The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the nation’s preeminent learned society and a research institution, has elected 177 Fellows and 30 Foreign Honorary Members for the 2002 class. This class includes a United States Senator and college presidents, three Nobel Prize winners, six Pulitzer Prize winners, and MacArthur Fellows and six Guggenheim fellows. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, a United States Senator, was at Columbia provost Jonathan Cole. “She has a legal background with a specific interest in equal employment opportunity, but her experience takes her beyond the law to a deep understanding of the opportunities and barriers that students and faculty can face in choosing and pursuing careers. With a new emphasis on creating opportunities for minorities and women, and working closely with faculty and students, Susan should be able to draw on her rich public service past decades as dean of Ezra Stiles College at Yale. In the past, Rieger, Law ’76, would coordinate Columbia’s programs to promote diversity and inclusiveness, and a learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. She will be working with the academic and administrative departments to recruit and retain the best and brightest staff diverse in background and outstanding in qualifications ensuring the University’s compliance with laws and government regulations on equal opportunity and affirmative action.

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The Academy’s election is a process that recognizes those in all fields. It brings back to Columbia is returning to my roots,” said Rieger. “When I was at the law school and the law school was on course with Sex Discrimination Law with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elizabeth Warren. Courting Employment Litigation with Har- riet Rabb (Burnet ’63, Law ’66).”

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New Associate Provost for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Named

By James Devitt

Susan Rieger, dean of Ezra Stiles College and provost, has been named associate provost for equal opportunity and affirmative action. Her appointment begins July 1.

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Rieger is also director of undergraduate studies (special divisional majors) at Yale and serves as a lecturer in the university’s English and Women’s Studies departments. Prior to coming to Yale, she was lecturer in legal studies at Mount Holyoke College, Hampshire College and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In addi- tion, Rieger volunteered handling death penalty cases at the Southern Center for Human Rights. Rieger has been an instructor at Brooklyn Law School and an attorney at the New York firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where she specialized in employment law and administration discrimination law.

Rieger earned her bachelor’s degree from Mount Holyoke Col- lege in 1968. While at Colum- bia’s School of Law, Rieger was a teaching fellow to current Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Law ’59, in civil procedure, Ginsburg was a Columbia Law School professor from 1972 to 1980.

“Coming back to Columbia is a great time to be a woman at the law school and I felt very lucky to be there and to be taught by those who were bringing the test cases.”

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