi Gilchrist, Ed. D., as chief diversity officer and director of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the UW-Extension and UW Colleges, beginning February 15, 2010. He currently is Director of Institutional Diversity at Wells College, Aurora, NY.

Gilchrist will be responsible for coordinating efforts to cultivate diversity as a fundamental institutional and educational resource, supporting curricula and programs that address the interests and needs of all **Wisconsin** residents, and for overseeing Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity programs **and** compliance with federal and state laws.

“The mission of UW-Extension and the UW Colleges is to serve the needs of all the citizens of Wisconsin,” Wilson said. “Stephan Gilchrist’s past experiences and educational background will help continue to build cross-cultural relationships and further a climate of equity, inclusion and diversity in our institutions.”

In accepting the appointment, Gilchrist said, “Creating a strong pluralistic democracy where people have the opportunity to participate fully is of the highest importance for the future of our country. The UW-Extension and UW Colleges with their statewide presence offer an excellent opportunity to make a difference in all our lives in these areas of equity, diversity and inclusion.”

Gilchrist earned his doctorate of education in educational leadership at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. He holds master’s degrees in conflict resolution from Portland State University and in environmental education from Southern Oregon University. He earned his bachelor’s degree in international business and Japanese from California State University Fullerton, with study at Waseda University, Tokyo.

Before joining Wells College, Gilchrist worked with the Democracy Imperative at the University of New Hampshire and was a founder of the Intercollegiate Diversity Agora in central New York. In addition to his administrative experience, he is also a skilled facilitator, mediator, and trainer. A high resolution photo is here <http://photos.uwex.edu/index.cfm>.

The appointment followed a national search chaired by Malcolm Brett, director of the UW-Extension Division of Broadcast and Media Innovations.

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