The Reporter will help introduce you to the newest members of the WCU community. Here are names, photographs and brief biographies of the people who have entered full-time positions since September 1, 2006. We hope we haven’t missed anyone, but please let us know if we have.

**INTRODUCING**

**Newcomers to Western**

**Daniel Aiken,** maintenance technician, Facilities Management; previously painter foreman and carpenter, Parker & Associates AA Construction, Sylva.

**Laura Ansley,** resident director of Harrill Hall, Residential Living; M.Ed., University of West Florida; previously graduate assistant, University of West Florida.

**Tom Archer,** physician, Health Services; M.D., University of Maryland; previously private practice, Franklin.

**Risto Atanasov,** assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., Binghamton University; previously part-time instructor, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y.

**John Balentine,** graphic designer, Public Relations; previously designer, The Print Haus, Waynesville.

**Matt Barrett,** technology support technician, Research and Graduate Studies; B.A., Western Carolina University; previously computer lab assistant, Hunter Library, Western Carolina University.

**Shandon Bates,** director of systems and operations, Information Technology; M.B.A., University of California at Irvine; previously director of technology infrastructure, University of California at Irvine.

**Chris Baxley,** information systems reporting technician, Advancement Research and Reporting; B.S.B.A., Western Carolina University; previously part-time student worker, Coulter Faculty Center, Cullowhee.

**Ruth Bennett,** visiting instructor, Communications; M.A., Emerson College; previously communication consultant, Boston, and teaches online for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill LEARN NC and University of Phoenix.

**David Blevins,** visiting assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; M.S., Western Carolina University; previously instructor, Surry Community College, Dobson.

**Susan Bogardus,** assistant professor, Nutrition and Dietetics; Ph.D., University of Kentucky; previously assistant professor, Appalachian State University, Boone.

**Indrani Bose,** assistant professor, Biology; Ph.D., Duke University; previously postdoctoral fellow, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

**Mike Boyd,** associate professor, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation; D.B.A., Louisiana Tech University; previously assistant professor, University of Tennessee at Martin.
Heather Bradshaw, assistant director, Office of Undergraduate Admission; B.S., Western Carolina University; previously director of sales, Best Western, Dillsboro.

Donna Brock, visiting assistant professor, Nursing; M.S.N./B.N.P., University of Virginia; previously part-time clinical instructor, Western Carolina University.

Jake Brooks, grounds worker, Facilities Management; previously foreman, Deep Creek Turf and Landscape, Whittier.

Margaret Bruder, visiting assistant professor, English; Ph.D., Indiana University; previously adjunct instructor, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany.

Colin Christopher, visiting instructor, English; M.A., Western Carolina University; previously teaching assistant, Western Carolina University.

Jason Clement, assistant professor, Chemistry and Physics; Ph.D., Virginia Tech; previously postdoctoral fellow, National Cancer Institute, Frederick, Md.

Todd Collins, assistant professor, Political Science and Public Affairs; Ph.D., University of Georgia; previously instructor of record, University of Georgia at Athens, and attorney, State of North Carolina.

Kimberly Crawford, assistant professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Ph.D., Florida State University; previously consultant for communication disorders, Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, Fla.

Cheryl Daly, director, College Student Personnel Graduate Program; Ed.D., University of Massachusetts; previously worked with University of Massachusetts Doctoral Program in Higher Education Administration.

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Louis Buck, Jr., professor and director, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Ph.D., Texas A&M University; previously chief financial officer, Con Edison Competitive Shared Services, White Plains, N.Y.

Ron Bumgarner, visiting assistant professor, Engineering Technology; M.S., Western Carolina University; previously system analyst, U.S. Army Contractor, Savannah, Ga.

Beau Busby, assistant director, Office of Undergraduate Admission; B.S., Western Carolina University; previously therapeutic recreation specialist, Department of Health and Human Services - Murdoch Center, Butner.

Wanda Cagle, processing assistant, Development and External Affairs; previously senior services program assistant, Mountain Projects, Waynesville.

Chris Caram, associate professor, Educational Leadership and Foundations; Ph.D., University of Oklahoma; previously executive director of instructional support, Gaston County School District, Gastonia.

Kefyn Catley, associate professor, Biology; Ph.D., Cornell University; previously assistant professor, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
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Debbie Gdula, student services assistant; Office of Undergraduate Admission; previously manager, Red Carpet Inn, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Duane Gibbs, purchasing agent, Purchasing; B.S., Park University; previously purchasing agent, Engine Systems, Inc., Chesapeake, Va.

Denise Gideon, information and communications specialist; Athletics; M.S., University of Tennessee; previously assistant director of media relations, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Regis Gilman, associate dean, Educational Outreach; Ed.D., University of Kansas, previously director, Appalachian Transition to Teaching Program, Appalachian State University, Boone.

Enrique Gomez, visiting assistant professor, Chemistry and Physics; Ph.D., University of Alabama; previously instructor, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.

Sam Daoud, visiting assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; M.A., Western Carolina University; previously graduate teaching assistant, Western Carolina University.

