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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University administrators have appointed **Peter Judge**, an associate professor of religion and chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies since 2006, as the interim dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences** for a one-year term, beginning Aug. 1.

He replaces **Debra Boyd**, who is acting vice president for academic affairs and oversees the university's five colleges (including the College of Arts and Sciences), the library, and the Graduate School.

Judge 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. "I am honored by the confidence that President DiGiorgio and Dr. Boyd have placed in me by asking me to take on this position," Judge said. "I am equally humbled by the prospect of leading the superb group of colleagues who are the College of Arts and Sciences faculty. I can promise my very best dedication to this work on behalf of them, our university, and our students."

Boyd said that the **College of Arts and Sciences** and **Winthrop** will benefit from Judge's effective leadership. "Peter is well-respected by all who know and work with him, and he will move the college forward on a number of initiatives," she added.

Part of the Winthrop faculty since 1999, **Judge** teaches all the biblical courses in the religious studies curriculum, as well as courses having to do with early Christian thought and literature, religion in America and various special topics courses. He has lived and studied in Europe for many years and has taught religious studies courses involving sacred space and expression that involved recent travel abroad to France and Israel. Judge also has been active in promoting undergraduate research.

His publications are mainly on the New Testament Gospels, and he is a regular book reviewer for the "Review of Biblical Literature." He is assistant editor of "The Journal of Eastern Christian Studies" (Nijmegen/Leuven) and a participant in the Documenta Q Project, an effort by an international team to collect, evaluate and publish 200 years of research on the interrelations of the Synoptic Gospels.

A regular presenter for programs at the Rock Hill Oratory Center for Spirituality, Judge is a board member for the Center and for the Haven Homeless Men's Shelter.

A native of western New York state, Judge received his Ph.D. and S.T.B./M.A. in theology/religious studies from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and a B.A. in philosophy/theology at St. John Vianney Seminary.

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