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New Faculty Appointments
2009-2010

*Lindenwood University is pleased to announce and welcome
15 new faculty appointments for the 2009-2010 academic year.
These individuals join our team of distinguished professionals
committed to excellence in fulfilling the mission of LU to provide
an integrative liberal arts curriculum that focuses on the
talents, interests, and futures of our students.*

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Stephen A. Blythe earned his bachelor of science degree in computer and information science from the University of Delaware and his master of science and Ph.D. in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His area of study during his doctoral work was high level synthesis. Stephen

earned higher education teaching experience as an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville where he taught a variety of courses ranging from graduate level Operating Systems to general courses related to computers and ethical concerns of computing. He also taught a variety of courses as an assistant professor at Parks College, Saint Louis University. Blythe was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Department of Computer Science 2007-2008 at SIUE. In addition to his work in higher education, Blythe has worked as a research assistant and programmer/analyst and he has served as a coach and judge for the ACM International Collegiate Programming Competition for the Greater St. Louis area.

“Teaching is one of the most important tasks in contemporary society...the core idea that I try to incorporate into my teaching is that of *doing* instead of *watching*,” Blythe said.

Please welcome Associate Professor Dr. Stephen A. Blythe to the School of Sciences.



Dixon H. Cooper earned his bachelor of science degree in accounting and his master of science degree in taxation and is currently in the higher education Ph.D. program, all at the University of North Texas. Dixon has 21 years of experience at the higher education level, 20 years in teaching and 12

years in administration. Most recently, Dixon served as an assistant professor at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn., as an instructor at Fort Hays State University in Kansas and as an associate professor at Sterling College in Kansas. He also has experience in consulting and editorial work in accounting and small business administration, financial planning, tax compliance, commercial real estate appraisal, business valuation, and lost income/revenue projections for litigation. Dixon has sponsored and/or supported a wide range of activities including Habitat for Humanity, and while at Austin College he sponsored the Black Students' Association, International Students' Organization, pep band, Real Estate Society, and the Model United Nations team. Please welcome Associate Professor of Business Dixon H. Cooper to the School of Business and Entrepreneurship



John A. Crawford earned his bachelor of science degree in biological sciences at the University of Illinois, his master of science degree in biological sciences at Illinois State University, and his Ph.D. in biological sciences at the University of Missouri. His dissertation research was in the area of *Riparian Habitat Use*

and *Forest Management Effects on Stream Salamanders in the Southern Appalachian Mountains*. He also completed post-doctoral work on the effects of timber harvest on boreal forest amphibians at Lakehead University. He has written and presented widely and has earned a number of grants and fellowships.

“I work to make my classroom a place characterized by integrity, responsibility, cooperation, and enthusiasm,” Crawford said. “I am convinced that active learning methods engage and motivate more students and that these methods are best implemented up front, as part of the overall course design.”

Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. John A. Crawford to the School of Sciences.



Steven P. Gietschier earned his bachelor of science in foreign service (B.S.F.S.) from the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, and his master of arts degree and Ph.D., both in history, from Ohio State University. His dissertation title was *Limited War and the Home Front: Ohio During the*

Korean War. Gietschier earned teaching experience in the history department at Ohio State University. Most recently, Gietschier served as the director of historical records, senior managing editor, managing editor, and archives manager for the *Sporting News* in St. Louis. He also served as the supervisor of the repository services division of the South Carolina department of archives and history and as the labor history specialist, co-director, and director of the Ohio Labor History Project for the Ohio Historical Society. Gietschier is a well published historian, particularly in the area of sports history and will teach in both the School of American Studies and the School of Humanities. Please welcome University Curator and Assistant Professor Dr. Steven P. Gietschier.



Beth Kania-Gosche earned her bachelor of science degree in English education from Southeast Missouri State, her master of arts in education degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Saint Louis University. She earned higher

education teaching experience at the undergraduate level as an instructor at Saint Louis University where she taught a variety of courses for both the English and Educational Studies departments. She supervised student teachers in the St. Louis area, and she also wrote secondary and middle school Missouri state accreditation reports. Kania-Gosche holds Missouri certification in middle school and secondary English and taught at the high school level in the Sainte Genevieve School District. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. Beth Kania-Gosche to the School of Education.