Christy DeLeon, administrative support specialist, Office of Undergraduate Admission; B.A., University of North Carolina at Wilmington; previously administrative assistant, Mountain 1st Bank and Trust, Hendersonville.

Steve Derrick, grounds worker; Facilities Management; previously spray-technician, Wade Hampton Golf Club, Cashiers.

Casey DiMeeo, assistant football coach/kickers, Athletics; M.I.S., North Carolina State University; previously graduate assistant, North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Axelle Faughn, assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., North Carolina State University; previously assistant professor, California State University, Bakersfield.

Tom Ford, visiting professor, Psychology; Ph.D., University of Maryland; previously associate professor of sociology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Wendy Ford, dean, College of Arts and Sciences; Ph.D., University of Maryland at College Park; previously executive associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Blain Franks, building and environmental technician, Facilities Management; previously heavy equipment operator, Kyle Johnson Construction, Sylva.

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Daniel Gonko, assistant professor, Music; M.M., Western Carolina University; previously graduate assistant, Western Carolina University.

Jon Henson, assistant band director/instructor, Music; M.A.Ed., Western Carolina University; previously graduate assistant, Western Carolina University.

Hrish Goradia, visiting assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., University of South Carolina; previously instructor, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

David Hatton, arborist, Facilities Management; A.A., Haywood Community College; previously landscaping instructor, Oconaluftee Job Corps. Center, Cherokee.

Lucas Greene, grounds worker, Facilities Management; previously laborer, Smokemont Riding Stables, Cherokee.

Doug Hester, public safety officer, University Police; A.A., University of South Carolina; previously police officer, City of North Charleston, S.C.

Regina Grace, administrative support associate, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; previously accounts receivable, Joffe Lumber & Supply Co., Vineland, N.J.

David Haverstick, assistant baseball coach, Athletics; M.A., Dallas Baptist University; previously assistant baseball coach, Savannah College of Art and Design; Savannah, Ga.

Sean Hildebrand, visiting assistant professor, Political Science and Public Affairs; Ph.D., North Carolina State University; previously visiting assistant professor, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

Dottie Greene, visiting assistant professor, Social Work; M.S.W., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; previously clinical therapist, Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice - Women at Risk, Asheville.

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John Hawes, project specialist in research administration, Graduate School and Research; A.A.S., Community College of the Air Force; previously test manager, United States Air Force, Florida.

Bob Holbert, director, North Carolina Agricultural Mediation Program; B.S., Appalachian State University; previously county executive director, United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, Tryon.
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Ye Qin Huang, assistant professor, Electrical Engineering; Ph.D., University of Nebraska; previously assistant professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

Ian Jeffress, visiting instructor, Music; M.M., Ithaca College; previously instructor, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Chryistine Keener, instructor, Art and Design; M.A., Kent State University; previously instructor, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Debbie Jamison, public safety officer; University Police; A.A.S., Southwestern Community College; previously international civilian police officer, Dyn Corp., Pristina, Kosovo.

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Charli Lehman, program coordinator; North Carolina Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA Program; B.A., Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

David Hudson, assistant professor, Physical Therapy; P.T., Ph.D., University of Delaware; previously assistant professor, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.

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Jason Husk, assistant manager; IT Service Center; B.S., Strayer University; previously systems engineer, CBORD, Hendersonville.

Rory James, assistant director of multicultural affairs, Student Affairs; M.P.H., Tulane University; previously graduate assistant, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

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Steve Marr, accountant, Controller’s Office; B.S.B.A., Western Carolina University; previously controller, High Hampton Inn, Cashiers.

Katie Martin, senior graphic designer, Public Relations; B.A., North Carolina State University; previously senior graphic designer, Opus 1, Raleigh.

Rick McClendon, coordinator, Study to Prevent Alcohol Related Consequences; B.S., Western Carolina University; previously graduate assistant, Western Carolina University.

Linda McIntosh, visiting assistant professor, Nursing; Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro; previously assistant professor, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro.

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Don Miller, visiting instructor, Music; M.A.T., Western Carolina University; previously part-time instructor, Southwestern Community College, Sylva.

Sam Miller, vice chancellor, Student Affairs; Ph.D., University of Virginia; previously associate vice president for student affairs, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.

Nick Mingione, assistant baseball coach, Athletics; B.S., Embry-Riddle University; previously volunteer assistant baseball coach, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

Pat Morse, visiting assistant professor, Social Work; Ph.D., Tulane University; previously professor of clinical psychiatry and chief of social work, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, New Orleans, La.

Eric Newsom, visiting instructor, English; M.A., Western Carolina University; previously teaching assistant, Western Carolina University.

Lee Nickles, assistant to the dean for technology and curriculum, College of Education and Allied Professions; Ph.D., Georgia Tech; previously postdoctoral research associate, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
Patricia Norton, housekeeper, Residential Living; previously cook and transporter, Mountain Projects Food Service, Sylva.

David Onder, business intelligence analyst, Institutional Research and Planning; M.A.Ed., Western Carolina University; previously mathematics teacher, Buncombe County Early College, Asheville.

Megan Passmore, medical office assistant, Health Services; A.A.S., Haywood Community College; previously hourly certified medical assistant, WCU Health Center.

