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## Quick Facts

- On Aug. 1, Kenneth Gordon will replace Sarah Stallings as chair of the Department of Modern Languages.
- Gordon, a professor at Central Missouri State University, will teach in the Netherlands in May.



*Kenneth Gordon*

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Kenneth A. Gordon** will join Winthrop as professor and chair of the **Department of Modern Languages** on Aug. 1.

Currently a professor at Central Missouri State University, **Gordon** served as the university's modern languages department chair from 1993-2004. He has taught French and Spanish at the university since 1981 and has extensive knowledge of accreditation standards for modern languages. He previously worked at the University of Minnesota, Morris campus, at Ohio State University and at Berea City School District in Ohio.

"Dr. Gordon brings a wealth of significant experience to Winthrop," said Debra Boyd, dean of Winthrop's College of Arts and Sciences. "He is an engaged teacher and scholar and a successful leader whose expertise in language education will help the department to achieve its goals."

At Winthrop, **Gordon** will replace Sarah Stallings, who has served for the past three years as acting chair. Stallings will continue to serve as associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Gordon** said he appreciates the opportunity to become part of Winthrop University.

"A long tradition of academic rigor, dedicated faculty and highly motivated students attracted me to Winthrop," he said. "As I begin my collaboration with students, faculty, and staff, I look forward to building on past accomplishments and attaining new standards of excellence in the Department of Modern Languages."

In May, **Gordon** will teach at the Maastricht (Netherlands) Center for Transatlantic Studies. His current research includes the implementation and direction of study abroad programs. He holds a master's degree in Spanish from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a Ph.D. in French from Ohio State, an A.M. in French from the University of Michigan and a B.S. in French from Kent State University.

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