



## **CHASS appoints Professor Steven Schwartz as Chief Executive Officer**

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) today announced the appointment of Professor Steven Schwartz as its Chief Executive Officer. Professor Schwartz will take up his new role on May 1, 2013.

About Steven: (don't have his bio except this [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steven\\_Schwartz\\_\(vice-chancellor\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steven_Schwartz_(vice-chancellor)))

Announcing the appointment, Professor John Simons, CHASS President said, "CHASS is delighted to have acquired the services of one of Australia's most prominent public intellectuals. We look forward to working with Professor Schwartz to build the organization and promote the interests of the HASS sector in Australia and beyond. On behalf of the CHASS Board, I would like to congratulate him and welcome him to the exciting role."

Professor Schwartz remarked, "The arts, humanities and social sciences are not decorative extras that can be dispensed with in hard economic times. They are the heart and soul of our education and our culture. I am grateful for the opportunity to promote them and I look forward to taking on this important role."

As part of his responsibility, Professor Schwartz will work closely with CHASS members to address issues of importance to the HASS sector. He will be based in Sydney with executive support from the CHASS Secretariat in Canberra.

### **About CHASS**

Established in 2004, the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) is the peak body that advocates for Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) disciplines and practices. It is a multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral network that brings together universities, faculties, national institutions, professional peak bodies and practitioner organisations. CHASS and its member organisations work to identify and advocate on issues impacting the HASS sector, while raising the profile of HASS learning and practice amongst decision makers and the broader community. CHASS has an estimated reach of at least 50,000 individuals through its members and affiliate networks.

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