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## UF College of the Arts Names New Assistant Dean for Research, Technology and Administrative Affairs

**Gainesville, Fla., January 6, 2015** — The University of Florida (UF) College of the Arts has appointed Anthony J. Kolenic, Ph.D., as the college's new assistant dean for research, technology and administrative affairs. The appointment became effective Jan. 5, 2015.

In his new role, Kolenic will oversee research development and grants, assessment oversight and reporting, policies and procedures, and provide supervision for the college's interdisciplinary centers.

"The College of the Arts is pleased to have Dr. Anthony Kolenic join our outstanding faculty and staff," said Lucinda Lavelli, dean of the UF College of the Arts. "His skills and experience will serve faculty in a range of areas, from grant and research opportunities to oversight of administrative areas."



Kolenic previously served as associate director of the University of Michigan's ArtsEngine, which drives transdisciplinary collaborations among the arts, architecture and engineering, and of the Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru), a partnership of more than 30 institutions committed to transforming research universities in order to ensure the greatest possible institutional support for interdisciplinary research, curricula, programs and creative practice between the arts and other disciplines, and of which UF is a founding member. In addition to leading a2ru's national research agenda, Kolenic provided operational and strategic oversight for ArtsEngine's Andrew W. Mellon research project, a three-year study that aims to identify and map the topography of arts-integrative interdisciplinary efforts in higher education.

Prior to joining ArtsEngine and a2ru, Kolenic taught in Michigan State University's Center for Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts & Humanities, served as project director for "The Children and Technology Project," a three-year research project funded by the National Science Foundation, and also as the Ph.D. specialist for Peace and Justice Studies, where he taught numerous courses, mentored undergraduate researchers, managed the program and cultivated community and donor relationships.

A Michigan native, Kolenic holds a Ph.D. in American Studies, Master of Arts in American Studies and Bachelor of Arts in Social Relations, all from Michigan State University. He has received numerous honors, including being recognized by the Michigan State University Department of Residential Life and Student Affairs and Services for excellence in teaching

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during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years and being nominated for the university's Somer's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the fall/spring of 2008 and the fall/spring of 2009. He is a member of the American Studies Association; College Art Association; International Council of Fine Arts Deans; National Academic Advising Association; The Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association; Sciences, Engineering, Arts and Design (XSEAD); and the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

## **About the College of the Arts**

The College of the Arts, previously known as the College of Fine Arts, is one of the 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. The College of the Arts offers baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its three institutionally-accredited schools — the School of Art + Art History, School of Music and School of Theatre + Dance. The college is home to the Center for Arts in Medicine, Center for Arts and Public Policy, Center for World Arts, Digital Worlds Institute, University Galleries and the New World School of the Arts in Miami. More than 100 faculty members and approximately than 1,200 students work together daily to engage, inspire and create. The college hosts more than 300 performances, exhibitions and events each year. Faculty and students also exhibit and perform at other local, national and international venues. To learn more, visit [www.arts.ufl.edu](http://www.arts.ufl.edu).

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