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Andrea Luxton has been named the new provost at Andrews University. She is currently serving as president at Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alberta. She fills the role currently held by interim provost Bill Richardson. Luxton will arrive to campus in late July.

Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen says, “Andrea Luxton has many years of experience in higher education. I believe she will bring extraordinary gifts to the provost position at Andrews and will help move this University forward in the direction it is destined to go.”

Luxton holds a BA in theology and English from Newbold College; a MA in English from Andrews University; a Ph.D. in English from Catholic University of America; and a Postgraduate Diploma in Institutional Management and Change in Higher Education from the University of Twente, Netherlands.

Luxton began her career in education in 1982 as head of English for Stanborough School in England. Over the years, she has been chair of the English Department at Newbold College; held multiple responsibilities as education director, Sabbath school director and women’s ministry coordinator of the British Union of Seventh-day Adventists; principal at Stanborough School; president of Newbold College; vice president for academic administration at Canadian University College; associate director of education for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and president of Canadian University College. She has also served first as secretary and currently as president of the Adventist Association of Colleges and Universities.

“I look forward to engaging with the many professionals at Andrews University and being a part of the University’s positive future,” says Luxton. “I will particularly enjoy the diversity and internationalism of the campus and the synergy of working with so many others who share the same values I do in delivering Adventist Christian education.”

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Arthur named dean of School of Graduate Studies & Research

Christon Arthur, an Andrews alum, is returning to his educational roots as dean of the Andrews University School of Graduate Studies & Research. He assumes the role currently held by the interim dean, Emilio Garcia-Marenko. Arthur will arrive to campus on July 1. He will be joined by his wife, Carmelita, and their son, ten-year-old Christon Arthur Jr.

“A faculty-student mentorship relationship is the most important attribute of high-quality graduate programs. That was my experience at Andrews,” says Arthur. “My mentors touched my life by paying forward, and those experiences have made me who I am today. I intend to reciprocate by touching the lives of current students: ‘paying forward’ to the next generation.”


As associate dean of the College of Education at Tennessee State University (TSU), Arthur has provided leadership as the college’s chief academic officer and worked to create and maintain academic rigor. A member of TSU’s faculty since 2001, Arthur has mentored undergraduate and graduate students in the research process. He was named “Researcher of the Year” for the Department of Educational Administration in 2002–03 and the university’s “Teacher of the Year” in 2004–05, both at TSU. Prior to working in higher education, Arthur spent 12 years teaching geography and social studies students at Grenada Seventh-day Adventist Comprehensive School.

Arthur has led several notable funded research projects, including an annual $35,000 budget to work collaboratively with TSU Extension and Bridges Academy to integrate technology into the curriculum. He has contributed scholarly research articles to numerous publications, delivered dozens of scholarly presentations across the country and been actively involved in several professional organizations and councils.

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