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Quick Facts

- Gregory Crider is presently the chair of the history department at Wingate University.
- He is a social and cultural historian and award-winning author who specializes in Latin American history.



Gregory Crider

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The Department of History will welcome a new chair in August when Gregory Crider, chair and professor in the Department of History at Wingate University in North Carolina, arrives.

He will replace Tim Boylan, who served as acting chair for the past year.

Debra Boyd, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said Crider's ex-ceptional record of teaching, scholarship, administrative and professional service, and his strong commitment to student learning and development clearly made him the top choice for the position. "I am confident that he will be an asset to the department and the institution," she said.

A social and cultural historian, and award-winning author who specializes in Latin American and particularly Mexican history, Crider has taught since 1997 at Wingate. There he was selected for the university's top teaching award in 2008 and as an "Unsung Hero" by the Student Government Association in 2007. He has directed the Wingate-in-London semester program and led study travel programs to Mexico and Central America. He also is co-editor of the Annals issue of The Latin Americanist, a multi-disciplinary scholarly journal, and president-elect of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies. Before Wingate, Crider taught for four years at Drake University.

He graduated from Duke University with a degree in economics and history, then earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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