

## New DMS Department Chair

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Starting this fall, Dr. Claude Tameze will be stepping down as chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences and passing the reigns to Dr. Moses Haimbody (pictured right). The department chair is a rotating position, with a new chair elected from among the department's faculty every five years. Dr. Haimbodi was elected by the faculty to be our next department chair last Spring.

After assuming the position of department chair for DMS, Dr. Haimbodi commented, "I am humbled by the confidence my colleagues have in me to lead the department as we navigate the post-COVID challenges in academia."



Our department saw substantial growth under the leadership of Dr. Tameze. His guidance played a critical role in the success of the Math Learning Center, the new Math Labs for our College Algebra and Precalculus courses, our adaptation to the COVID pandemic, and the current development of our new data science program. As he steps down from the position, DMS would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of exceptional service.

Looking forward, we are confident that Dr. Haimbodi can continue to lead us along our current trajectory of growth and increasing student success. We thank him for taking on this responsibility and wish him the best of luck moving forwards.

## DMS Welcomes New MLC Coordinator

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The Department of Mathematical Sciences welcomes Mr. Daniel Talasnik (pictured right) as our new MLC coordinator. A roll previously filled by Professor Abel Ayele, the MLC Coordinator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Math Learning Center. This includes all math placement tests, the ALEKS-based labs for MAT-101 and MAT-102, and the center's many student tutors. Because the MLC provides support for students taking math courses at Lincoln University, Mr. Talasnik will be work closely with both the Academic Support Unit and our department.



When asked about his experience here at Lincoln so far, Mr. Talasnik had this to say:

I've thoroughly enjoyed working with college students throughout my career as a faculty member, so now I'm looking forward to embracing my administrative and student support roles as MLC Coordinator to enhance and enrich the lives of students as they navigate their mathematics journeys.

Under Mr. Talasnik's leadership, the MLC has already conducted the math placement tests for Fall 2022 and hired a new team of student tutors. So a hearty "thank you" to Mr. Talasnik for his excellent work and rapid engagement with the Lincoln community. We look forward to working with him for years to come.