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Lilly Endowment Announces Staff Changes

INDIANAPOLIS – Lilly Endowment Inc. has named Ronni Kloth as a program director in its community development division and Judith Cebula as its new communications director.

Ronni Kloth has served as Lilly Endowment’s communications director for the past two years. Her responsibilities now will include among other things serving as program director for the Endowment’s arts and culture grantmaking. A *cum laude* graduate of Harvard University, Kloth worked at Teach For America in New York for six years prior to joining the Endowment, holding roles as vice president of marketing, chief of staff to the organization’s founder and CEO, and a managing director supervising the recruitment of Teach For America corps members at dozens of top colleges and universities across the country. She began her career in a leadership development program at Intuit, a software company in the Silicon Valley.

In announcing this appointment, N. Clay Robbins, the Endowment’s president and CEO, said, “Ronni has exhibited excellent judgment and intelligence in pursuing the Endowment’s aims, and she already has had a discernible impact on its work. We are delighted that she will begin to play a key role in the Endowment’s grantmaking and believe that members of the community will enjoy working with her.”

Judith Cebula, director of the Center for Faith and Vocation at Butler University, will assume the communications director role on Aug. 25. Cebula has served as the director of the Center since 2003 when it was launched with support under the Endowment’s Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation initiative. Previously, she worked for eight years as *The Indianapolis Star*’s religion reporter and covered a variety of assignments at *The Indianapolis News* and *The Journal and Courier* in Lafayette, Ind.

Cebula holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Indiana University and a master’s degree in history from Butler University. Active in the Indianapolis community, she is a graduate of the Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series and has served as a member of the advisory board of the Endowment-funded Spirit and Place Festival, an annual celebration of the arts, humanities and religion organized through the Polis Center at IUPUI.

Regarding Cebula, Robbins added, “The Endowment is most fortunate to have a person of Judy’s character and background joining its staff. Her leadership of Butler’s Center for Faith and Vocation has been superb, and the Endowment will benefit greatly from her intellect, writing abilities, knowledge of religious issues and trends, and experience in the Indianapolis community.”

The Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment is one of the country’s largest private foundations, with assets of \$7.7 billion at the end of 2013. Founded in 1937 by J.K. Lilly and his two sons, Eli and J.K. Jr., with gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical enterprise, the Endowment supports its founders’ interests in community development, education and religion. While gifts of stock in Eli Lilly and Company remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. More information can be found at www.lillyendowment.org.