

Dr. Schiraldi Named New Chair of Macromolecular Science

David Schiraldi has been appointed the new chair of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, succeeding Gary Wnek, effective July 1. Dr. Wnek will continue to focus on his work in and out of the classroom, particularly with the TIME program as its faculty director.

Dr. Schiraldi has conducted extensive research on polymer synthesis and structure-property relationships, condensation polymers, and polymer nanocomposites. He recently created a company, AeroClay, based on his lab discoveries and has had an extensive career in industry before coming to Case in 2002.

“Dave has been a tremendous asset to the department with his industry background,” said Norman C. Tien, Dean and Nord Professor of Engineering. “From student and faculty to corporate partners, all can benefit from his understanding moving ideas from the lab to the marketplace. He also brings a tremendous enthusiasm about teaching and research”

Dr. Schiraldi prides himself on the number of students who begin their lab careers with him as freshmen. He was also one of the four recipients of the John S. Diekhoff Award for Graduate Teaching and Mentoring at this year’s Commencement.