

# Academic Affairs Update

## August 30, 2022

Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

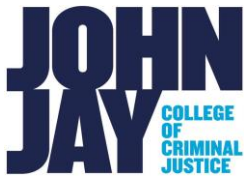
As we move into our new Academic Affairs structure, I want to thank Dean Elsa-Sofia Morote for her leadership of Graduate Studies for the past two years. Dean Morote joined the college during the pandemic and immediately created a robust virtual presence for our graduate students. She initiated a vibrant interview series on social media, talking to our alumni and helping students make positive connections between the work they do in their programs and professional outcomes. During her time as Dean our combined full- and part-time graduate student retention rate reached a five year high of 68.5%.

I am pleased to say that Dr. Morote remains a member of our community as a Professor in Public Management. She will begin teaching in spring 2023. Please join me in thanking Dr. Morote for her service.

Sincerely,

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