Harvard Radcliffe Institute Interim Dean and Dean Search

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Dear Members of the Harvard Radcliffe Institute Community,

With Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin stepping down at the end of this month, we write to share the plans for interim leadership for the Institute and the search for Tomiko's successor.

Interim Dean

We are pleased to announce that Gabriella Blum, Rita E. Hauser Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Harvard Law School (HLS), has agreed to serve as interim dean of Radcliffe following Tomiko's departure.

Gabby is an eminent scholar and respected teacher in the fields of public international law, international negotiations, the law of armed conflict, and counterterrorism. As faculty director of the HLS Program on International Law and Armed Conflict, and as vice dean for the Graduate Program and International Legal Studies, Gabby's leadership at HLS crosses a broad array of scholarly and programmatic areas. Her extensive record of HLS service includes multiple terms as chair of the HLS Appointments Committee as well as lengthy service as chair of the Graduate Program Committee, which oversees all of HLS's doctoral dissertations across a vast array of fields and topics. Gabby is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Program on Negotiation, a widely respected HLS-based consortium that convenes scholars and practitioners from Harvard and beyond to develop the theory and practice of negotiation and dispute resolution through research, seminars, courses, conferences, publications, and special events.

Thoughtful, collaborative, and committed to rigorous inquiry, Gabby has been a valued contributor to numerous School- and University-level committees in her time at Harvard. Her record of service along with her ability to cut across disciplines, audiences, and perspectives in pursuit of knowledge and progress will be an asset as she stewards Radcliffe's ongoing work in nurturing and advancing the robust exchange of ideas.

We hope that you will join us in thanking Gabby for her willingness to lead the Institute in this interim period and in congratulating her on this new role.

We also wish to take this moment to express our deep gratitude to Tomiko for her extraordinary service as dean. We thank her for making the Harvard Radcliffe Institute stronger, deeper, more collaborative, and more connected with the University, and for being an extraordinary contributor to the University community.

Search Process

Following our usual practice, we have assembled a committee of distinguished faculty from across the University to assist with the search process. The committee members bring extensive and varied expertise and points of view, befitting Radcliffe's unique role in advancing interdisciplinary exploration. The names of the members of this advisory committee are appended below, and we hope that you will join us in thanking them for their willingness to serve in this important capacity.

As members of the Radcliffe community, your insights and advice will be invaluable as we take up the search process. We look forward to arranging opportunities to hear your thoughts, and we hope that in the meantime you will convey your ideas via one of the following channels:

- Email to radcliffedeansearch@harvard.edu
- Qualtrics form, which allows for anonymous submissions
- Postal mail to Massachusetts Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138 (Attention: Radcliffe Dean Search)

We hope that you will convey your perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the Institute, along with the qualities and experience you feel will be important for its next leader to possess. Please also share with us the names of any individuals within or beyond Harvard who you think merit serious consideration for the role. Such messages are especially helpful at the outset of the search process and will be read with care.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Sincerely,

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