

Jane Bokunewicz Named Coordinator at Institute for Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University Associate Professor of Hospitality Jane Bokunewicz has been named Institute Coordinator for the Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT) at Stockton, effective May 1.

As coordinator, Dr. Bokunewicz will, on an interim basis, take on the duties of LIGHT Executive Director Rummy Pandit, who is leaving Stockton University to take a position with Johnson & Wales University, A formal search for an Executive Director for LIGHT will take place once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

"Dr. Bokunewicz not only brings her academic background to the position, having taught about casino and hotel management, but she also has substantive experience in the hospitality industry," said Alphonso Ogbuehi, Dean of the School of Business at Stockton.

Bokunewicz worked for more than two decades in Atlantic City, more than half spent as Vice President of Administration at Tropicana, overseeing Human Resources, Facilities, Security, Purchasing and Quality Assurance.

She has also worked with LIGHT since 2012. She was lead researcher on several institute initiatives, including a study of millennial entertainment and several analyses of underage gambling and college gambling behavior. She was the lead author of *Casino Gaming Technology*, and a contributing author to *Casino Gaming in Atlantic City, A Thirty-Year Retrospective.* Dr. Bokunewicz holds a Ph.D. in Communication, Culture and Media from Drexel University and she is a third-degree black belt in Tang Soo Do Karate.

"I have enjoyed working closely with LIGHT over the past 8 years and I am looking forward to taking on a more active role working with community leaders and policy makers as the gaming and hospitality industry recovers in the coming months," Bokunewicz said. "I have complete confidence that Jane will provide strong leadership for LIGHT as we navigate the ongoing COVID-19 crisis," Ogbuehi said. "We thank Rummy for his illustrious service to Stockton University over the past decade and wish him continued success in his future endeavors."

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