Jack Patterson, assistant professor, Construction Management; Ph.D., Heriot-Watt University; previously instructor, East Carolina University, Greenville.

Sylvia Pulte, administrative support associate, Facilities Management; L.P.N., Evansville School of Health; previously human resources clerk, Nantahala Outdoor Center, Bryson City.

Blake Queen, visiting assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; M.A., Western Carolina University; previously adjunct professor, Warren Wilson College, Asheville.

Sanjay Rajagopal, associate professor, Accountancy, Finance and Economics; D.B.A., Mississippi State University; previously associate professor, Montreat College, Montreat.

Victoria Randall, general utility worker, Athletics; B.S., Western Carolina University; previously substitute teacher, Cleveland County Schools.

Matthew Rave, visiting assistant professor, Chemistry and Physics; Ph.D., Wake Forest University; previously teaching assistant, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem.

James Ray, grounds worker, Facilities Management; previously mechanic, welder and fabricator, Billings Mechanical, Inc., Winston-Salem.

Heather Reel, visiting instructor, Recreational Therapy; Ph.D., University of Georgia; previously graduate assistant, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.

Tim Rolls, visiting assistant professor, Music; D.M.A., University of Houston; previously visiting professor, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz.

David Ross, water and wastewater plant operator, Facilities Management; previously water plant operator, Town of Whittier.

Jamel Ruff, curriculum specialist for diversity, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; M.A.Ed., University of Phoenix, previously department chair, Edgecombe County Public Schools, Tarboro.

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Linda Seestedt-Stanford, dean, College of Health and Human Sciences; Ph.D., Michigan State University; previously assistant dean, College of Health Professions, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich.

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Julian Simpson, administrative support specialist and insurance coordinator, Health Services; B.S., Western Carolina University; currently pharmacy technician, Eckerd Pharmacy, Sylva.

Tim Stegall, assistant professor, Clinical Lab Sciences; Ph.D., University of Texas Health Science Center; previously principal, 21st Century Laboratory Consulting, Kenner, La.

Lois Ann Stiles, administrative support associate, Educational Outreach; previously human resource assistant, Smoky Mountain Center.

Peter Tay, visiting assistant professor, Engineering Technology; Ph.D., University of Oklahoma; previously research scientist, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

Gabe Williams, floor maintenance assistant, Facilities Management; previously parts department assistant, Allison’s Inc., Sylva.

David Troy, visiting instructor, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; M.S., University of Colorado, previously athletic director, Jackson County Public Schools.

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Paula Ashe, administrative support associate, Nursing; previously paralegal, Hunter Large & Sherrill Insurance Co., Sylva.

Jeffrey Todd Cabe, maintenance mechanic, Facilities Management; previously maintenance mechanic, Caterpillar.

Edward Carpenter, maintenance technician, Graduate School and Research; previously electrician, Hayes & Luntford.

Holly Clark, visiting assistant professor, Stage and Screen; M.F.A., California State University, Long Beach; previously associate professor of dance, Murray State University, Murray, Ky.

Jim Craig, enrollment services officer, Educational Outreach; M.A.Ed., Western Carolina University; previously career development coordinator and coordinator of early college magnet program, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System.

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Robert Keith Dills, housekeeper, Facilities Management; previously supervisor, Davey Tree Expert Co.

Stephanie Dyer, visiting instructor, English; M.A., Radford University; previously adjunct instructor, New River Community College, Christiansburg, Va.

Jonathan Alvin Farmer, housekeeper, Facilities Management; previously sales associate, Wal-Mart.

Angelica Hice Fibernitz, instructor, Accountancy, Finance and Economics; M.Acc., Gardner-Webb University; currently owner, ALA Enterprises, and controller, Biltmore Farms.

Edith Fortner, building and environmental technician, Facilities Management.

Teresa Franklin, student services assistant, Financial Aid; B.A., Mississippi State University; currently co-owner, bookkeeper and secretary, HWF Grading, Waynesville.

Shane Green, building and environmental technician, Facilities Management; A.A.S., Haywood Community College; previously men’s department manager, Goody’s Family Clothing.

Misty Dawn Hartzog, administrative services specialist, Graduate School and Research; B.A., Berea College; previously art teacher, Public Schools of Robeson County.

Christine Anne Hubinger, housekeeper, University Center; B.S., University of Connecticut; previously hourly housekeeper, University Center.

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Galen May, university architect, Facilities Management; B.Arch., University of Texas at Austin; previously interim director of capital planning and construction, Longwood University, Farmville, Va.

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Joey Wagoner, police officer trainee, University Police; B.S., Western Carolina University; previously captain, Western Carolina University Emergency Medical Services, Cullowhee.

Tommy Westbrook, security guard, University Police; B.S., Austin Peay State University; previously facility supervisor, Jackson County Recreation Department.

Sherrie Yopp, telecommunications, University Police; previously detention officer, Macon County Sheriff’s Office, Franklin.

Freda Siler, office manager, Center for Student Involvement; previously health check coordinator, Jackson County Health Department, Sylva.

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Veselina Vracheva, transfer counselor, Office of Undergraduate Admission; M.B.A., Western Carolina University.