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## Around the Columns

### Business gets a new dean

Joan Gabel, incoming dean of the Trulaske College of Business, is the first to admit she has some big shoes to fill. “The announcement of the position opening was very big news in the business education community,” Gabel says. “There was quite the buzz. Outgoing dean Bruce Walker is nothing short of a legend, and my first priority will be building upon the success he has already achieved.”

Gabel leaves Florida State University, where she has worked since 2007 and starts her appointment Sept. 1. “I am so excited to live in Columbia,” Gabel says. “Like the business school, Columbia has an outstanding reputation, both as a wonderful place to live and to work. It’s a beautiful area.”

Coming from Gabel, the compliment means a lot. She’s taught in Italy, France, Egypt and lectured in other places around the globe. The international experience served Gabel well at FSU, where she was the director of international relations at the College of Business. In that role, Gabel established international partnerships at Florida State she intends to continue at Mizzou.

“The Trulaske College of Business already has a solid international reputation, but I believe it is possible to make that reputation stronger,” Gabel says. “I hope to work with international research partners and potential international business partners to show them the business and commercial opportunities in Columbia and Missouri.”

To all her current and future students, Gabel says: “The Trulaske College of Business is a wonderful home to receive a business education. There is no better place to receive the personal attention one needs to wield the tools of the business world today.”

Beyond Gabel’s obvious excitement, about the new appointment, her replies carry a thoughtful quality. Perhaps that’s due to the philosophy degree she picked up at Haverford College in Pa. or the law degree she later earned from the University of Georgia, where she



New business dean Joan Gabel

graduated near the top of her class.

Regardless, she exudes unbridled enthusiasm: "I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Mizzou family and to be among such an excellent faculty."

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