THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Appointment of Joan Richardson as Distinguished Professor
at The Graduate Center

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York appoint Joan Richardson as Distinguished Professor of English at The Graduate Center effective February 1, 2014, with compensation of $28,594 per annum in addition to her regular academic salary, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Internationally recognized for her scholarship in American literature and intellectual history, Professor Richardson is a daughter of CUNY, who earned her bachelor’s degree at Queens College and her doctorate at The Graduate Center. She rose from adjunct lecturer to full professor of English at LaGuardia Community College before transitioning to The Graduate Center, where she has been Professor of English since 1987, Professor of Comparative Literature since 1992, and Professor of American Studies since 1998.

A prolific writer and researcher, Professor Richardson has been acclaimed for her studies of Wallace Stevens. She has also written extensively on pragmatism, including A Natural History of Pragmatism: The Fact of Feeling from Jonathan Edwards to Gertrude Stein, which was published by Cambridge University Press in 2007, and a new book, Pragmatism and American Experience, which will soon appear from Cambridge University Press. Her current project, for which she won a 2012-13 Guggenheim Fellowship, is titled Images, Shadows of Divine Things: A Secular Spiritual Autobiography.

The Graduate Center and The City University of New York will be well-served by Professor Richardson’s appointment as Distinguished Professor.