New Faculty Appointments
2007-2008
Lindenwood University is pleased to announce and welcome 24 new faculty appointments for the 2007/2008 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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Annie Alameda earned her M.S. in Nutrition and Physical Performance from Saint Louis University and her B.S. in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Illinois State University. She has professional experience as a fitness instructor/coordinator and teaching experience at Saint Louis University. Annie has earned multiple professional certifications and will bring that expertise to Lindenwood programs. Mrs. Alameda joins the Education Division as an Assistant Professor of Physical Education.

Gerald J. Dunn completed his Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Michigan and his B.S. in Mathematics at the University of New Orleans. Gerald has experience as a teaching assistant, visiting professor, and full time professor, most recently at New Mexico State University where he was an Associate Professor. He has worked as an application developer for the TALX Corporation and as a staff scientist for the Washington University School of Medicine. His research area is in Algebraic Topology, Algebraic K-theory, and Category Theory. Dr. Dunn joins the Science Division as an Associate Professor of Mathematics.

Shannon James Flynn earned his Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Tennessee, Memphis and his B.A. in Microbiology from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He has worked as a visiting professor and an adjunct instructor of biology, most recently at the Lyman Briggs Honors College of Michigan State University and at Oakland Community College. Dr. Flynn’s research in virology and soil microbiology has been published in a variety of important journals. In his free time, he enjoys mountain biking and acting as a Cub Scout leader. Dr. Flynn joins the Science Division as an Assistant Professor of Biology.
Janis Lynn Freeman earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, an M.A. in Educational Administration, and a B.A. in Secondary Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She served as a Junior High/Middle School Assistant Principal in the Rockwood, Francis Howell, and Columbia Public School districts and was awarded the 2002 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year for the St. Louis area and the 1996 Assistant Principal of the Year for the state of Missouri. Dr. Freeman joins the Education Division.

Larry Granda earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics and his M.A. in Mathematics from Saint Louis University and his B.S. and B.A. in Mathematics and Philosophy from Webster University. His dissertation was entitled “Dehn surgery on singular knots.” He has taught at Saint Louis University in a variety of courses including geometry, algebra, pre-calculus and calculus. Dr. Granda joins the Science Division as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Pamela Grooms earned an M.A. in Music Education from the University of Missouri- Saint Louis and a B.A. in Music Education from Central Missouri State University. Pamela served as the choir director in the Francis Howell School District, a vocal music teacher at John Weldon Elementary School, and a pianist for the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra. She also has fifteen years experience as a private piano instructor. Ms. Grooms joins the Fine and Performing Arts Division as an Assistant Professor of Music.
Evelyn K. Hendrix completed her Psy.D. in Applied Organizational Psychology and her M.A. in Industrial Psychology, both from George Mason University. Evelyn also earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She comes to Lindenwood University with fifteen years of experience consulting and providing expertise in higher education, Fortune 500 companies, public entities, and entrepreneurial businesses. Dr. Hendrix brings teaching experience as an adjunct, instructor and trainer, and she joins the Management Division as an Assistant Professor.

Shannon J. Highley earned her MBA, her B.S. in Business Administration, and her B.A. in English, all from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. She comes to LU with comprehensive sales and marketing experience in nonprofit, service, and manufacturing industries. Shannon works as a volunteer for the V.P. Fair (St. Louis) in the area of public relations and has taught as an adjunct instructor for Lindenwood. Ms. Highley comes to Lindenwood University as an Assistant Professor of Management and will serve as an LCIE Faculty Advisor at our Belleville Campus.

Eve M. Jones earned an MFA in creative writing and a B.A. in psychology from the University of Missouri- Saint Louis. She has served as a graduate assistant, has taught as an adjunct instructor, and has been recognized for her poetry including as a finalist for the 2002 Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship and the graduate Prize in Poetry from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Ms. Jones joins Lindenwood University as an Assistant Professor of Humanities, an LCIE Faculty Advisor, and the Program Manager for the MFA in Writing degree.
Holly Beth Karraker earned her Ph.D. in Educational Studies, her M.A. in Special Education, and her B.A. in Special Education from Saint Louis University. Holly has served as Director of the Special Learning Clinic and as an Educational Diagnostician in the Department of Educational Studies at Saint Louis University. She has teaching experience as a graduate teaching assistant and as an adjunct instructor. She has worked at camps for students with disabilities as well as a permanent substitute teacher for the St. Louis County Special School District. Dr. Karraker joins the Education Division as an Assistant Professor of Education and will teach in the graduate Counseling program.

Jason Dude Lively earned his Ph.D. in Computing Technology in Education and his Educational Specialist degree from Nova Southeastern University, his MBA from Tarleton State University in Computer Information Systems, and his BBA in Computer Information Systems from Howard Payne University. Jason’s most recent teaching experience was at Howard Payne University where he was the Program Director for Multimedia and an Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems. His training and experience in computer systems is wide and varied, and he comes to LU to join the Communications Division as an Associate Professor.
Nadine Menninga earned a Ph.D. in Mathematics and an A.M. in Mathematics from the University of Illinois and a B.A. in Mathematics from North Central College. She has had teaching experience as an adjunct, part-time faculty member and a teaching assistant and has taught courses ranging from Review of Arithmetic to Calculus III. Dr. Menninga joins the Science Division as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

Billi Patzius earned an M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, a B.A. in Psychology, and a B.S. in Criminal Justice, all from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Billi has experience working in the family courts as a deputy juvenile officer, a community support worker and a youth specialist. Ms. Patzius joins LCIE as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Faculty Advisor, and Program Manager for the Hospitality Services Management degree.

