When students come back to Lindenwood this fall, there will be several new professors on campus. The Division of Management will have three new faculty members. Molly Hudgins will be teaching both sports management and political science courses. Hudgins earned her doctorate from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Kimberly Brickler will be teaching accounting courses. She received her Masters from Saint Louis University. Richard Lesh will be a member of the Management Information System faculty. He received his Bachelor and Master of Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Debra Johnson, LCSW/ACSW is joining the faculty in the Human Services Division to teach social work and criminal justice. Professor Johnson received her MSW from Washington University in 1979. She taught social work for 7 years at Spring Arbor University in Michigan, and she has also been an instructor at St. Louis area police academies. Her work experience has spanned both fields from being a police officer and law enforcement trainer to social work practice in medical social work and mental health services. Professor Johnson is a welcome addition to Lindenwood with her interactive classroom style and ability to effectively combine theory with practice.

The Division of Science will have two new faculty members next semester. Jennifer Firestone received her doctorate in Chemistry at Arizona State University. She comes to us from the University of Illinois-Champaign and is looking forward to the smaller classes and more personal atmosphere at LU. Gail Johnston received her doctorate in Zoology from the University of Southern Illinois-Carbondale. She has more than 10 years of teaching experience.

The Division of Arts and Communication will also be welcoming Mr. Kim Gordon to its staff. Gordon received his Masters in Media Communications from Webster University. Darren Collier will also be joining this division. He received his MFA from Lindenwood University, and prior to returning to school, he worked as a professional graphic designer/computer artist for a local print company.

A new "note" will be added to LU's music faculty this fall. Richard Eichenberger has degrees in vocal education, flute education, vocal performance, and choral conducting. He has 36 years of public school teaching experience. Last but not least, LU's Theatre department will introduce Ted Gregory. Gregory received his Masters Degree in Directing from the University of Texas.
at Austin. His areas of specialty are Shakespeare, Greek Theatre, and new play development.

The Humanities Division has also hired a new professor for the upcoming fall semester. Nancy Cloutier-Davis will be our new language instructor, teaching mostly Spanish classes along with one French class. She has an M.A. in Spanish from the University of Calgary, and she is finishing her M.S.T. (Master of Spanish Translation) from the University of Ottawa. Nancy has taught at Aims Community College in Greeley, Colorado, and she looks forward to helping grow Lindenwood’s Spanish program along with the new Spanish club. Nancy is also interested in taking students abroad during J-term.

The division of Education is getting into the act with two new hires as well. Dr. Bill Solomon, former Assistant Superintendent of the Hazelwood School District, will be joining our faculty in August. He will be teaching Education and Educational Administration courses. Angie Janes has a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology from Bowling Green State University. She will be an Assistant Professor of Physical Education.

In addition, the entire Lindenwood community would also like to welcome its new Director of Campus Life and Assistant Professor of Religion. Dr. Steve House, who has been a practicing Christian minister since 1979. Most recently, he was Senior Pastor at the United Methodist Church of Carthage, Missouri. Dr. House is an experienced Religion instructor who is totally dedicated to excellent teaching and character development.

When the school year starts up in the fall, if you recognize any new names, then go on in and introduce yourself. Help make the new faculty feel welcome and at home here at LU.

U.S. Commerce Department’s “Trade Cop” Tells How Free Trade is Kept Free

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Assistant Secretary Lash also elaborated on ways that students can help our own economy that don’t involve treaties or government “enforcers” like him. He suggested we look at the labels when we buy products. “Made in the USA” is a symbol of quality and many American logos also stand for high quality. Mr. Lash used Anheiser Bush as an example. You can go anywhere in the world and people know that company’s symbol. Everyday, we all vote on issues dealing with trade, and we don’t even realize it! When we go into a store, we are making a choice just by walking into that particular store.

Those of us still on campus really owe a debt of gratitude to Assistant Secretary Lash for visiting Lindenwood University and for helping us connect with the “bigger picture” on trade. We also thank Dr. Kenneth Chilton for bringing such interesting and high profile speakers to Lindenwood. For more information on the Economic Policy Lecture Series, contact Dr. Chilton at (636) 949-4742.