THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Appointment of Charles W. Mills as Distinguished Professor at The Graduate Center

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York appoint Charles W. Mills as Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at The Graduate Center effective October 1, 2016, with compensation of $28,594 per annum in addition to his regular academic salary, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Professor Mills is one of the world’s most influential philosophers of race and one of the founders of critical race theory. His interests include social and political philosophy, ethics, Marxism, African-American philosophy and feminism. He is broadly interdisciplinary, connecting work in history, social psychology and sociology with contemporary social/political philosophy, epistemology and ethics.

In addition to his widely acclaimed books, *The Racial Contract* (1997), which received the Myers Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America and was nominated by Cornell University Press for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, *Blackness Visible: Essays on Philosophy and Race* (1998), *From Class to Race: Essays in White Marxism and Black Radicalism* (2003), *Contract and Domination* (2007) and *Radical Theory, Caribbean Reality: Race, Class and Social Domination* (2010), he has published more than 75 scholarly articles and edited volumes and has participated in over 130 conferences in the U.S. and abroad. As one of his reviewers noted “there is no question that Mills is one of the leading figures in his subfields. He has staked out a formidable and original philosophical position that anyone working on questions of race must grapple with. He is prolific, wide-ranging and intrepid.” And, as another reviewer pointed out, “The question of Charles Mills’ influence and reputation can only be answered in superlatives.”

Since 2007, Professor Mills has served as the John Evans Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy at Northwestern University. From 1999 to 2007, Mills was a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he joined the philosophy faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1990. He also served as Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma from 1987 to 1990. Mills earned his doctoral and master’s degrees in Philosophy from the University of Toronto.

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