

## Christopher MacDonald-Dennis Named Dean of Macalester's Multicultural Life Department

**St. Paul, Minn. - Christopher MacDonald-Dennis** has been named Dean of Macalester College's Multicultural Life Department.

MacDonald-Dennis received his BA in Sociology from Framingham State University, his MS in College Student Development and Counseling from Northeastern University and his EdD in Social Justice Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Most recently, he was Assistant Dean/Director of Intercultural Affairs at Bryn Mawr College.

“What Chris MacDonald-Dennis brings to Macalester is a wealth of experience not only from his previous positions but also as a long time scholar-activist involved with social change,” said Laurie Hamre, Vice President of Student Affairs. “His enthusiasm for and understanding of Macalester will greatly benefit not only the college but the entire college community.”

Throughout his career, MacDonald-Dennis has been a strong advocate for equity and inclusion in higher education. He has created numerous programs to help all students learn across difference as well as programs to help marginalized students thrive on college campuses.

“I am excited about working here because I know the specialness of places like Macalester: small, residential, community-oriented,” said MacDonald-Dennis. “My style is relational, and it is through relationships that we are able to help people become more accepting of multiculturalism to truly be an inclusive and just community.”

Originally from Boston, MacDonald-Dennis previously worked at New England College, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the University of Michigan.

MacDonald-Dennis wants to increase the visibility of multiculturalism at Macalester.

“I want to work with the entire campus to infuse diversity throughout the institution, thereby, making systemic change. Since multiculturalism is valued at Macalester, it needs to be a priority for all of us.”

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 1,985 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu) (<http://www.macalester.edu/>)

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