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TO: Boston University Deans, Faculty and Staff

FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

DATE: August 31, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011-2012 Peter Paul Professorship Awardees

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Each year, Boston University has the pleasure of recognizing a handful of talented young educators emerging as future leaders within their respective fields through the award of Peter Paul Professorships. Made possible through the generous support of one of our Trustees, Mr. Peter Paul, these professorships are presented to promising young faculty who have been at BU for no more than two years and have held no prior professorships.

The awards highlight the caliber, potential, and continued vitality of Boston University's diverse faculty and include a three-year, non-renewable stipend designed to support scholarly or creative work, as well as a portion of the recipients' salaries. Nominations are submitted by deans and department heads, and awardees are selected by the Office of the Provost.

This year's Peter Paul Professorship recipients have been cited for their expertise in their areas of study, their passion for the creation and transmission of knowledge, and their efforts to enhance the student experience. I am delighted to announce that this year's Peter Paul Professors are:

- **Colin Fisher, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor of Organizational Behavior, School of Management
Colin Fisher studies the role of improvisation on the development of teams in the areas of leadership, creativity and group decision-making. In addition to recently receiving his Ph.D. from Harvard Business School, his background includes a degree in Jazz Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music.
- **Xue Han, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering
Xue Han develops highly interdisciplinary and translational neuroengineering approaches to treat neurological and psychiatric diseases. Her most recent postdoctoral

work was at the McGovern Institute and Media Lab at MIT, preceded by postdoctoral work at Stanford University.

- **Johannes Schmieder, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences

Johannes Schmieder works in two different areas: he studies the interaction of labor market practices with macroeconomic factors to generate employment fluctuations; and he studies the relationship between environmental pollution and infant health. He recently received his doctorate from Columbia University.

Please join me in congratulating these talented educators for this achievement, and in wishing them the best of luck with their teaching and research in the years ahead.

Cc: Robert A. Brown
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