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ECU’s Harriot College Appoints Leorri, Wieland to Associate Dean Positions

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Aug. 11, 2014) — This summer, two associate deans within East Carolina University’s Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences have left ECU to pursue new professional roles. Harriot College has announced the appointment of two professors within the college who will step into the vacated positions.

Dr. Don Bradley, formerly an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, who served as Harriot College’s associate dean for planning, left ECU on Aug. 1 to step into his new role as chair of the Department of Sociology at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Holly Hapke, associate professor in the Department of Geography, Planning, and Environment, who has served as Harriot College’s associate dean for faculty development and distance education, is beginning a temporary assignment at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Stepping into the role formerly held by Bradley is Dr. Eduardo Leorri, associate professor of geological sciences, who is the college’s new associate dean for planning. Dr. Liza Wieland, professor of English, is stepping in as the acting associate dean for faculty development and distance education during Hapke’s absence.

Leorri received his PhD from the University of the Basque Country, in Leioa, Spain. He came to ECU in 2009. While at ECU, Leorri has taught courses in dynamic Earth, sedimentology, marine geology and readings in selected geology topics.

In his role as associate dean for planning, Leorri will oversee college space allocation; monitor, analyze and report on faculty workloads; monitor, analyze and report on college student credit hour production; and will serve as liaison between the college and the university’s Office of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research.

“HCAS is a leading entity at ECU, and being part of the HCAS Dean’s team is a great opportunity for anyone that feels passionate about the role of ECU as an institution,” said Leorri. “I am thrilled about this opportunity.”

Wieland received her PhD from Columbia University. She came to ECU in 2007 and has taught courses in introduction to creative writing, introduction to fiction writing, advanced fiction writing, introduction to poetry, composition, and appreciating and interpreting literature. In addition, Wieland also serves as fiction editor for the North Carolina Literary Review.

In her role as acting associate dean for faculty development and distance education, Wieland will orient new faculty to the college, shepherd faculty through the tenure and promotion process and coordinate distance education with the assistance of Harriot College’s associate dean for resource management.
“I’m excited to take on this new role as THCAS welcomes a new Dean, and I’m eager to get to know faculty in other college departments,” said Wieland. “Holly Hapke has done a wonderful job in this position, and I hope to be as helpful to THCAS faculty as she has been. Faculty should not hesitate to call or email me.”

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