

UW Madison: Internationally recognized developmental geneticist named next chair of the Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology

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MADISON, Wis. – Deneen Wellik has been chosen as the next chair of the Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Wellik currently holds faculty appointments in both the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Molecular Medicine and Genetics, and the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Mich. She also serves as Director of the Center for Organogenesis.

Her laboratory focuses on the role of Hox genes in organogenesis, tissue homeostasis, and tissue renewal and repair, areas in which she is an internationally recognized expert.

Wellik has held a series of leadership positions within the Center for Organogenesis, which is an interdisciplinary group of more than 140 faculty members from four schools and more than 25 departments at the University of Michigan. Since 2013, she has served as the director of the NIH-funded T32 Training Program for Organogenesis.

Wellik's leadership in the field of cell and regenerative biology and passion for mentoring at all levels will be an asset for the University of Wisconsin-Madison, according to Robert Golden, dean of the School of Medicine and Public Health and vice chancellor for medical affairs.

"Dr. Wellik will be an inspirational and driving force as the department continues its quest to answer the most important and fundamental questions in the field. We look forward to supporting her leadership in the development of the next generation of scientists and their advancements in the field of cell and regenerative biology," he said.

Wellik begins her role as chair on Dec. 1, 2018.