MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

As Boise State University gains prominence, so does our ability to attract top-notch educators and researchers with impressive credentials. We are pleased to introduce the new faculty who have joined Boise State University beginning in the 2007-08 academic year.

As you read their biographical sketches, we are sure you will agree that these newcomers are an impressive group who will play a vital role in Boise State University’s growth into a metropolitan research university of distinction. Along with the excellent faculty and staff who already work here, our newest cohort of faculty members will undoubtedly help the university move forward.

The effective teaching and innovative research of our faculty members are part of the foundation on which Boise State University is built. Our new professors will expand the university’s capacity to help our students gain the knowledge and skills they need for 21st century jobs and provide expertise in expanded academic offerings across the curriculum.

Recruiting and retaining talented faculty requires supporting them with competitive salaries, equipment, laboratory/studio/work space, state-of-the-art classrooms and other resources. This year Boise State University launched its first-ever comprehensive campaign, Destination Distinction: The Campaign for Boise State University (http://foundation.boisestate.edu/campaign). Many of the campaign’s goals are focused on supporting faculty in order for the university to continue the tradition of hiring excellent faculty that serve our students and community through their efforts.

BOB KUSTRA, President
SONA KARENTZ ANDREWS, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
KEITH ALLRED  
Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Special Education and Early Childhood Studies

Allred joins Boise State after serving nine years with the division of early childhood special education for the Nevada Department of Education. Allred was also an assistant professor in the Department of Education Psychology at Brigham Young University and an associate professor in the Department of Special Education at Eastern Illinois University. Earlier in his career he was a special education teacher and administrator at the elementary and secondary levels in Utah, Texas, and Nevada. He received his doctorate in human development with an emphasis in special education from Vanderbilt University, his master’s in educational psychology from the University of Texas at Dallas and Brigham Young University, and his bachelor’s in education from BYU.

LILJANA BABINKOSTOVA  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics

Babinkostova has been a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics at Boise State since 2003. She holds a doctorate in mathematics/informatics from the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Macedonia and earned her master’s and bachelor’s degrees in math from the same institution. She taught at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius for more than a dozen years before she came to BSU. She has taught calculus, mathematics of pattern recognition, topology, and cryptology. Babinkostova has made 16 presentations at professional conferences worldwide and has written more than a dozen research papers for mathematics journals.

MARIO CASA DE CALVO  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology

Casa de Calvo joins Boise State from Texas Tech University where he earned his doctorate in experimental/social psychology earlier this year. He received his master’s degree in experimental psychology from Texas Tech and his bachelor’s in psychology from the University of Michigan. At Texas Tech, Casa de Calvo worked as a lab coordinator, research assistant, and teaching assistant in the Department of Psychology. He also had two teaching assistantships at Southern Methodist University. While pursuing his doctorate at Texas Tech Casa de Calvo won a number of honors, including the Best Researcher in Experimental Psychology Award and the Best Advanced Course Instructor Award.

NICANOR DOMÍNGUEZ  
Assistant Professor in the Department of History

Domínguez holds a doctorate and a master’s degree in history from the University of Illinois and a bachelor’s in humanities from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. He has taught as a visiting scholar for the Department of History for the University of Notre Dame and for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois. He has also taught at Parkland College in Illinois, Prescott College in Arizona, and in Peru. His areas of interest include studies in Latin American history, culture, and civilization. Domínguez is a member of the American Historical Association, the Latin American Studies Association, and the Society for Latin American Studies.
AMY ELLIOT
Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian

Elliott joins Boise State from Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Tennessee where she worked as a circulation library assistant. Prior to that she worked in various capacities for the library at the University of Tennessee. She has also taught at the Ohio Institute of Photography and Technology and the University of Connecticut. Elliott received her master’s degree in information sciences from the University of Tennessee, her master’s in English and American literature from the University of Connecticut, and her bachelor’s in English and American literature with a minor in music business from Belmont University in Tennessee.

ERIC FORTE
Associate Professor and Head of Library Public Services

Forte joins Boise State from the University of California, Santa Barbara where he was the head of access services and an economics and international documents librarian. He has also worked as an adjunct lecturer for the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of Illinois and as a public services librarian for Western State College of Colorado. He received his master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois and his bachelor’s in economics from the University of Texas. Forte has written eight articles that have been published in library journals and has made four presentations at professional conferences.

