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Loyola University Chicago Names Founding Dean for New Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health;

Nationally Recognized Scientist Elaine H. Morrato, DrPH, MPH, CPH Brings Expertise in Academia, Industry, and Entrepreneurial Ventures

MAYWOOD, October 29, 2019 – Loyola University Chicago has appointed Elaine H. Morrato founding dean of its new Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, effective February 1, 2020.

Dr. Morrato comes to Loyola from the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, where she was Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, previous interim Dean and tenured professor of Health Systems, Management, and Policy.

“A leader, collaborator, teacher, and mentor, Elaine Morrato is the ideal individual to grow the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health as its Founding Dean,” said Dr. Jo Ann Rooney, president, Loyola University Chicago. “Dr. Morrato’s experience and expertise will further establish the Parkinson School’s leadership in health care education and public health research.”

Trained in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and board-certified in public health, Dr. Morrato’s research focuses on accelerating the translation of medical innovation and drug warnings into clinical practice. An advisor to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Dr. Morrato advises the FDA on national issues of drug safety and risk management.

Prior to joining the University of Colorado in 2004, Dr. Morrato worked extensively in health services research. For 15 years, she led multi-disciplinary research teams and facilitated the commercialization of new drug products in Procter & Gamble’s global Health Care Division. She also worked as a scientific consultant for organizations and companies such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, Merck Foundation, Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC, and Amgen, Inc. Dr. Morrato received her undergraduate education at Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana) and her graduate education at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (Baltimore, Maryland).

“Dr. Morrato’s commitment to and expertise in designing and accelerating the translation of knowledge and evidence-based programs into practice will help transform and inform how we teach our students,” said Dr. Margaret Faut Callahan, Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer and Senior Vice President, Strategy and Innovation, Loyola University Chicago.

During her tenure at the University of Colorado, Dr. Morrato created and embraced innovative, case-based courses, to develop engaging educational, research, and service opportunities for students by building bridges with community and public health partners.

“I am delighted to join Loyola University Chicago as Founding Dean of its Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health and I look forward to working with students, faculty, and staff to create a School that embraces an entrepreneurial spirit to improve health outcomes from bench to bedside and from practice to population,” said Morrato.

About Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health

Loyola University Chicago welcomed its inaugural student class in the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health at its Lake Shore and Health Sciences Campuses in Fall 2019. Six degree programs from the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing and the Stritch School of Medicine will become Parkinson School programs (Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration, Master of Science in Clinical Research Methods, Master of Science in Dietetics, Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, and Master of Public Health), along with three new programs (Bachelor of Science in Public Health Sciences, Master of Science in Exercise Science, and Master of Science in Health Care Informatics). An additional 16 new degree programs are scheduled to be introduced over the next few years. Alumni Robert L. and Elizabeth M. Parkinson gave the lead gift for the school, which seeks to make a national impact on health care accessibility and equity. The Parkinson School builds on the foundation of Loyola’s nationally-recognized Stritch School of Medicine, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, biomedical programs at The Graduate School, and with its academic medical center partner, Trinity Health (known in the Chicago area as Loyola Medicine).

About Loyola University Chicago

Founded in 1870, Loyola University Chicago is one of the nation’s largest Jesuit, Catholic universities, with more than 16,600 students. Nearly 11,500 undergraduates call Loyola home. The University has four campuses: three in the greater Chicago area and one in Rome, Italy, as well as course locations in Saigon-Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Vernon Hills, Illinois (Cuneo Mansion and Gardens); and a Retreat and Ecology Campus in Woodstock, Illinois. The University’s 14 schools, colleges, and institutes include: the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, Quinlan School of Business, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Stritch School of Medicine, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Communication, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, School of Education, School of Law, School of Social Work, Graduate School, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Institute of Environmental Sustainability, and Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago. Ranked a top national university by *U.S. News & World Report*, Loyola is also among a select group of universities recognized for community service and engagement by national organizations like the Carnegie Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service. [Learn more about Loyola](#), “like” us at [Facebook.com/LoyolaChicago](#), or follow us on Twitter [@LoyolaChicago](#) or [@LoyolaNewsroom](#).