CSBS Welcomes New Faculty

The college welcomed many new—and a few familiar—faces this fall.

We look forward to their individual contributions to the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

New Faculty:
- Lazarus Adua, assistant professor of sociology
- Michael Childers, assistant professor of environmental history and sustainability
- Kelly Flanagan, assistant professor of interior design
- Qingli Meng, assistant professor of criminology
- Jayme Neiman, assistant professor of political science

New-ish Faculty [those now in tenure-track positions]:
- Gloria Stafford, assistant professor of interior design
- Brian Warby, assistant professor of political science

Visiting Faculty:
- Evan Renfro, visiting scholar in political science
Staffing changes

The college welcomes a number of new staff. From left:

Katrinka Carpenter has joined the Department of Political Science as Secretary III. She most recently worked in the School of Applied Human Sciences and replaces Jane Hunter, who retired in June.

Michele Guernsey has joined Women's and Gender Studies as Secretary II. She comes to UNI after working 10 years at Cedar Falls High School.

Mary Ver Steegt and Amy Liekweg have joined the School of Applied Human Sciences as Secretaries III and II. Both are new to UNI: Mary’s most recent position was with Wartburg College in Waverly and Amy comes from Waverly-Shell Rock’s West Cedar Elementary School.

CSBS alumnus & benefactor passes away

For a number of years, the college offered an opportunity to pre-tenured faculty called the Charles Hill Faculty Research Award. The benefactor of the award, a 1935 alumnus of History, died June 30.

Charles Hill came to Iowa State Teachers College from Clarion, Iowa. While at ISTC, he was active in the college choir, Minnesingers’ Glee Club, the United Student Movement, Phi Tau Theta, and student government. Hill earned his masters in education from the University of Michigan and was an educator for over forty years, including 29 years as the president of Rochester Community College. The campus’s Charles E. Hill Theater was so named in 1987 in appreciation of his many years of service and patronage of the arts.

At the time of his generous gift to the college, Mr. Hill had said, “Four of the happiest years of my life were spent at Iowa State Teachers College, and those years laid the groundwork for my own career in education. Excellence in teaching is the foundation of any great school, and I am delighted that my fund will help continue that tradition at UNI.”

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences expresses its sincere gratitude for Mr. Hill’s generous support of its faculty and his dedication to the quality of education at UNI.

Recipients of the award include Andrey Petrov of Geography, Elaine Eshbaugh of Gerontology and Family Studies, Chris Larimer of Political Science, and Don Gaff of Anthropology.