KAREN GODARD
Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing

Godard brings 30 years of experience as a pediatric nurse practitioner in Texas to BSU. Most recently, she worked for Round Rock Health Clinic in general pediatrics. Godard has also worked for the Children’s Hospital of Austin, the Austin Regional Clinic, Pediatric Partners of Austin, the University of Texas School of Nursing, and the city of Austin Health and Human Services Department. She is a member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. She received her master’s degree in nursing from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and her bachelor’s in nursing from Texas Women’s University.

ELIZABETH HANNAH
Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Environmental Health

Hannah has been affiliated with Boise State’s College of Health Sciences since 2003, serving as an assistant research professor in the master of health sciences program and the Department of Community and Environmental Health. She received her doctorate from the University of Florida’s College of Veterinary Medicine and a master’s in program development and evaluation from Florida’s Department of Agricultural and Extension Education. She also holds a master of public health/epidemiology degree from the University of Kansas at Kansas City and a bachelor’s degree from Florida’s Department of Animal Science. Previously she worked as a medical epidemiologist with University of Utah School of Medicine.
MARK HANSEN  
*Professor and Chair in the Department of Music*

Hansen joins Boise State from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania where he was a professor of music and founding director of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music. He has also served as chair of the Department of Music at Western Illinois University, an associate professor of music and director of general education at Illinois Wesleyan University, and as an assistant professor of music at the University of Central Arkansas. An accomplished pianist, Hansen holds a doctorate from the University of North Texas, a master’s degree from Brigham Young University in music with an emphasis in piano performance, and a bachelor’s in music theory from the University of Utah.

ZEYNEP HANSEN  
*Associate Professor in the Department of Economics*

Hansen joins Boise State from Washington University in St. Louis where she was an assistant professor in organization and strategy for the Olin School of Business. She also worked as a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research and as a graduate research and teaching assistant at the University of Arizona. She earned both her doctorate and master’s in economics from Arizona and her bachelor’s degree in economics and mathematics from Boise State. A 1997 Top Ten Scholar at BSU, Hansen’s areas of interest include industrial organization, economic history, and applied microeconomics. She has written three journal articles and a book chapter. Hansen is also serving as faculty-in-residence with the College of Business and Economics Residential College.

AMY HARDIN  
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing*

Hardin has nearly 20 years of experience in the nursing field. Most recently she was a visiting assistant professor at Linfield College in Oregon where she was primarily responsible for the nursing program’s clinical course instruction. A registered nurse, Hardin has served as clinical instructor at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Meridian and Boise. She has also worked in various teaching and clinical capacities in Washington, Iowa, Utah, Wisconsin, and North Carolina. She received her master’s degree in nursing from Washington State University and her bachelor’s in nursing from Idaho State University.

JENS HARLANDER  
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics*

Harlander has been a faculty member with the Department of Mathematics at Western Kentucky University for the past four years. He has also taught at Portland State University, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, the University of Frankfurt in Germany, and the University of Glasgow in Scotland. The classes Harlander has taught include applied differential equations, geometric group theory, trigonometry, algebraic topology, linear algebra, and statistics for business majors. He earned his doctorate and master’s in mathematics from Oregon and his undergraduate degree in mathematics and physics from the Universität Tübingen in Germany.
JULIE HEATH
Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology

Heath returns to Boise State where she earned her master’s degree in raptor biology in 1996. Since 2003 she has been an assistant professor in the Department of Biology at Hofstra University where she taught human anatomy and physiology, ecology, ornithology, and other courses. She was also an adjunct professor at St. Leo University in Florida. Heath was a teaching assistant at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology and a field biologist for the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University. Heath received her doctorate in wildlife ecology and conservation from the University of Florida and a bachelor’s degree in zoology from the University of California, Davis.

JILL HUMBLE
Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing

Humble has worked at Boise State since 2005 as health-care education manager. Before that she worked in various administrative and clinical positions in the nursing and health-care fields in Illinois. Humble also was a faculty member at Rockford Memorial School of Nursing and Elgin Community College in Illinois. She received her master’s degree in adult/counselor education and a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Northern Illinois University. Her nursing interests include counseling, group process, system design, and safety. Her research interests focus on human error and system design related to health-care processes.

