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*New Faculty Appointments*  
2008-2009

*Lindenwood University is pleased to announce and welcome  
26 new faculty appointments for the 2008/2009 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  
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**Charles (Chas) Adams** earned his M.F.A. in writing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and his Bachelor of Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Chas has served as Senior Communications Consultant for Shipley Associates, Waverly Group, Owner / Operator of Adams Creative Services, Creative Director and Senior Writer at

INTRAV, Inc., writer/editor at Washington University and Produce and Floral Retailing Magazine, and as reporter for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat Newspaper. He has earned teaching experience at Lindenwood University, Webster University, the University of Missouri-Saint Louis, and St. Charles Community College. Mr. Adams joins the School of Communications as an assistant professor.



**Robert Allen** earned his Doctor of Business Administration at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, his M.B.A. in Management at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and his B.S. in Economics and Business Administration at Missouri Valley College. Robert

gained teaching experience as a business instructor at Robert Morris College in Springfield, Illinois, where he taught the first M.B.A. courses offered on the Springfield campus. He brings business experience to the classroom through his positions as manager for Michaels Stores and Montgomery Ward. Dr. Allen joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor of Management.



**Deb Ayres** completed her Ed.D at the University of Missouri-Columbia, her M.A. in Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and her B.S. in Education at Missouri State University. She served as Assistant Superintendent in the Kirkwood School District, elementary principal in the Ritenour School District, and assistant principal in the Francis Howell School District, and she taught in the Fort Zumwalt School District. She gained college level teaching experience as an adjunct at Washington University and St. Louis University. As an assistant superintendent, Deb was responsible for establishing a fully functioning human resources department in a school district with 800

regular and 250 temporary employees. Dr. Ayres joins the School of Education as an Assistant Professor.



**April Bednarski** earned her Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Michigan and her B.A. in Biochemistry from the University of Iowa. April has served as a lecturer and instructor at Washington University and as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Food Science at Framingham State College in Massachusetts. While at Washington University, she worked with the Science Outreach Program to assist high school science teachers to create new curricula for their classrooms. Her goal is to design classroom experiences that give students a sense of “doing research.” Dr. Bednarski joins the School of Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry.



**Katrina Bennett** completed her M.A. in Studio Art with an emphasis in Fashion Design and her B.A. in Fashion Design at Lindenwood University. She served as Design Intern for Saved Soldier, Incorporated, in Swansea, Illinois, where she illustrated fashion sketches, created designs for women’s sportswear, and drafted patterns for collections. She earned the Lectra Corporation Fashion Design and the Most Outstanding New Fashion Student awards at Lindenwood University. Ms. Bennett joins the School of Fine and Performing Arts as an Assistant Professor of Fashion Design.



**Erica Blum** will earn her M.A. in Communications at Lindenwood University in September, 2008. She completed her B.F.A. in Theatre Arts and Drama at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, as well as computer certification at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, graduate computer work at Pace University in New York,

and comic book drawing coursework at the Joe Kubert School for Illustration and Graphic Design in Dover, New Jersey. Erica has worked as a production stage manager in productions on Broadway and Off-Broadway and in Regional Theater, TV and film. She has also worked as a database administrator and an adjunct professor. Ms. Blum joins the School of Communications as an Assistant Professor.



**James Boyd** earned his Ph.D. in Business Administration and his M.B.A. at the University of Arkansas and his B.A. in history at the University of Texas at Austin. He served as an Associate Professor of Finance, the Director of Ph.D. Programs in the Graduate School of Management, and the chairperson of the Department of Finance at Kent State

University. He also taught at Louisiana Tech University and the University of Arkansas. James has published and presented widely in his areas of expertise and was honored with his co-authors as a recipient of the William F. Sharpe Award for best paper published in the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, December, 2004. Dr. Boyd

joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Associate Professor of Business.



**John Cawly** completed his Ph.D. in Plant Microbiology and Pathology at the University of Missouri- Columbia and his M.S. and B.S. in Biological Sciences at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. John has experience as an adjunct professor in biology at McKendree University, as a lecturer at Southern Illinois University

Edwardsville, and as a research assistant at the University of Missouri. He was recognized with the Competitive Graduate Fellowship Award, the Donald Meier Outstanding Student Award, and the Ella Ott Weisman Biology Student Award at Southern Illinois University. Dr. Cawly joins the School of Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Biology.



**Anthony Clark** completed his Ph.D. in Environmental Economics, his M.A. in Economics, and his B.A. in Business Administration at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He earned teaching experience as an Assistant Professor at William Woods University, and he served as a research assistant in the Department of Agricultural Economics

at the University of Missouri- Columbia. Prior to those experiences, Anthony worked as a regulatory economist for the Missouri Public Service Commission. Dr. Clark states that his goal is to help students apply classroom material to real-world situations. He joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Associate Professor and will direct the university's Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment.



