



Introducing the next Dean of the Carlson School

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Dear Carlson School Community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jamie Darin Prenkert as the next dean of the Carlson School of Management, effective July 3, 2023 and pending approval by the University's Board of Regents at its December meeting.

Prenkert comes to the University of Minnesota from Indiana University, Bloomington, where he has experience in academic administrative leadership from the department to the campus level. He is currently the Charles M. Hewitt Professor and Executive Associate Dean for Faculty and Research in the Kelley School of Business, overseeing the research mission of the Kelley School and serving as the chief administrator for approximately 380 Bloomington-based faculty members in nearly 30 distinct degree programs. Prior to this appointment, he served as Associate Dean of Academics (2019–21); Associate Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs (2016–19); and Chair of the Kelley School's Department of Business Law and Ethics (2014–16 and 2019–20).

While at Indiana, Prenkert has demonstrated a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion: he convened and served as ex officio on the Kelley School's first diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) committee; he organized a semester-long DEIB professional development series for faculty and staff; he created and supervised the position of Kelley Bias Incident Support Ombudsperson; and he envisioned, coordinated, and founded the Kinsey-Kelley Center for Gender Equity in Business, a collaboration with IU's Kinsey Institute.

Prenkert holds a J.D. from Harvard University and a bachelor of arts in political science from Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana. He served as the President of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business for the 2021-2022 academic year, and has held other leadership positions in that body since 2018. At Indiana University, he also holds affiliated faculty appointments in the Center for Excellence for Women & Technology, Advocates + Allies for Equity (2018–present); Center for the Study of Law, Society, and Culture (2019–present); Ostrom Workshop (2018–

present); and African Studies Program (2014–present). Before embarking on an academic career, he was a senior trial attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Prekert's appointment as dean of the Carlson School of Management is the culmination of a national search for a successor to Sri Zaheer, who will step down on July 2, 2023, after serving with distinction as dean for over ten years. In July she will return to her tenured faculty position as the Elmer L. Andersen Chair in Global Corporate Social Responsibility, and will resume a role on the editorial team of the prestigious *Journal of International Business Studies*.

Please join me in welcoming Jamie Prekert to the University of Minnesota, and in expressing appreciation to the search committee for its excellent work, with special thanks to CSE Dean Andrew Alleyne for serving as chair. I am grateful to everyone who took time to provide invaluable feedback on our outstanding finalist candidates.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost

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