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Quick Facts

- Prus, a psychology professor who serves as the director of the school psychology program and the university's Assessment Office, will oversee a department of 13 full-time and five part-time professors.
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ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Joe Prus** will become the new chair of the **Department of Psychology** at Winthrop University in August.

Prus, a psychology professor who serves as the director of the school psychology program and the university's Assessment Office, will oversee a department of 13 full-time and five part-time professors.

"In his many roles at Winthrop and in national organizations, Prus has earned the respect and support of his colleagues," said **Debra Boyd**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "An excellent teacher, scholar, and administrator, Prus will lead the Psychology Department into a new era of achievement and build on the strong record of the department."

Boyd said the **Department of Psychology** has grown and flourished under the leadership of **Mel Goldstein**, who announced earlier this year that he planned to step down after 15 years as department chair. "Dr. Prus brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity," Boyd added.

Prus has taught at Winthrop since 1980 and was selected Winthrop's Distinguished professor in 1989.

He coauthored a grant to establish the **University's Office of Assessment** in 1988 and has directed that office since its inception. This has given him assessment and evaluation experience on a variety of local, state, and federal grants and projects. He also has published extensively in the fields of psychology, education and assessment.

"The **Department of Psychology** at Winthrop has an excellent record at both the undergraduate and graduate level of quality teaching, scholarship, and service, and I am honored to be a part of that tradition," **Prus** said. "I look forward to working with colleagues in my new capacity to help make Winthrop the place to go in the state and region to study psychology and obtain a high quality overall academic experience."

In addition, Prus has served as the chair of the **National Association of School Psychologists** accreditation board and a liaison to **National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)** for more than 10 years. He has chaired **NCATE's Specialty Area Studies Board**, and currently is chair of the **NCATE Executive Board**.

Prus earned all of his degrees at the University of Kentucky, culminating with a Ph.D. in School Psychology. His specialties are developmental disabilities, family consultation, and professional accreditation and licensing standards.

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