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UC LINGUISTIC MINORITY REASEARCH INSTITUTE APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

Russell W. Rumberger, UC Santa Barbara professor of education, has been appointed director of the University of California's Linguistic Minority Research Institute. The UC LMRI, housed on the Santa Barbara campus, promotes research on the academic achievements of students from diverse language backgrounds.

"It is a critical time in the state for educational issues that concern linguistic minority students, what with the continuing growth of their population and the recent passage of Proposition 227, which will dramatically alter how linguistic minority students are being taught in the public schools," said Rumberger, who succeeds Giorgio Perissinotto as director of the institute. "The University of California is also making an unprecedented commitment to outreach and the UC LMRI can play an important role in improving outreach for language minority students---I am very excited by the challenge of leading the UC LMRI at this time."]

A faculty member at UCSB since 1987, Rumberger's research interests are: education and work; the education of disadvantaged students, particularly school dropouts; and education policy. Among his studies: the economic payoffs of schooling and on educational requirements of work; on the causes and consequences of dropping out of school; and on school performance, school segregation, and, most recently, student mobility.

Rumberger has published three books: Overeducation in the U.S. Labor Market (Praeger, 1981), A New Social Contract: The Economy and Government After Reagan with Martin Carnoy and Derek Shearer (Harper and Row, 1983), and The Future Impact of Technology on Work and Education with Gerald Burke (Falmer Press, 1987). He is currently working on a book on school dropouts.

The UC LMRI is a UC multicampus research unit established in 1984. The institute's web site is <http://lmri.ucsb.edu/>

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