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It is with great pleasure that I announce Dr. Cynthia Moss as the **BSOS ADVANCE Professor** for 2011. The ADVANCE Program for Inclusive Excellence is an NSF-supported initiative that aims to transform the institutional culture of universities by facilitating networks, offering individual mentoring and support, and providing information and strategic opportunities for women faculty in all areas of academia, including the behavioral and social sciences.

Dr. Moss has been selected because of her distinguished accomplishments in science and academic leadership. As our BSOS ADVANCE Professor, Dr. Moss will act as a role model for junior women faculty, work with department chairs, deans and APT committees to transform local values and beliefs about women academics, and encourage university investment in the professional growth of women faculty. As Dean, I take this opportunity to thank Dr. Moss for leading our effort here in BSOS and I also encourage our departments to become full supporters and participants in this initiative.

Cynthia F. Moss is a Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Institute for Systems Research (ISR). Moss's research program is directed at understanding sensory information processing and adaptive motor control at a systems level. Her researcher has been supported by funds from NSF, NIH, AFOSR, Howard Hughes, the Whitehall Foundation, and private industry. She is also an affiliate in the Departments of Biology and Bioengineering and has served as Director of the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Program (2004-2007). In 2010 she was recognized by the University of Maryland Regents for a system-wide Award for Faculty Research and Creativity. Dr. Moss has been the recipient of numerous other science awards and has served in numerous science leadership positions.