Renee Porter has an earned Ph.D. in Educational Studies from Saint Louis University, an MBA from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and a B.S. in Industrial and Vocational Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. Renee has managerial and entrepreneurial experience as well as teaching experience both in the classroom and online. Dr. Porter joins the Management Division as an Assistant Professor of Management in Management Information Systems.

P. Joseph Powers earned his Ph.D. in Educational Administration and his Educational Specialist degree from Saint Louis University, his M.A. in Secondary School Administration, his M.A. in History from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and his B.A. in Political Science and History from Southeast Missouri State University. Dr. Powers comes to Lindenwood University with thirty-three
years of school administration and teaching experience in Norway and in the United States. Most recently, he was principal at Ladue Horton Watkins High School. He has traveled widely and has special interest in the area of US history and government. Dr. Powers joins the Lindenwood Education Division as an Assistant Professor of Education and will be teaching in the Educational Doctorate program.

**Keith Russell** earned his Ph.D. in English from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, his M.A. in English from Southeast Missouri State University, and his B.A. in English from Truman State University. Keith taught at Waldorf College as an Assistant Professor in both composition and literature and as an adjunct at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Dr. Russell has experience as a published writer and as a presenter and was awarded the Research Dissertation Award for his dissertation entitled *Dislocated: Historical Trauma in Korean American Literature*. Dr. Russell joins the Humanities Division as an Assistant Professor of Humanities.

**Robert J. Stephens** earned a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Iowa, an M.A. in Religious Studies from the University of Kansas, and a B.A. in Religious Studies from Missouri State University. Robert has taught as a full time and part time instructor at Transylvania University, the University of Alabama, the University of Northern Iowa, the University of Iowa, and Kirkwood Community College. Robert has published, presented and received honors and awards based on his work in religion and has studied Hindi, Sanskrit, German, and French. Dr. Stephens joins the Humanities Division as an Assistant Professor of Religion.
Terrance A. Stewart completed his Ed.D. degree in School Administration and his Educational Specialist degree in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia, his M.A. in Education from Central Missouri State University and his B.S. in Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Terry began his career as a high school social studies teacher and advanced through the educational system as a high school principal, superintendent of schools, the Assistant Commissioner, Division of Administration for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and educational consultant. Dr. Stewart joins the Education Division as an Assistant Professor of Education and will teach in the Educational Doctorate program.

F. Robert Talbott earned his MBA from Lindenwood University and his B.S. in Computer Science from Southern Illinois University School of Engineering. He is currently working toward his Ph.D. in Business Administration with emphasis in Information Systems at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Robert’s professional experience has included positions as consultant, software engineer, multimedia programmer and applications developer for a variety of companies and corporations. Mr. Talbott joins the Management Division as an Assistant Professor.

Jeanie Thies earned her Ph.D. in Political Science and M.A. degrees in Political Science and Experimental Psychology all from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She also earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. For the past several years, she has been a researcher and consultant for numerous institutes,
agencies and courts. She previously served as a prison psychologist and was the Administrative Director for the Missouri Department of Corrections Sex Offender Program. Her previous teaching experience includes Columbia College and St. Louis Community College. She has had numerous publications in the area of corrections. Dr. Thies joins the Human Services Division as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice.

Julie Turner earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Development at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, her M.A. in Educational Administration from Michigan State University, and her B.A. in Sociology from Hope College. She most recently was employed as a Team Leader/Employer Relations Specialist at the Career Center at Washington University. Julie has also been employed as a director of special projects with the Wentzville School District and as a director for various educational and community service organizations. She is an experienced presenter and has received various awards and honors, among them Junior League Board of Directors Award, 40 Under 40 sponsored by the St. Louis Business Journal, and the Award of Excellence from the Community Service Public Relations Council. Dr. Turner joins the Human Services Division as an Assistant Professor of Nonprofit Administration.

Joyce A. West earned her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from St. Louis University and her MAT in Science education and her B.A. in Zoology from Washington University. Joyce served as an Assistant Principal and Director of Support Services prior to becoming the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations for the Kirkwood School District. Prior to her tenure in Kirkwood, Joyce worked for the Normandy and Mehlville School Districts. Dr. West will be joining the Education Division and will teach in the Ed.D. program.
Shane Y. Williamson earned her Ed.D. in Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education from Rutgers University and her M.S. in Counseling and her B.S.B.A. in marketing from Shippensburg University. Her background includes positions as the Assistant Dean of Academics at Dorman Honors College at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the First-Year Counselor at Montclair State University and the Director of the Multicultural Center at Bloomsburg University. She has experience as a conference presenter as well as grant writing. Dr. Williamson joins LU as an Associate Professor of Education and will serve as a faculty member and the Director of First-Year Programs.

Paul S. Wright earned a Ph.D. from the University of Utah and an M.S. and a B.S. from Clemson University, all in the area of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Paul has worked as an after school program director, coach, special education teacher and case manager, department chair and associate professor at Southern Virginia University, and program coordinator for the Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department. He has published and presented widely and has served as an academic guest lecturer on a variety of occasions. He is a successful coach in the area of cross-country and track and field. Dr. Wright joins Lindenwood University as an Associate Professor of Physical Education and Head Cross Country/Track and Field Coach.