John B. Henry III earned his bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Oregon and his master of science degree and Ph.D. in statistics from Oregon State University. His dissertation title was *Extreme Value Index Estimation with Applications to Modeling Extreme Insurance Losses and*

Sea Surface Temperatures. He earned higher education teaching experience as a graduate teaching assistant in statistics and mathematics at Oregon State University and also served as a postdoctoral researcher at North Carolina State University. He earned the Oregon State University Mathematics Department's Actuarial Science Award and the SSS Role Model Award from the University of Oregon. Henry has published and presented in the area of mathematics and has worked as an assistant actuarial analyst for Liberty Northwest Insurance. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. John B. Henry III to the School of Sciences.



Angela D. Holden earned her certificate in education with a major in mathematics from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom, her bachelor of arts degree in management from National-Louis University, her MBA from Lindenwood University, and her doctor of management from Webster

University. She gained both graduate and undergraduate teaching experience while at the University of Phoenix St. Louis campus where she was awarded the Graduate Faculty of the Year award. Holden has worked as lead research and development analyst and IT manager for IT governance at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. When discussing Dr. Holden's qualifications, one of her associated stated that her "signature trait was her poised professionalism in the classroom setting. Her presence was persistently positive and supportive..." Please welcome Associate Professor Dr. Angela D. Holden to the Business Administration Program in the LCIE School.



Lynda Leavitt earned her bachelor of science degree from Central Missouri State University, her bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, her master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from National Louis University, and her

doctorate in educational leadership from Saint Louis University. Her dissertation topic centered on *Modifications in School Practice to Combat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder-Like Behavior*. Leavitt has taught as an adjunct for Lindenwood University and has served as the area coordinator for the Special School District of Clayton and Brentwood. She has served as the assistant principal in the Parkway School District and a teacher at the elementary levels in the Parkway and Fort Zumwalt districts. Leavitt has her superintendent certification and was a delegate representing the United States at the China-US Conference on Educating Students with Special Needs held in Beijing China during July 2004. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. Lynda Leavitt to the School of Education.



Mark D. Lerman earned his bachelor of arts degree in history and psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia, his master of arts degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Southern Illinois University, and his Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology from the Illinois Institute

of Technology. Lerman has served as the senior human resources generalist for Enterprise Bank & Trust, owner/operator of Pro Image, corporate manager of human resources at Watlow Electric Company, refining director of human resources at Clark Refining and Marketing, and vice president of human resources for ABC Laboratories. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. Mark D. Lerman to the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.



Meredith J. Marsh completed her bachelor of arts degree in geography at Calvin College and her master of arts degree in geography at the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in geography at the University of California at Santa Barbara; her dissertation topic is

Spatial Concepts: What Should Students Know? What Do They Know? And How Can We Know What They Know? Meredith's teaching interests lie in the areas of human geography, geography education methods, geography of agriculture, and others. She has higher education teaching experience as an adjunct professor in the history department at Lindenwood and as a teaching associate in the geography department at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Marsh was awarded the Geography Department Excellence in Teaching Award and has written and presented in a variety of areas, including co-writing *How to Prepare for the AP Exam in Human Geography*, published by Barron's. Indeed, Marsh has worked intensively with the College Board and has served as an AP reader in 2007 and 2009. She has also contributed to five refereed journals and has presented 11 papers and presentations within the last six years. Most recently, Marsh worked for the National Geographic Society as an intern, research assistance, and photography assistant. Marsh is described as having a "knack for finding real-world examples to help her

students make connections between theory and practice.”
Please welcome Assistant Professor Ms. Meredith J. Marsh
to the School of Humanities.



