

**This message is from Dr. Alan H. Rebar, Senior Associate Vice President for Research and Executive Director of Discovery Park.**

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Gabriela Weaver has agreed to serve as Interim Director of the Discovery Learning Center in Discovery Park as of September 1, 2008.

Dr. Weaver received her B.S. degree in Chemistry in 1989 from the California Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Chemical Physics in 1994 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Colorado at Denver from 1994 to 2001. During that time she shifted the focus of her research work from physical chemistry to educational research and the development of instructional technologies. She joined Purdue in 2001 as an Associate Professor. In 2004 she became Director of the Center for Authentic Science Practice in Education, a lead project in the Discovery Learning Center that is funded by the Chemistry Division at NSF. In 2008 she was promoted to full professor and is now also serving as Associate Head in the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Weaver has been a co-author on two different first-year chemistry textbooks, and continues to be a contributing author to *Chemistry in Context*, a textbook produced by the American Chemical Society. She has also been the leader in several projects to develop instructional technologies including DVDs, websites and videogames for teaching chemistry.

Dr. Weaver assumes responsibility for the DLC from Dr. Jon Harbor, who has stepped down to serve as Interim Dean of the School of Science. We thank Dr. Harbor for his dedication to the DLC, and we look forward to the leadership of Dr. Weaver.