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## **AMS PRESIDENT APPOINTED UCLA VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH**

**May 5, 2017—Boston, MA**—Roger Wakimoto, AMS president-elect (acting president) has been appointed the UCLA vice chancellor for research. He served most recently as assistant director for the National Science Foundation Directorate for Geosciences, leading a division in support of core research in the atmospheric and geospace, polar, earth, and ocean sciences. Wakimoto is a former member of the UCLA atmospheric sciences faculty, as well as department vice chair and chair. He subsequently served as director of NCAR and NCAR’s Earth Observing Laboratory.

“The American Meteorological Society congratulates Dr. Wakimoto on his new position,” said Keith Seitter, AMS executive director. “He returns to UCLA with an incredible list of accomplishments and will certainly help them establish new success. We wish him the very best in his new role.”

Wakimoto has received several awards and honors, including a scientific and technical achievement award from the Environmental Protection Agency for observations of air pollution and the Clarence Leroy Meisinger Award from AMS for his contributions to understanding mesoscale weather events. He received a B.S. in meteorology from San Jose State University and a Ph.D. in geophysical sciences from the University of Chicago.

His position as vice chancellor for research begins July 1, 2017.

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## About AMS

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Headquartered in Boston, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across 11 peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 3,500 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of the latest scientific understanding and high-impact research, and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K–12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.