

NONPROFIT ACADEMIC CENTERS COUNCIL APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CLEVELAND – The Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC), a membership organization comprised of 44 academic centers in the U.S. and around the world that focus on the study of nonprofit organizations, voluntarism and/or philanthropy, has named Sean Shacklett as its new executive director.

Mr. Shacklett has more than a decade of progressive leadership experience in both the nonprofit and governmental sectors. Prior to coming to NACC, Mr. Shacklett was the Program Director at the Alzheimer’s Association -- Cleveland Area Chapter, where he was responsible for the planning, development and management of client services for a five county area in Northeast Ohio. In addition, he served as the Senior Administrative Officer at the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Shacklett holds Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Bachelor of Arts – Political Science degrees from the University of Akron.

In his new role, Mr. Shacklett will be working closely with the NACC board to provide the overall leadership and management to fulfill the organization’s mission, which is to foster discussion and collaboration among academic centers devoted to the study of the private, nonprofit sector and philanthropy in order to advance education, research and practice in the field. In this capacity, he will work with key nonprofit sector leaders to ensure that NACC is at the forefront of new developments in the sector; lead NACC’s marketing, public relations, fundraising and membership development activities; and participate in planning, program development and research efforts.

“We are looking forward to our new executive director, Mr. Sean Shacklett, joining us,” said Robert Ashcraft, NACC president and director of the Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation at Arizona State University. “Since 1991, NACC has been an important resource for member organizations looking to share information and ideas to strengthen their programs and advance the field of philanthropic and nonprofit sector education. We are confident Mr. Shacklett will help us to continue fulfilling our mission.”

"I am thrilled and humbled to be selected as the executive director of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council," said Shacklett. "I am very excited by this opportunity and I am eager to work closely with the board and member organizations to contribute to the advancement of the field of nonprofit study, as well as to further cultivate the work of this innovative collaboration of universities."

In 2002, the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Case Western Reserve University was selected as the new home for NACC, which had previously been located at Independent Sector in Washington, D.C.

"I am eager to begin working with Sean in his new role," said John Yankey, interim executive director of the Mandel Center. "Sean's substantial experience in the nonprofit and governmental sectors will enable him to play a key leadership role in the continued development of the field of philanthropic and nonprofit management studies in this new era of cross-sectoral collaboration."

The Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations was established in 1984. Its mission is to strengthen – through education, research and community service-- the effectiveness of nonprofit leaders and managers and the organizations they serve. The Center, which offers a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Organizations (MNO) and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNM), was one of the first university-based programs in the country focused on the education of nonprofit leaders and managers. The Mandel Center is a university-wide, interdisciplinary center and the primary focal point for nonprofit management education, research and community service at Case Western Reserve University.

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