The following are the core values of the University of California, Irvine, as affirmed by Chancellor Drake in May of 2006:

- **Respect:** We understand that respect is the cornerstone of human interaction.
- Intellectual Curiosity: We are committed to learning, teaching, creativity, and research.
- Integrity: We tell the truth and strive to earn the trust of those around us.
- Commitment: We always give our best effort.
- Empathy: We act with compassion and sensitivity.
- Appreciation: We appreciate different opinions and points of view.

The Drama Department endorses these values wholeheartedly.

The Drama Department also gives special focus to **Civility** as a core value of our department. We find that the key elements of civility are both complementary and congruent with the core values of the university:

- Community: We place the greater good of our community over individual interests.
- Openness: We say what we mean, mindful of tone, and strive for mutual understanding.
- Responsibility: We fulfill our commitments and are accountable for our actions.
- **Empathy:** We act with compassion and sensitivity.

It is expected that members of the Drama Department will be guided by these university and departmental values as we conduct our work together.