**Stanley Coker** earned his Doctor of Management, M.B.A. and Master of Arts in Management degrees from Webster University and his Bachelor of Science in General Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy. He earned experience teaching Statistics at Lindenwood University and Florissant Valley Community College where he

was employed as an adjunct. Stan has been employed full time by the Boeing Company since 1978, most recently as the ScanEagle Flight Test Lead and Pilot. Dr. Coker brings his world experience to the classroom and will join the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor.



**Judith Eberhart** completed her Doctor of Management at Webster University and her M.B.A. and B.S. in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Judy gained teaching experience as an adjunct marketing instructor at Lindenwood University, Lewis & Clark Community

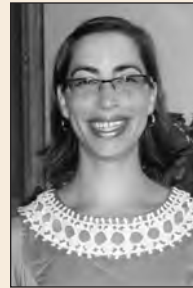
College, and McKendree University. She brings corporate experience to the classroom from the Olin Corporation where she served as Manager of E-Commerce and Consumer Promotions and Webmaster. Dr. Eberhart joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor and has already become an integral part of the School by working to develop Lindenwood's new Doctor of Business Administration degree.



**Thomas Fuhrmann** earned his M.B.A. at St. Louis University and his B.S. in Business Administration at Central Missouri State University. Thomas has taught as an instructor at Missouri Western State University and East Central College, as a visiting Assistant Professor and an Instructor at Saint Louis University, and as an Assistant

Professor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Having worked as the Superintendent of General Accounting for the Monsanto Company, Thomas is able to use his extensive industry experience when teaching accounting, finance and entrepreneurship to bring materials alive in his classroom. Mr. Fuhrmann joins the School of Business and

Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor.



**Rebecca Goulart** completed her M.S.Ed. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at the University of Pennsylvania, her certification in TESOL at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and her B.A. in American History from Tufts University. She also earned certification to teach at the elementary level and

reading at the University of Pennsylvania. Rebecca has taught as a language specialist in the English Language Programs and as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Goulart joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor and will work with the English Preparedness Program.



**Susan Isenberg** completed her Ph.D. and M.Ed. in Education as well as her B.S. in Nursing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She served as Assistant Adjunct Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at UMSL and as Transformation Project Director and Manager of the Center for Training and Development at Christian Hospital

in St. Louis. Dr. Isenberg is an experienced writer and recently published *Applying Andragogical Principles to Internet Learning* through Cambria Press. This book was nominated for the 2008 Emogene Okes Award for Outstanding Research in Adult Education. Dr. Isenberg joins the School of Education as an Assistant Professor and Faculty Research Supervisor for the Ed.D. programs.



**Dana Klar** earned her Juris Doctor degree through the Washington University School of Law, her Master of Social Work at George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, and her B.A. in Psychology at Louisiana State University. Dana is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker as well as a Licensed Attorney in the State of Missouri.

She served as interim director and as director for the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at Washington University and has earned teaching experience at the University of Missouri, Saint Louis University, and Washington University. Ms. Klar joins the School of Human Services as an Assistant Professor of Social Work and as the Social Work Field Education Coordinator.



**Joseph Lovell** earned his M.S. in Recreation at the University of Idaho and his B.A. in Physical Education and Recreation Leadership at Southern Virginia University. His work experience includes serving as a recreation coordinator for Twin Falls, Idaho,



Parks and Recreation, a physical education instructor and Operations Supervisor at the University of Idaho, and the Intramural Sports Coordinator for Southern Virginia University. Mr. Lovell joins the staff and faculty at the Boone Campus as an assistant professor of Recreation Leadership.



**Boyd Morros** earned his Ph.D. in history and philosophy, his M.A. in Education/English and his B.A. in English from Washington University. He served as President/CEO of the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, the Parsons School of Design, Paris Campus, and the Maine College of Art in Portland, Maine. He also served

as the Director of Foundation and Government Grants for the Chicago Children's Museum and as the Senior Program Officer for the Foundation for Independent Higher Education in Chicago. In addition, Boyd has extensive experience at board levels in professional organizations. Dr. Morros joins Lindenwood University as the Dean of the Belleville, Illinois, site.



**Maite Nunez-Betelu** completed her Ph.D. in Romance Languages at the University of Missouri-Columbia, her M.A. in Comparative Literature from West Virginia University and a B.A. in English from the University of Basque Country, Spain. She gained teaching experience at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the University of Missouri-Columbia,

West Virginia University, and San Viator High School and San Martin Language School in Vitoria, Spain. Two of Maite's areas of interest for publication and presentation are the Basque language and Basque women writers. Maite joins the School of Humanities as an Associate Professor of Spanish.



