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Quick Facts

- Bird will continue to teach in the Department of English as he oversees the Teaching and Learning Center.
- Known as a creative teacher and a nationally-recognized Mark Twain scholar, Bird is the Thompson Scholar.



John Bird

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **John Bird**, professor of English, will become the next director of the **Teaching and Learning Center** effective Aug. 15. The Teaching and Learning Center provides programs and services that encourage and facilitate the professional and personal development of Winthrop faculty and staff. **Bird** will continue to teach in the Department of English.

Known as a creative teacher and a nationally recognized Mark Twain scholar, **Bird** brings an impressive record of accomplishment to this new assignment. At his previous university, he earned the university teaching award, and in 2005 **Bird** received the Kinard Award for excellence in teaching here at Winthrop. Further confirmation of his teaching expertise came this year when he was named the Thompson Scholar.

Bird assumes the director's role during a time when in-house faculty professional development will become more necessary and important due to South Carolina's troubled economic outlook. His teaching creativity and professional recognition make him particularly valuable during these times, said Gloria Jones, dean of University College, which oversees the **Teaching and Learning Center**.

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