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**MEMORANDUM**

**April 28, 2026**

**TO: Members of the Board of Trustees**  
**FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor**  
**SUBJECT: Appointment of Distinguished Librarians**

**Action Requested**

The proposed resolution appoints the faculty members listed below to the rank of Distinguished Librarian, constituting a promotion in rank.

**Resolution**

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Board of Trustees has proudly established a historic tradition of acknowledging and honoring extraordinary faculty achievement through appointment to the Distinguished Faculty Rank; and

**Whereas** the appointment to the Distinguished Faculty Rank at the State-operated campuses is both a systemwide distinction and a promotion in rank; and

**Whereas** the SUNY Board of Trustees has the authority to bestow systemwide distinctions; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that each faculty member listed below be, and hereby is, appointed to the rank of Distinguished Librarian at the State-operated campus indicated, effective April 28, 2026:

Professor Holly Heller-Ross, State University of New York at  
Plattsburgh; and

Professor Christopher Hollister, State University of New York  
at Buffalo.

### **Background**

The rank of Distinguished Librarian is conferred upon librarians having achieved a distinguished reputation for significant achievement in the areas of scholarship/research, service/librarianship, or teaching. Contributions within and beyond the campus include creating a new information environment by providing access to information, sharing or networking information resources, and fostering information literacy.

Further, to be eligible for nomination, a librarian at a State-operated campus must have held the rank of full librarian for five years and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.