New Faculty Members

Lindenwood University would like to welcome all of the new professors who have been hired for the 2004-2005 school year.

George Barnidge, M.A.
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the Sciences Division
- Received M.A. in Statistics from the University of Washington in Seattle
- Previously worked as a graduate assistant at UW-S

Peter Carlos, M.A.
- Asst. Professor of Communications in the Communications Division
- Program Director for LUHE-TV
- Received M.A. in Writing from Middlebury College in Vermont
- Previously worked as a Multimedia Specialist at MCI/WorldCom

Cathleen Korkoian, M.A., M.B.A.
- Assistant Professor of Human Services in the Human Services Div.
- Program assistant for HSAM
- Received M.A. in Human Service Agency Management and a Masters of Business Administration from Lindenwood University
- Previously worked as a graduate assistant at Lindenwood University

Michael Jacobsen, Ph.D.
- Professor of Social Work in the Human Services Division
- Program Manager in Social Work
- Received M.S.W. and Ph.D. in Social Foundations of Education from the University of Iowa
- Previously worked as a Professor of Social Work at Southwest Missouri State University

Elizabeth Hansen, Ph.D.
- Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Sciences Division
- Received Ph.D. in Chemistry from University of Missouri in St. Louis
- Previously worked as a graduate teaching assistant at UMSL

Sajalendu Dey, Ph.D.
- Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Sciences Division
- Received Ph.D. in Physics from Iowa State University
- Previously worked as an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Illinois Wesleyan University

Shawn Nagel

John Hauck, Ph. D.
- Assistant Professor of Physics in the Sciences Division
- Received Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Missouri in Columbia
- Previously worked as an instructor in Physics at UM-C

Andy Thomason, M.A., M.L.A.
- Assistant Professor of English
- Received M.L.A. and an M.A. in American Culture Studies from Washington University
- Previously worked as a social worker
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Darren Marhanka, M.B.A.
- Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the Human Services Division
- Received M.B.A. from Lindenwood University
- Previously worked as a police officer for the city of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Shawn Nagel, M.S.
- Assistant Professor of Education in the Education Division and assistant football coach
- Received M.S. Ed. in Sport and Exercise Sciences from the University of Kansas
- Previously worked as an assistant football coach and instructor at Ottawa University in Kansas

William Vahle, M.B.A.
- Assistant Professor of Human Services in the Management Division, specializing in marketing and business administration
- Received M.B.A. from Lindenwood University
- Previously worked as a Strategic Planning Director for Monsanto Agricultural Company

Paige Mettler-Cherry, Ph. D.
- Assistant Professor of Biology in the Sciences Division
- Received Ph.D. in Biology from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville
- Previously worked as an instructor at SIU-E

Terry St. Clair, M.S.
- Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice for LCIE
- Received M.S. in Criminal Justice from Lindenwood University
- Previously worked as a Supervising Sergeant for the Missouri State Highway Patrol

Cynthia G. Vitale, Ph. D.
- Assistant Professor of Education in the Education Division
- Received Ph.D. in Education from University of Missouri in St. Louis
- Previously worked as the principal of Hazelwood Middle School

$3 Million Software Gift Boosts Fashion Design Program

Lindenwood University has announced it will receive a $3 million gift of software from Lectra, headquartered in Paris, France. Lindenwood will use industry-leading fashion and textile CAD software, U4ia and Modaris, in its fashion design program, providing students the opportunity to train in textile design (U4ia) and patternmaking (Modaris).

Lindenwood is the only university in Missouri implementing this CAD software program into its curriculum, said Florence Dewan, a fashion design professor at Lindenwood who worked with Lectra to secure the donation.

Lectra is the world leader in the design and distribution of software and hardware dedicated to the major industrial users of textiles, leather and other soft materials. Lectra’s global team of 1,350 employees serves 16,000 customers in more than 100 countries.

“We are grateful to Lectra for this tremendous gift,” said Lindenwood President Dennis Spellmann. “And we are excited for our students, who will have the best tools in the industry to prepare them for a career in fashion and retail business industries. Coupling these tools with the dynamic faculty and gifted students promises to catapult our program and help meet the industry needs for the future.”

Lectra’s national director of marketing, Tim Copeland, said the company was aware of Lindenwood University’s respected faculty and its commitment to putting students first in everything it does.

“We are looking forward to a tremendous partnership with Lindenwood University,” said Copeland. “Lectra and Lindenwood have a common commitment to excellence. We will all benefit from this partnership; but most importantly, the students will be the biggest winners.”

Marsha Parker, dean of fine and performing arts at Lindenwood, said the benefit of the gift was actually threefold.

“It enhances our academic programs, improves employability of our graduates and provides an economic benefit for corporations,” she said. “If a May Company, Target or Sears, hires a Lindenwood graduate, they will not have to incur the cost of training that employee in this state-of-the-art software, which is in use all over the world.”

Copeland said Lindenwood would receive the software in mid-summer, in time for installation and training prior to the beginning of the fall semester.