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## **Tufts University's Tisch College Names Dr. Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg as New Director of CIRCLE**

### ***Dr. Kawashima-Ginsberg Brings an Expertise and Focus in Areas of Women & Political Leadership, Diverse and Marginalized Youth Communities***

**Medford/Somerville, MA** – Tufts University's Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service announced today that Dr. Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg has been named the new director of the [Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement \(CIRCLE\)](#) – the preeminent, non-partisan research center on youth engagement. She will be the third director in CIRCLE's 14-year history, succeeding Peter Levine, now Tisch College's Associate Dean for Research, and founding director William A. Galston of the Brookings Institution.

**"It's truly a privilege to serve as CIRCLE's next director. I look forward to helping deepen our collective expertise and impact on the civic development and opportunities for engagement among young people who are marginalized or disadvantaged in political life,"** said Dr. Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg, director of CIRCLE. **"These young people are virtually shut out of public life, and our research can help identify barriers, test solutions, and transform the dialogue about the engagement of young people in our country."**

Dr. Kawashima-Ginsberg previously served as deputy director of CIRCLE, and has been a senior researcher with the team since 2008. During her time at CIRCLE, she has led studies on young people's different pathways to engagement, how the political leadership gap develops between men and women, as well as the social class divide in the extracurricular experiences of youth.

**"Kei is the perfect choice to lead the next phase of CIRCLE's development,"** said Peter Levine, Associate Dean of Research for Tisch College. **"Her impressive background in youth development brings an important**

**perspective to our work. She has been CIRCLE's lead researcher since 2008 and played an essential role in all of our activities. Many colleagues, both practitioners and scholars, already know her as a superb scholar and leader. I am excited to continue to work with her as she takes CIRCLE in important new directions."**

Kawashima-Ginsberg earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Loyola University Chicago and has extensive experience in working with youth of diverse backgrounds both as a researcher and practitioner.

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*CIRCLE ([www.civicyouth.org](http://www.civicyouth.org)) is a nonpartisan, independent, academic research center that studies young people in politics and presents detailed data on young voters in all 50 states. CIRCLE is part of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University.*

*The Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service (<http://activecitizen.tufts.edu/>) is a national leader whose model and research are setting the standard for higher education's role in civic engagement education. Serving every school of Tufts University, Tisch College creates an enduring culture that prepares students to be lifelong active citizens.*

*Tufts University (<http://www.tufts.edu/>), located on three Massachusetts campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, and in Talloires, France, is recognized as one of the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.*