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Quick Facts

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Karen Kedrowski

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University administrators have appointed **Karen M. Kedrowski**, a professor of political science and chair of the [Department of Political Science](#), as dean of the [College of Arts and Sciences](#), beginning July 1.

She replaces **Peter Judge**, an associate professor of religion and chair of the [Philosophy and Religious Studies Department](#), who has successfully served as interim dean since the summer of 2011.

Kedrowski will provide leadership to 14 departments and will oversee more than 200 full- and part-time faculty and staff and a \$14.5 million budget. She has been a member of the faculty since 1994 and department chair since 2001. She also serves as director of the [John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy](#) and the [Global Learning Initiative](#).

Debra Boyd, vice president for academic affairs, said that the **College of Arts and Sciences** and Winthrop will benefit from Kedrowski's interaction with a number of academic initiatives and her planning skills.

"Dr. Kedrowski has been successful in a variety of leadership roles, and her skills and talents are well-suited for such a large and complex organization as the College of Arts and Sciences," **Boyd** said. "Her focus on and her experience with student success, institutional collaboration, and community engagement are vitally important for the success of the college and the university."

As dean, Kedrowski plans to build on the College's strong reputation for high-quality academic programs and its student-centered focus. "Diversity and quality are the hallmarks of the College of Arts and Sciences, and I am humbled and honored to be chosen as the dean," **Kedrowski** said. "I appreciate President DiGiorgio's and Vice President Boyd's confidence in my abilities, and I look forward to serving the University in this new role."

Kedrowski is the recipient of a number of honors and awards, having been recognized as Winthrop's **Outstanding Junior Professor** in 1999, the **College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Advisor** in 2007 and **Distinguished Professor Award** in 2011.

She is active in various professional associations, and has served as president of the **Women's Caucus for Political Science, South**, as a member of the **Status of Women Committee** and the **Executive Council of the Southern Political Science Association** and as vice president of the Political Science Education Section of the **American Political Science Association**.

Kedrowski conducts research primarily in the fields of congressional communication and public policy. Her interest in health policy specifically stems from her two years as a health policy analyst for [Families USA](#) in Washington, D.C.

She is the author of “**Media Entrepreneurs and the Media Enterprise in the U.S. Congress**” (1996), coauthor of “**Cancer Activism**” (2007) and “**Breastfeeding Rights in the United States**” (2008), and has written numerous journal articles, book chapters, and book reviews.

In spring 2010, Kedrowski spent time in Montreal, studying Canadian women’s health movements as a **Visiting Fulbright Chair** in Health, Indigenous Peoples, Media and Education at **McGill University**.

Kedrowski received her Ph.D. in political science from the Carl Albert Congressional Studies Center at the **University of Oklahoma** in 1992, her master’s degree in political science from the **University of Oklahoma** in 1991 and her B.A. in political science, French, and history from the **University of Minnesota** in 1986.

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