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Quick Facts

- In August, Peter Judge will step in as new chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.
- Judge came to Winthrop in 1999 and earned his Ph.D. at Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Peter Judge, an associate professor of religious studies in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, will become the new department chair on Aug. 1.

He will replace professor Houston Craighead, who retired this summer.

Winthrop administrators said they look forward to working with Judge in his new role. "Peter is a well-respected and admired colleague, who is dedicated to Winthrop as a learning community," said Debra Boyd, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "I know he will provide inspirational leadership and help the department and college to grow and develop in meaningful ways."

Judge came to Winthrop in 1999 from Coastal Carolina Community College, where he had worked as an instructor since 1995. He specializes in the New Testament and early Christianity.

"My predecessors, Dr. Daniel and Dr. Craighead, have modeled perspective, wisdom, and administrative skill for me, and I look forward to continuing the best of their long experience at Winthrop," Judge said. "Our department is moving forward steadily with new courses and a dedicated faculty, whom I am proud to call colleagues. I will work hard to lead them and our students to maintain the high standards of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies as a vital part of the Winthrop learning community."

Judge was named the 2003-04 Outstanding Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences. He previously has worked as a counselor and chaplain at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington, N.C. He also has undergraduate and graduate teaching experience going back to 1977.

Judge holds a Ph.D. in theology and religious studies from Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.