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**Hoffman Named Dean of the College of Graduate Studies
at Arcadia University**

Glenside, Pa.—June 2, 2008—Dr. Michael Berger, Academic Vice President and Provost at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., has announced the appointment of Dr. John R. Hoffman, Professor of Biology, as the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. As Dean, Hoffman will coordinate existing graduate degree and certificate programs and provide leadership for the creation of new ones, as well as perform duties normally associated with the head of a graduate studies office.

Hoffman will serve as liaison to Arcadia's affiliated campus, the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy (AGSIRD) in Paris, France, and to NMS Labs and the Fredric Rieders Family Renaissance Foundation in Willow Grove, Pa. The Foundation provides support for Arcadia's M.S. in Forensic Science. Hoffman also will continue to perform those responsibilities previously associated with his positions of Associate Dean for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities and of University Environmental Health and Safety Officer.

Dr. Hoffman joined the Arcadia University Faculty as an Adjunct Professor in 1993 and began full-time as an Assistant Professor in 1995. During his time in the Department of Biology, he served as chair from 2001 – 2007 and maintained an active research program receiving more than \$800,000 in extramural funding. He mentored 63 Arcadia undergraduate students in the completion of empirical research-based senior thesis projects, and published seven peer-reviewed articles with Arcadia students as co-authors. Arcadia students were co-authors on 17 abstracts presented at national or international scientific meetings.

Hoffman was elected President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience from 1997 – 2002. During this time, he helped establish the annual Brain Awareness Week exhibit at the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia. He also served a three-year term on the Society for Neuroscience's national Committee on Neuroscience Literacy.

In 2001, he was awarded the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. Hoffman is a native of Benton Harbor, Mich., and a 1983 graduate of Coloma High School. He earned his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 2002 and his Bachelor of Science from the Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State University in 1987.

He currently resides in Oreland, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., with his wife, Jessica, and their children.

Arcadia University is a top-ranked private university in metropolitan Philadelphia and a national leader in study abroad—celebrating 60 years of study abroad in 2008. The 2007 Open Doors report ranks Arcadia University 2nd in the nation among master's universities in the percentage of undergraduate students studying abroad. U.S. News & World Report ranks Arcadia University among the top 25 master's universities in the North and recognizes it as one of the top 20 study abroad programs in the nation. Arcadia promises a distinctively global, integrative and personal learning experience that prepares students to contribute and prosper in a diverse and dynamic world.