MICHAEL HUMPHREY
Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education and Early Childhood Studies

Humphrey joins Boise State from the University of Northern Colorado where he was a consultant and a graduate assistant with the College of Education. He earned his master’s degree in special education from Northern Colorado and is due to receive his doctorate in education from UNC in 2008. He received his bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Iowa. Humphrey also worked for the Mental Health Center of Denver and Fresh Start Inc. as a special education teacher and as an eighth-grade teacher in Aurora, Colo. From 1997-2000 he served in the Peace Corps in central Africa and Sri Lanka.

EVELYN JOHNSON
Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education and Early Childhood Studies

Johnson holds a doctorate in special education and assessment from the University of Washington, a master’s degree in special education from St. Martin’s College in Washington, and a bachelor’s in Soviet studies from Boston University. Before she joined Boise State Johnson was a research associate with the National Research Center for Learning Disabilities at the University of Kansas and a faculty member in the master’s and doctorate in education programs at Walden University. She has also worked as a teaching assistant and grant coordinator at UW, has taught reading and math in Germany and Austria, and has served as a special education teacher in Washington and Arizona.
BONNIE KENALEY
Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work

Kenaley joins Boise State from the University at Albany, State University of New York where she was the Ph.D. program coordinator and a research associate for the School of Social Welfare. Kenaley was also a clinical social worker in private practice and for Samaritan Counseling Center in Albany. A registered nurse, she worked more than 30 years in various nursing positions before entering the social work field. She received her doctorate in social welfare and her master’s in social work from the University at Albany, a bachelor’s degree in psychology from St. Joseph’s College of Maine, and a diploma of nursing from the Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in Boston.

MATTHEW KOHN
Associate Professor in the Department of Geosciences

Kohn has worked in the geology field for 24 years, mostly recently as an associate professor with the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of South Carolina. He has also worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the University of Wisconsin, Northern Illinois University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He holds a doctorate and master’s degree from RPI and a bachelor’s from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all in geology. His research interests include climatic and physiological analysis of organic phosphates. He has conducted fieldwork in North America, South America, and Asia. He served as co-editor of the book Phosphates: Geochemical, Geobiological and Materials Importance and has written 58 papers.

KIM LEEDER
Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian

Leeder joins the Albertsons Library with more than 10 years of experience in the library field. She earned two master’s degrees — in information resources and library science from the University of Arizona and in English from the University of Nevada — and a bachelor’s degree in English from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. While at Arizona, she was named outstanding student for 2006 by the faculty of the School of Information Resources and Library Science and served as special assistant to the libraries dean. Most recently she worked as a librarian at the N.L. Terteling Library at the Albertson College of Idaho and the Star branch of the Ada Community Library.

MURALI MEDIDI
Professor and Chair in the Department of Computer Science

Medidi will join Boise State this spring from Washington State University where he has been an associate professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science since 2002. Before his tenure at WSU, Medidi served as chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Northern Arizona University. He earned his doctorate in computer science from the University of Central Florida, his master’s in computer engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, and his bachelor’s degree in electronics and communications engineering from the Nehru Technological University in India. Since 1996 Medidi has received more than $1.2 million in research funding.
SIRISHA MEDIDI
Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science

Medidi will join Boise State this spring from Washington State University where she has been an assistant professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science since 2001. Before working at WSU, Medidi was a graduate researcher at Arizona State University, a software engineer for Unity Software, and an instructor in the Computer Science Department at the University of Central Florida. Her areas of interest include mobile computing, wireless networks, network security, and distributed algorithms. She earned her doctorate from Arizona State and her master’s degree from Central Florida, both in computer science. She has co-authored more than 30 articles that have been published in professional journals or conference proceedings.

KRISTEN MITCHELL
Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology

Mitchell will join Boise State this spring after working four years as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas Medical Branch where she studied mechanisms of liver regeneration. She also taught human anatomy and physiology for the Department of Biology at San Jacinto College in Houston. Her research interests lie in understanding how immune systems regulate homeostatic processes in the liver and how such immune mechanisms are influenced by toxicant exposure. Mitchell has co-authored nearly a dozen articles in professional publications. She earned her doctorate in pharmacology/toxicology from Washington State University and her bachelor’s degree in microbiology from Idaho State University.

