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Michael Jenkins named Engineering dean

Dr. Michael Jenkins, chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Detroit Mercy, has been named dean of the College of Engineering at California State University, Fresno.

Jenkins is internationally recognized for his work in standards and codes for advanced materials. He has expertise in the thermomechanical behavior of composite and monolithic structural ceramics, damage mechanics and experimental mechanics.

His current research is in measurement and interpretation of the mechanical properties of monolithic and composite structural ceramics at elevated temperatures, including tension, flexure and fracture resistance.

Before joining the University of Detroit Mercy in 2003, Jenkins served at the University of Washington, Seattle as faculty and associate chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

His professional background includes industrial and governmental positions, including work as a development staff member and research engineer at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, as well as project engineer at PACCAR Technical Center in Washington.

He is actively involved in several professional societies related to his field of mechanical engineering, is the co-author of a textbook in progress on applied fracture mechanics and has authored numerous book chapters, articles and presentations.

Jenkins received his bachelor's degree from Marquette University, his master's from Purdue University and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He also completed a postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Tokyo.

He will arrive on campus this summer. He succeeds acting College of Engineering dean Dr. Andrew Hoff.