**Bradley Pearson** earned his M.B.A. at Governor's State University and his B.A. in Business Administration at Lewis University. He completed post-graduate studies at the University of Chicago and Washington University and is currently completing work in the Doctoral Program in Adult and Continuing

Education at National-Louis University. Bradley has served as Assistant Dean for the College of Management and Business at National-Louis University, as the Director of M.B.A. Admissions and Financial Aid at Washington University, and as Associate Director of M.B.A. Admissions at the University of Chicago. Bradley also gained teaching experience at National-Louis University, Lewis University, and Carthage College. Mr. Pearson joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor and Director of M.B.A. programs.



**Tim Poertner** earned his M.F.A. in Theatrical Design from the University of Texas at Austin and his B.A. in Technical Theatre at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Tim brings a wealth of theatrical experience, including serving as a freelance lighting and scenic design for various theatre companies, six seasons with the Texas Shakespeare

Festival, and thirteen years with the Johnson/Long Dance Company in Texas. In the Saint Louis area, Tim has worked with the HotCity Theater Company, Shooting Star Productions, and the Modern American Dance Company.

He was honored with the Kevin Kline Award Nomination for Outstanding Set Design for *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* produced by the HotCity Theatre of St. Louis. Mr. Poertner joins the School of Fine and Performing Arts as an Associate Professor of Theatre.



**Michael Rankins** completed his Ph.D. and M.Ed. in Counseling as well as his Bachelor in Psychology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He has served as an Assistant Director of the Office of Student Life and Director of Diversity Resource Centers at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and as an adjunct instructor in Counseling at Lindenwood

University. Michael has earned a variety of awards, including most recently the Journal Award for Outstanding Publication, *Adultspan*, Fall 2007, and the Outstanding Doctoral Student Award from the UMSL College of Education. Dr. Rankins joins the School of Education as an Assistant Professor of Counseling.



**Chryssa Sharp** completed her Ph.D. in Management at the University of Calgary, her M.B.A. in International Management at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Glendale, Arizona, and her B.A. in Business Administration at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Chryssa served as an Assistant Professor in the

College of Business and Technology at Western Illinois University and in the School of Management at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, and as an instructor at Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary. Prior to pursuing a Ph.D., Chryssa worked in the fields of Export Development and Export Finance. She also gained ESL teaching experience in Japan and has traveled in over thirty countries, thus bringing a global perspective and an emphasis on diversity to courses she teaches. Dr. Sharp joins the School of Business and Entrepreneurship as an Assistant Professor of Management.



**Stephen Sherblom** earned his B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy at the University of Massachusetts and his Ed.M and Ed.D. at Harvard University. He also completed a post doctoral fellowship at Washington University. Stephen earned teaching experience at the University of Missouri- St.

Louis, Pennsylvania State University, Washington University and Harvard University. He has published and presented widely and has written grants totally over 1.6 million dollars. Dr. Sherblom joins the School of Education as an Associate Professor and will work with students in the educational doctoral program.



**Vanessa van der Graaf** earned her Ed.S. and M.Ed. at Lindenwood University and her B.S. in Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is currently completing her Ed.D. at Lindenwood University. Vanessa holds a K-8 principal's certificate and a PreK-3 teaching certificate. She has served as a second and third grade teacher and as

Co-Teacher in Charge of a K-6 program in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. In addition, Vanessa has taught as an adjunct professor at Lindenwood University and as a language arts teacher for St. Michael's School in Clayton. Ms. van de Graaf joins the School of Education as an Assistant Professor of Education and as Placement Coordinator and Certification Officer.



**Abigail Weber** earned her M.B.A. and her B.A. in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting from Lindenwood University. As an undergraduate, Abby was a member of the women's varsity golf team that won four consecutive Heart of America Athletic conference championships and an NAIA Region V championship, and

she also represented Lindenwood at the NAIA women's golf national championships. Abby earned HAAC All-Conference honors during her senior year as well as HAAC and NAIA All-Academic honors during her junior and senior years. Ms. Weber will serve as an instructor in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship and as

Lindenwood University's women's golf coach.



**Robert Brand Wigginton** earned his A. B. and M. A. in English Literature at Washington University. He gained teaching experience as an English instructor at Washington University, St. Louis Community College, and Quincy University. He earned journalism experience with the St. Louis Suburban Journals, the Quincy Herald-Whig,

The Times (Shreveport), The Health/Science Newsletter, and most recently as Deputy City Editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. Robert was awarded the Clarion Award and the Arkansas Press Association first place for in-depth series reporting award for a series of articles entitled Reconstructing Afghanistan. Mr. Wigginton joins the School of Communications as an Assistant Professor.

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