



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
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MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, Associate Deans, Department  
Chairs, and Faculty  
From: Michael Galyean, Provost and Senior  
Vice President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Galyean".

Date: August 29, 2018

Re: Director of the Texas Tech University Press – Notification of appointment

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Brian Ott, Professor in the Department of Communication Studies, has been selected to serve as the Director of the Texas Tech University Press. Brian's appointment will be half time in the Press and half time in his home department and will begin September 1, 2018.

Brian came to Texas Tech in 2015 to serve as the chair of the Department of Communication Studies. Under his leadership, the department has experienced significant growth in the past three years. Brian previously served on the faculty of the University of Colorado in Denver and Colorado State University. An excellent teacher, he has taught extensively at the undergraduate level, and he has mentored scores of graduate students. His scholarship focuses on rhetorical studies and media studies, and he has an impressive record of published books, book chapters, articles, reviews, and commentaries. Brian also has served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Western Journal of Communication* and as an associate editor and editorial board member for several journals in his field, as well as serving as a book/book proposal reviewer over the past two decades.

As the Director of the TTU Press, Brian will report to the Provost and will plan, coordinate, and supervise all operations and activities of the Press. Interacting with the TTU Press Editorial Committee relative to selection of book projects and other editorial matters and working with potential authors will be among his major duties. An important role will be to serve as a liaison to the community at large and to the university community, with a particular emphasis on further developing the academic mission of the TTU Press.

Dr. Ott's effectiveness as an academic leader and his competency as an administrator and manager, coupled with his scholarship and experience in academic publishing make him the perfect choice to lead the Texas Tech University Press. Please join me in congratulating Brian and welcoming him to this new role.