


September 27, 2017

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeremy Teitelbaum, Interim Provost 

RE: Appointment of Professor Heather Elliott-Famularo to the Donna Krenicki
Professorship in Design and Digital Media in the School of Fine Arts

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Professor Heather Elliott-Famularo to the Donna Krenicki Professorship in Design and Digital Media in the School of Fine Arts

BACKGROUND:

The School of Fine Arts unanimously supported Professor Heather Elliott-Famularo for the position of Department Head, Digital Media and Design, and holder of the Donna Krenicki Endowed Professorship.

Professor Elliott-Famularo has most recently served as Professor and Division Chair of Digital Arts at Bowling Green State University. She is an award-winning filmmaker and digital artist who is committed to researching and exploring important cultural issues through her artwork. Although primarily focused on video and film production, Professor Elliott-Famularo also creates artworks that use performance, photography, and digital mediums.

Professor Elliott-Famularo's most recent and ongoing research has included a documentary film, *Bearing Witness: The Voices of Our Survivors*, that shares the testimony of six Holocaust survivors of Toledo, Ohio. The film won the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Palm Beach International Film Festival, and was nominated for an Emmy award. The film had its broadcast premiere on PBS in July 2012. In 2013, Professor Elliott-Famularo expanded the documentary into a collaborative, interdisciplinary project, for which she co-led two successful grant proposals. Adjacent to this project, she has also produced a virtual environment of Gwoździec, a lost synagogue in Poland. In addition to this major project, she has had numerous exhibitions of her video installations, both nationally and internationally.

The Board established the Donna Krenicki Professorship in Design and Digital Media on February 24, 2016. Prof. Elliott-Famularo's five-year term will begin on December 29, 2017.