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Quick Facts

☐ Cheryl Fortner-Wood, associate professor of psychology, is the new chair of Faculty Conference.
☐ Fortner-Wood will begin her term, which expires in June 2009, in July.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Faculty members selected **Cheryl Fortner-Wood** as their new chair of the faculty conference during an election March 2.

Fortner-Wood, an associate professor of psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences, will replace Tim Daugherty, an associate professor of psychology who has served since 2005. She will become the faculty chair in July, with her term expiring in June 2009.

"I am so proud of Winthrop's faculty and I am very honored to represent my colleagues," said **Fortner-Wood**. "This is an exciting time for Winthrop students and faculty. I look forward to being an advocate for the faculty's views on many important topics such as enrollment growth, faculty roles, governance, and the academic calendar."

According to the Faculty Manual, the chair is the official representative of the faculty to the Board of Trustees and represents the faculty on ceremonial occasions. The chair must be a full-time tenured faculty member.

Membership in the **Faculty Conference** is extended to every person who holds rank as professor, associate professor, assistant professor and instructor at Winthrop. Lecturers, adjunct faculty and visiting faculty are not members of **Faculty Conference**.

A graduate of the College of Charleston, **Fortner-Wood** joined the Winthrop faculty in 1998 after earning a doctorate from Purdue University in child development and family studies. In addition to her position as associate professor of psychology, she is the director of special projects for University College and wrote the grant proposal for the TRiO Student Support Services project now under way at Winthrop.

Fortner-Wood was a member of the Task Force on Nature and Character of the University and has served as chair of the **College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly.** She won the College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Advisor Award in 2005. She has been heavily involved in working with and supporting undergraduate research, including presenting with a student at an international conference in Japan last year. She has been on sabbatical this spring and summer studying ethnic and gender differences in shyness over time.

Fortner-Wood's specialty areas include infant-parent attachment, attachment in adoption, and childcare quality. She serves on the State Advisory Committee for the Regulation of Child Day Care Facilities and as expert witness on attachment in adoption cases.

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