LESLIE MOREAU
Assistant Professor in the Department of Music

Moreau has taught music at the college level at Arizona State University and Scottsdale Community College in Arizona. An accomplished clarinetist, she has performed with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Opera Orchestra, and Ballet Arizona. At Arizona State and Scottsdale CC, Moreau taught music theory, music history, woodwind methods, and rock music and culture, among other classes. She also taught high school music and worked as a private studio teacher. Moreau recently earned her doctorate in musical arts in clarinet performance from Arizona State. She earned her master’s in clarinet performance from ASU and her bachelor’s in the same discipline from Indiana University.

DONALD PLUMLEE
Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering

Plumlee recently earned his doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Idaho. He earned his master’s degree from Boise State and his bachelor’s from Texas A&M University, both in mechanical engineering. He previously worked as a manufacturing engineer for Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Texas, as a construction engineer for Lockheed Martin Utility Services in Kentucky, and as a co-op engineer at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama. While working as a graduate research assistant and research engineer, Plumlee managed the operation of the C-MEMS laboratory at Boise State, which included the research activities of eight undergraduate engineers and two graduate students.
JULI POOL  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education and Early Childhood Studies

Pool is scheduled to finish her doctorate in early intervention from the University of Oregon in December. She received her master’s in early intervention/early childhood special education from Oregon and her bachelor’s in applied learning and development from the University of Texas. She has served in various teaching and research capacities at Oregon since 2003. Most recently, she was a graduate teaching fellow with the early childhood/elementary special education licensure program at Oregon. Pool has made more than a dozen presentations and lectures at professional conferences. Before her tenure at Oregon, Poole was a special education teacher in Texas. She is a member of the International Reading Association.

ARTURO RODRIGUEZ  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Bilingual Education

Rodriguez holds a doctorate and master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from New Mexico State University and a bachelor’s in the University of Texas at El Paso. Before he joined Boise State, Rodriguez served as dean of students at Cristo Rey High School in New York City where his responsibilities included the development of curriculum guidelines for the school’s dual language program. He also taught courses in education and learning technologies and for the reading endorsement program at New Mexico State. His research and teaching interests include collective and collaborative curriculum and instruction design, intercultural and democratic education, language and literacy acquisition, and bilingualism and biliteracy.

SERGIO ROMERO  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology

Romero joins Boise State from the University of Montana where he was an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology. He also taught at the University of Oregon where he received his doctorate and master’s degree in sociology. He earned his bachelor’s in liberal studies from California State University, Los Angeles. His areas of interest include race, gender and class; political sociology; sociology of poverty; and sociology of labor. He is a contributing writer to the Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars and four other publications. He is a member of the American Sociological Society and Sociologists Without Borders.

JONATHAN SADLER  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Art

Sadler received his master of fine art degree from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Boston and Tufts University and a bachelor’s degree from Humboldt State University in California. He has taught photography and delivered lectures at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, Salem State University and Bedford Community College in Massachusetts, and Chester College of New England in New Hampshire. His work has been displayed in five solo exhibitions in Illinois and Indiana and more than a dozen group exhibitions in the Midwest and East Coast as well as Prague, Czech Republic.
ARTHUR SCARRITT  
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology*

Scarritt received his doctorate and master’s degree, both in sociology, from the University of Wisconsin and his bachelor’s in Latin American studies from The Evergreen State College. He previously taught in the Departments of Sociology at the University of Iowa, Temple University, and Utah State University. His areas of interest include globalization, inequality, gender, race and ethnicity, social movements, Latino studies, social change, and rural sociology. Scarritt has written nine articles for publication in professional journals and has made nine presentations at professional conferences. He is a member of the American Sociological Association, the Association of Black Sociologists, and the International Studies Association.

WILLIAM SCHWEINLE  
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology*

Schweinle joins Boise State from the University of South Dakota where he was director of academic assessment and evaluation and an assistant professor of psychology. Before his tenure at South Dakota, he was an assistant professor of educational statistics and research at the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Texas at Arlington, a master’s degree in behavioral sciences from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, and a bachelor’s in German and psychology from the University of Texas. Schweinle has co-authored chapters in two books. His research and teaching interests include quantitative psychology and social psychology.

SARA SEELY  
*Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian*

Seely will join Boise State in November from the University of Washington where she has been a graduate staff assistant at the Odegaard Undergraduate Library since 2005. Before her time in Seattle she worked in Budapest, Hungary, for the Open Society Archives, the Central European University Library, and as an English teacher. Seely recently received her master’s degree in library and information science from UW and earned her bachelor’s in philosophy of education and developmental psychology from The Evergreen State College in Washington. A member of the American Library Association, she recently co-wrote an article titled “Future Voices in Public Services” in the publication *Public Services Quarterly*.

