

INTRODUCING Newcomers to Western

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.

New Faces 2007



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.



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John Balentine,
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Matt Barrett,
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Shandon Bates,
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Chris Baxley,
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Ruth Bennett,
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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,
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Mike Boyd,
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Heather Bradshaw,
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Donna Brock,
visiting assistant professor, Nursing; M.S.N./P.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.



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,
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Beau Busby,
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Wanda Cagle,
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Chris Caram,
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Kefyn Catley,
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Colin Christopher,
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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,
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Cheryl Daly,
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Sam Daoud,
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Steve Derrick,
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Casey DiMeo,
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Axelle Faughn,
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Tom Ford,
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Blain Franks,
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Daniel Gonko,
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Hrishi Goradia,
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Regina Grace,
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Amy Green,
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Lucas Greene,
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David Hatton,
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David Haverstick,
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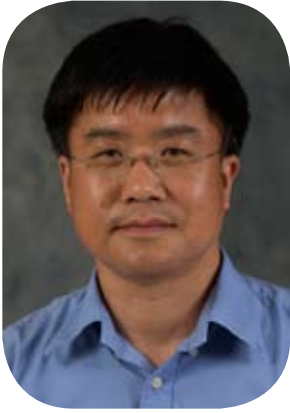


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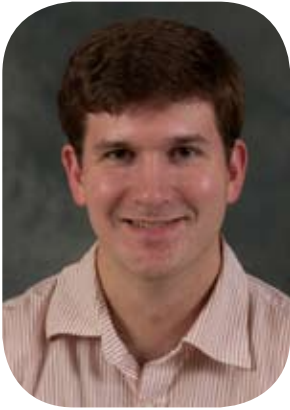
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Gabe Williams,
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Brian Wood,
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Susan Wood,
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NOT PICTURED:

Paula Ashe,
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Jeffrey Todd Cabe,
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Edward Carpenter,
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Robert Keith Dills,
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Stephanie Dyer,
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Jonathan Alvin Farmer,
housekeeper, Facilities Management; previously sales associate, Wal-Mart.

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

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Trenton Turpin,
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Ľeselina Vřacheva,
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