



*The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®*  
*Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost*

April 10, 2025

Dear OU Community,

I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Michael Markham as the next Dean of the Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences. He will begin his new role on July 14, 2025, pending final approval by the OU Board of Regents. Since joining the OU academic community 14 years ago, Dr. Markham has consistently demonstrated strategic vision and collaborative leadership, making him exceptionally well prepared to lead our university's largest college into its next chapter of excellence.

Please join me in conveying our sincere appreciation to OU Graduate College Dean Dr. Randall Hewes for serving as Interim Dean of DFCAS this past year while continuing to lead and guide our Graduate College community.

Dr. Markham currently holds two administrative positions at OU, serving as Associate Dean for Academic Programs in DFCAS, as well as Interim Dean of the Honors College. He joined the OU Department of Biology faculty in 2011 and was named the Case-Hooper Chair in Biology in 2023.

In his five years as Associate Dean, his accomplishments include forming the new School of Biological Sciences through the merger of two departments, bolstering biomedical research and instructional strength; spearheading the case for a new STEM-focused lab and classroom building, set to break ground this summer; and establishing DFCAS' Office of Online Degree Programs, which has expanded access and enrollment statewide. He also played a central role in developing the college's Pathways to Excellence strategic plan and co-led a \$2.9 million initiative to raise graduate student stipends to attract top-tier doctoral candidates.

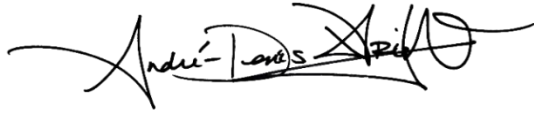
In July 2024, Dr. Markham was appointed Interim Dean of the Honors College, where he initiated and guided development of the college's first comprehensive strategic plan.

A nationally recognized neuroscientist, he has earned more than \$3.4 million in extramural funding, and his research on the neurobiology of animal communication has been featured in top-tier journals such as *Current Biology*, *PLoS Biology*, and *Journal of Neuroscience*.

Prior to coming to OU, he held faculty and research appointments at the University of Texas at Austin and Florida International University. He earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of New Mexico.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Markham on his new appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "André-Denis Wright". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'A' and a prominent 'W' at the end.

André-Denis G. Wright  
Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus