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To: Arts and Sciences Faculty;

Subject: **N. Bruce Duthu is named next dean of the Faculty of A&S**

Dear Arts and Sciences faculty members:

We are pleased to share the exciting news that N. Bruce Duthu '80 has accepted the offer to serve as Dartmouth's next Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Duthu, who is the Samson Occom Professor of Native American Studies and the Frank J. Guarini Associate Dean of the Faculty for Interdisciplinary Studies and International Programs, will succeed Dean Mike Mastanduno on July 1, 2017.

Duthu is an experienced academic leader and noted scholar-teacher. An enrolled member of the United Houma Nation of Louisiana, he teaches courses in the areas of tribal sovereignty; tribal relations with local, state, and federal governments; and law and literature. Bruce has been a visiting professor in Italy and Australia, and was founding director of the Vermont Law School-Sun Yat-sen University Partnership in Environmental Law and Energy Policy in Guangzhou, China. His books include *Shadow Nations: Tribal Sovereignty and the Limits of Legal Pluralism* (Oxford University Press 2013) and *American Indians and the Law* (Penguin Library of American Indian History, 2008).

As we welcome Bruce, we would like to thank Mike for his exceptional leadership as dean over the last seven years. Mike has been a valued member of the senior team and an indefatigable champion of the Arts and Sciences faculty. After a year-long sabbatical, Mike will return to the faculty where he will continue to pursue his teaching and research.

We would also like to thank Kathryn Cottingham, professor and chair of biological sciences, and Mona Domosh, professor of geography, who co-chaired the search committee that recommended finalists for the dean's job. They led a process that began with extensive consultation across the faculty of Arts and Sciences and concluded with a recommendation of finalists for the position. These finalists were then interviewed by the president and provost, members of the board of trustees, and other members of the president's senior team; **extensive referencing was conducted in advance of the final decision.** Thank you, Kathy, Mona, and the entire committee.

For more information about Bruce's appointment, we encourage you to read the official announcement that follows below.

All best,
Phil & Carolyn