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Parisi's Admissions Role Expanding

Joe Parisi, EdD, has been appointed Executive Dean of Enrollment Management for Lindenwood University's St. Charles campus. His increased responsibilities include supervising all areas of recruitment, admissions, financial aid (except for the Office of International Students and Scholars), and overseeing the deans and directors of those departments.

"This change will further improve coordination and synergy among our various admissions operations and boost their effectiveness for the students and the University as a whole," said President James D. Evans, PhD. "Dr. Parisi has been a dedicated and proficient administrator for Lindenwood for some time, and he certainly merits our supreme confidence and support as he enters this enhanced management role."

Parisi joined the Lindenwood University staff in 1998 as Head Wrestling Coach and Director of the American Humanics/Human Services program. Himself an All-American wrestler, in 15 years he coached 120 All-Americans, 28 national champions, and 21 academic All-Americans. He won the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Achievement Award five times, and he was presented a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives naming him a "legendary coach."

In his Humanics role, he won national awards of excellence in community service, fundraising, and student recruitment. He also served in a variety of other capacities from 1998 to 2006, including Assistant Professor of Management, Work and Learn Program Director, Admissions and Financial Aid Counselor, Assistant Director of Admissions, Associate Director of Admissions, Director of Athletic Enrollment, and Associate Dean of Day Admissions.

He has served since 2006 as Dean of Day Admissions, leading a multimillion dollar admissions program at the forefront of an unprecedented period of enrollment growth at Lindenwood. He has been named a "Beyond the Best" award recipient from *Streetscape Magazine*, been included in listings in Cambridge's *Who's Who of Executives and Professionals* and Strathmore's



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Did You Know?

Did you know that a Lindenwood alum was one of the first female self-made millionaires in the U.S.? Nell Quinlan Donnelly (Class of 1909) started a clothing company that made cheap, stylish dresses between the 1920s through the 1940s. Later in life, she married the U.S. Senator from Missouri, James Reed.

Who's Who of Executives and Professionals, and received the 2012 Alvin M. Francis Award in Educational Leadership.

Ziegenfuss Selected as August's Top Employee

Lis Ziegenfuss, Director of Financial Assistance Planning, has been named the Employee of the Month for August.



She was hired at Lindenwood University in the spring of 1989 as a purchasing agent, gathering bids and purchasing the school's necessary supplies. By the fall of that same year, she moved to the Office of Day Admissions where she served as a counselor.

During the winter of 1989, she was asked to provide assistance in the Office of Financial Aid. "I was moved there to help out 'just for few weeks,'" Ziegenfuss said with a laugh. "The person I was helping ended up leaving, and I stayed."

She went on to serve as an assistant to the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid for a several years before beginning to work in the Business Office. She worked in several capacities there before being named Director of Financial Aid about 11 years ago.

Shortly thereafter, her role was split into two positions. Lori Bode became the Director of Financial Aid and Ziegenfuss was named Director of Financial Assistance Planning.

"I currently oversee all the financial aid packaging for returning students," Ziegenfuss said. "I meet with them, answer their phone calls, and talk with them to get information so we can make a solid financial plan. It's really about helping the students personally and seeing them through to graduation."

In his nomination letter, President James D. Evans, PhD, praised Ziegenfuss for her commitment to excellence in her work and for her superb customer service skills.

"She is one of our longest-serving employees and has dedicated her professional life to the University," he said. "Over the years she's proven to be an extremely stable and helpful resource for students who are formulating their financial aid packages. You can hardly buy that kind of help these days."

Ziegenfuss' history with Lindenwood dates back even longer than many of her colleagues know. She currently lives in St. Peters, Mo., but grew up just three blocks from the University. She brought newspapers to Lindenwood for several years as part of her bike route as a young paper girl.

"That sounds fitting," said President Evans. "She is very reliable and she always delivers."

Humanities Faculty Excel in Scholarly Pursuits

Several faculty members of the School of Humanities have received well-deserved recognition for their research and scholarship recently. As a result of their research productivity, their names and affiliation with Lindenwood have been promoted on academic websites, book covers, and within literary journals.



Matthew J. Aragon Bruce, Assistant Professor of Religion, published a chapter entitled “‘Der Mensch Jesus war schon, bevor er war’: Karl Barth om Jesu Kristi præeksistens” (translation: “‘The man Jesus was already before he was’: Karl Barth on the Pre-existence of Jesus Christ”) in a Danish-language anthology edited by Søren Holst, Kristian Mejrup, and Søren Feldtfos Thomsen in the series *Forum for Bibelsk Eksegese*, Vol. 18, (Copenhagen: Museum Tusulanums Forlag, 2013). He is currently writing a book provisionally titled, *Theology without Voluntarism: An Essay on Divine Agency*, which examines the history of Christian accounts of divine agency from Thomas Aquinas to Karl Barth.

Sarah Henderson Lee, Assistant Professor of TESOL, is co-editing a 2015 special issue of *TESOL Journal* titled “Critical Crossroads: Investigating Non-Nativeness, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in an Era of World Englishes.” In addition to revising an article addressing issues of power in second language writing, Henderson Lee organized a conference panel with graduate TESOL students for this fall’s MIDTESOL conference in Lawrence, Kan.

W. Travis McMaken, Assistant Professor of Religion, published a monograph entitled *The Sign of the Gospel: Toward an Evangelical Doctrine of Infant Baptism after Karl Barth*, Emerging Scholars (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2013). His next book will address the intersection of theology and politics in the contemporary North American context through a reconsideration of a mid-20th century German scholar, pastor, and activist. It is provisionally entitled *Our God Loves Justice: An Introduction to Helmut Gollwitzer* (Fortress Press, under contract). McMaken will also be presenting a paper in November at a Karl Barth Society of North America meeting in conjunction with the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

Sarah Noonan, Assistant Professor of English, received two research fellowships in the spring semester, one from the Folger Shakespeare Library (which took place in July 2013) and one from the Huntington Library in coordination with Lincoln College, Oxford (which will take place in May 2014). Both fellowships were received to support her work on her current book project, *The Book in Parts: Selective Reading Practices in Late-Medieval England*. This summer, Noonan also had an article, “A Translation of Body and Form: Setting the *Short Charter of Christ* to Music in BL Additional MS 5465,” accepted for publication in *Viator*, a peer-reviewed journal published by UCLA’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Justine M. Pas, Assistant Professor of English, received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to participate in the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana Summer Institute, “The Centrality of Translation to the Humanities: New Interdisciplinary Scholarship.” This summer, Pas also completed a book review essay (forthcoming in *Bryn Mawr Review of Comparative Literature*) and a book

review (forthcoming in *American Studies Journal*). Currently, Pas is completing an article titled "Relaying Translations into English: The Case of Lem's *Solaris*," which addresses contemporary translations of minority languages into English.
