The University of Oklahoma
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is pleased to announce the appointment of

Rich Hamerla as Interim Dean of the Honors College

Associate Dean Rich Hamerla has been named Interim Dean of OU’s Honors College, pending final approval of the OU Board of Regents, effective August 1, 2020. Professor Hamerla currently serves as Associate Dean and Associate Professor in the OU Honors College. He succeeds Professor Doug Gaffin, who served as Interim Dean from July 2018 through July 2020.

Dr. Hamerla has worked on topics dealing with the history of American chemistry and physics in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and scientific apparatus. His books include *Two Centuries of Progress: A Bicentennial History of the Chemical Industry in Cleveland, 1796-1996*, and *An American Scientist on the Research Frontier: Edward Morley, Community, and Radical Ideas in Nineteenth-Century Science*. He has also published on the history and use of biological weapons, and he is the Book Review Editor of *Vulcan: The International Journal of the History of Military Technology*.

Joining OU in 2000, Dr. Hamerla served on the faculty of the Honors College through 2009 when he assumed the office of Associate Dean in 2009. In this capacity he and the College staff managed the Honors Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Undergraduate Research Day, the Honors Research Assistant Program, Research Day at The Capitol, the First Year Research Experience, Honors Engineering Research Experience, and the Pre-Law Scholars Program, and numerous other Honors programs and activities. Dr. Hamerla teaches classes over a variety of courses for the Honors College, usually covering subjects related to the history of science. His two most popular courses are “Perspectives; What is Science?” and “Science and the Cold War.”

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