



Tera Agyepong

LAS ESTABLISHES ITS FIRST ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

To honor his late wife, **Mary Clare McHugh Sanders (History '47)**, who loved studying history, **LeRoy "Lee" Sanders (JD '52)**, who passed away in 2015, bequeathed the LeRoy D. Sanders and Mary Clare McHugh Sanders Endowed Professorship to LAS's Department of History. The gift marks the first privately funded professorship for the college. The college named Assistant Professor Tera Agyepong as its first recipient for the 2016-17 academic year.

"The Sanderses had deep roots at DePaul, and we're grateful that they chose to invest in our faculty with their generous gift," said Guillermo Vásquez de Velasco, dean of the college. "Tera is very deserving of this inaugural gift as a scholar with extraordinary promise and dedication to her teaching and research."

"It's wonderful that the Sanderses thought

of the history department at DePaul for this professorship," said Agyepong. "Their support will also benefit my colleagues who will receive the professorship, and I believe the impact will have a ripple effect throughout the university because research impacts teaching."

The professorship will support Agyepong's one-year leave from teaching in order to complete her first book, "The Criminalization of Black Children: Race, Gender, and the Construction of Delinquency in Chicago's Juvenile Justice System, 1899-1945."

"I feel very humbled and honored that I was thought of for this professorship," Agyepong added.

Agyepong, who has a law degree along with a doctorate in African-American history, began her career at DePaul during the 2013-14 academic year. Her research and teaching interests lie at the intersection

of history, race, gender and the law. Her scholarly articles have appeared in the journal *Gender & History*, *The Journal of African American History* and *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*. Agyepong has served as director of the Department of History's prelaw program and organizer of the Black History Month lecture. She has also worked on the undergraduate curriculum committee and was instrumental in the development of a new minor in the history of law.

Sanders met his wife while attending DePaul, and several family members attended the university over the years. After his wife's death in 2009, Sanders was committed to making a gift that would honor both her memory and their dedication to their alma mater. The endowed professorship will be conferred annually to advance the recipient's scholarship and completion of significant historical research.