

Dr. Dwain C. Pruitt

Named chief equity officer

Wofford College announced Thursday that Dr. Dwain C. Pruitt is the school's first chief equity officer. Pruitt, a 1995 Wofford graduate and the college's ninth Presidential International Scholar, will lead the effort to advance the Administration's strategic goals, with emphasis on informing diversity initiatives and implementation of high-impact efforts that ensure inclusion. Pruitt also will ensure institutional compliance with applicable federal and state laws related to Title IX.

Pruitt previously had been University of Louisville, where he was the assistant dean for curriculum and governance in the College of Arts and Sciences. He has worked in undergraduate research at the University of South Florida and at Morgan State University's College of Liberal Arts in a variety of administrative and student support positions.

For the past year, Pruitt was a consultant on Wofford's "History, Memory and Place" working group of the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) task force.

"Remaining connected with students has always been a priority, and I look forward to working with Wofford students both inside and outside of the classroom to develop a more just, equitable and diverse community," Pruitt said.

Pruitt earned a master's degree and doctoral degree in early modern European history/colonial Latin America from Emory University. His research focus was on race and slavery in 18th century France. He also studies popular culture and media. He has published, edited and lectured widely on a variety of topics including "The Opposition of the Law to the Law': Race, Slavery and the Law in Nantes, 1715-1778" and "The Comics That Hate Produced: Representing the African-American Muslim Experience in DC Comics."

"We are excited that Dr. Pruitt has chosen to come back home to Wofford College as the college's first chief equity officer," said President Nayef Samhat. "He has an excellent administrative reputation, and he has a passion for student success. He lent his wisdom and creative problem solving to the JEDI task force, and already has great ideas to highlight the college's shared history and build community."