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David Meeler

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – An associate professor of philosophy has been designated the **Dalton Endowed Chair of Environmental Sciences and Studies** at Winthrop University.

David Meeler is only the second faculty member to hold this position in its 13 years of existence. He is very knowledgeable about the university's **environmental programs**, having served on the initial search for the chair and on its coordinating committee.

"Dr. Meeler is a passionate, engaged professor and student advocate who is deeply committed to the environmental program," said **Karen Kedrowski**, dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**. "Our students will thrive under his mentorship."

Winthrop's environmental program crosses several disciplinary departments, something Meeler feels comfortable doing. "I have participated in creating and delivering interdisciplinary courses such as bio-medical ethics, ethics and emerging technologies, business ethics and environmental ethics," he wrote in his application.

Meeler has a life-time commitment to improving the environment. "From my graduate-school years volunteering in wildlife rehabilitation and oil-spill response to my continuing commitment to environmental education, I have been dedicated to the ideals and values underlying the environmental sciences and environmental studies programs for all of my adult life," Meeler said.

He also directs the legal studies minor program in the **interdisciplinary studies department** so has gained valuable experience in that role.

"With all environmental majors required to gain proficiency in geographic information systems, new summer fellowship opportunities, and our continued commitment to promote undergraduate research, Winthrop's Environmental Sciences & Environmental Studies graduates will continue to be in demand," Meeler said.

The previous Dalton chair, **Geology Professor Marsha Bollinger**, stepped aside so she could concentrate on her growing responsibilities as chair of the **Department of Interdisciplinary Studies**. She was named the first **Dalton Chair** in 2002 and developed the program to offer two majors and two minors. The endowed chair was created by an alumnus, Harry Dalton and his wife, Becca.

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