Michael P. Marzano earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Southern Illinois University (accounting and management information systems), his master of business administration from St. Louis University, his master of information management from

Washington University, and his doctor of management from Webster University. He has taught at the graduate and undergraduate levels at Fontbonne University and at the undergraduate level for the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is currently certified in the area of production and inventory management, has previously been a certified management accountant, and has completed a 30-year career with Monsanto in the areas of supply chain management/operations and information systems management – holding a variety of leadership positions involving global process implementations and multi-cultural teams. Please welcome Assistant Professor of Management Michael Marzano to the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

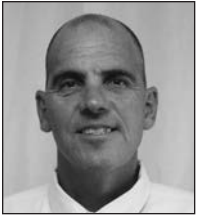


Robert A. Singer earned his bachelor of science degree in accounting, his MBA in finance, and his Ph.D. in finance, all from St. Louis University. He has presented papers at major conferences, most recently at the annual meeting of the American Accounting Association, of which he is a member. The paper, presented with co-authors Zane Swanson and Alexis Downs, is titled *Goodwill: A Comparative Country Analysis*. He has a number of publications in both professional and academic accounting / finance journals. He has over 20 years of teaching experience in the areas of accounting, finance and international business. Prior to his position at Lindenwood, he served as associate professor of accounting at Quincy University for 11 years. He has also taught at several area-wide universities. In addition to his teaching and advising responsibilities at Quincy University, he served as a faculty advisor to Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and as a member of the speaker's bureau. Prior to his academic experience, he had worked several years in public accounting and industry. His industry experience includes work as a controller for a local furrier and financial analyst and accounting manager for a shoe import company. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Our World Day Care Center, a non-profit organization that provides day care for children and nursing home care for the elderly. Singer is also a certified

public accountant licensed in Missouri. Please welcome Associate Professor Robert A. Singer to the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.



Arthur G. (Rocky) Streb earned his bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, his master of arts degree in education from Maryville University, his educational administration specialist degree from Lindenwood, and his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Missouri- St. Louis. Streb holds a Missouri Superintendent certificate and a Missouri Lifetime Teaching Certificate in 7-12 physical education and 7-9 general science. Streb has served as an graduate level adjunct professor at Lindenwood, and he has also held a variety of roles in the Mehlville School District, including principal of Margaret Buerkle Middle School, director of the Summer Learning Academy, director of health, physical education and drivers education, director of community education, and grade level administration. Arthur describes himself as a versatile educator who is able to connect with all learners in a creative and effective style that promotes quality student understanding. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. Arthur G. (Rocky) Streb to the School of Education.



Graham M. Weir earned his bachelor of arts in English from Principia College, his master of arts degree in education administration from Northeast Missouri State University, and his Ed.S. in education administration and his Ph.D. in philosophy of education-administration from St. Louis University.

Weir has earned college teaching experience as an adjunct for Missouri Baptist University and has spent his career in the public schools starting as an English teacher then moving to the positions of assistant principal and principal for the Hazelwood School District and, most recently, principal at Fort Zumwalt South High School. Weir is certified as a superintendant, secondary principal and English teacher in Missouri, and he recently received the Outstanding Administrator Award from the Missouri State Thespians. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. Graham M. Weir to the School of Education.



Sherrie Wisdom earned her bachelor of science degree in mathematics education from Truman State University, her master of education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia, her master of arts in mathematics from the University of Missouri- St. Louis, her Ed.S. in

educational leadership from Webster University, and her Ed.D. in educational administration from Lindenwood University. She is a certified principal and teacher of mathematics and physics in the state of Missouri. Wisdom earned college teaching experience as an adjunct for Columbia College, Saint Louis University, and Lindenwood University. She gained high school teaching experience in rural Missouri and the Mehlville School District in St. Louis where she also served as Science Department chairman. Wisdom received the M. Cathlin Casey Distinguished Service Award from Saint Louis University and the Alvin M. Francis Graduate Award in Educational Leadership from Lindenwood University. She has been active as a counselor for a local troop of the Boy Scouts of America. Please welcome Assistant Professor Dr. Sherrie Wisdom to the School of Education.

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