INANC SENOCAK  
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering*

Senocak joins Boise State following two years as postdoctoral research associate at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico where he worked in the area of stochastic source inversion of atmospheric plumes. Before his stint in Los Alamos, Senocak worked two years as a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Turbulence Research, which is jointly operated by Stanford University and NASA. He received his doctorate and master’s degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Florida and his bachelor’s in mechanical engineering from Middle East Technical University in Turkey. His research interests include computational fluid dynamics, geophysical flows and turbulence modeling.
ROBERT SMART  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Foundational Studies

Smart served as the executive director of school improvement and assessment for the Richland School District in Washington state before he joined the BSU College of Education. He also was an adjunct faculty member with Gonzaga University and Washington State University’s Tri-Cities campus. Smart was also a middle school principal in Richland and assistant principal in Walla Walla, Wash. He received his doctorate in educational leadership from Gonzaga, his master’s in teaching with an emphasis in multicultural literacy from Washington State, and his bachelor’s in humanities from WSU. His teaching and research interests include education leadership and high school change and reform campaigns.

VENKATARAMANA SRIDHAR  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering

Sridhar holds a doctorate in biosystems engineering from Oklahoma State University, a master’s in irrigation engineering from the Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand, and a bachelor’s in agricultural engineering from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in India. He joins Boise State after working as a research assistant professor with the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska. He also worked as a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Washington and as a graduate research associate at Oklahoma State. His areas of research interest include land surface hydrology; lakes, wetlands and rivers and their eco-hydrological implications; water resource systems; and large-scale hydrological modeling.

RICHARD STODDART  
Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian

Stoddart joins Boise State on a full-time basis after serving as a visiting reference librarian for the past year. Before coming to BSU he was an assistant professor, reference librarian, and government information coordinator for the James Earl Carter Library at Georgia Southwestern State University. He also worked as a graduate assistant at the Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library at the University of Alabama. He earned master’s degrees in communication studies and library and information science from Alabama and a bachelor’s in sociology from the University of Montana. He is a member of the American Library Association and Association of College and Research Libraries.

MAX VELTMAN  
Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing

Veltman joins Boise State from the Nursing School at El Paso Community College in Texas where he was an assistant professor and the coordinator of all pediatric nursing classes. He has also worked in various capacities as a pediatric nurse practitioner, including for the pediatric oncology clinic at Providence Memorial in El Paso, the pediatric urgent care clinic in the Austin Regional Clinic, and the emergency room at Cook Children’s Hospital in Fort Worth. Veltman is certified by the American Nurses Association and the American Heart Association. He has a master’s degree in nursing and a bachelor’s in kinesiology, both from the University of Texas.
NEW FACULTY

STEVEN VILLACHICA
Associate Professor in the Department of Instructional and Performance Technology

Villachica received his doctorate in educational technology, his master’s degree in computer technology, and his bachelor’s degree in English, all from the University of Northern Colorado. Since 1998 he has been the owner of The Cognitive Performance Works of Greeley, Colo. He has taught graduate-level courses on the integration of technology in educational and job settings and undergraduate courses in English composition in the social sciences. He is a member of the International Society for Performance Improvement and the American Education Research Association. His research interests include workplace learning and job support for knowledge workers and cognitively based task analysis, instruction, assessment, and evaluation.

MISTY WALL
Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work

Wall recently received her doctorate in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington where she was an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work. She also earned a master’s of science and social work from UT Arlington and a bachelor’s of social work from the University of North Texas. As a social worker Wall has worked for VistaCare Hospice Inc., the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and as the lead social worker for the Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth. Her teaching interests include human behavior in the social environment and advanced treatment of families and children.

THAD WELCH
Professor and Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Welch held faculty positions in Maryland at the United States Naval Academy and Johns Hopkins University before he joined Boise State. He has also taught in the departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Wyoming and the United States Air Force Academy. He received his doctorate from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, his master’s from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and his bachelor’s from the Georgia Institute of Technology, all in electrical engineering. His teaching and research interests include real-time digital signal processing, wireless and cellular communications systems, and software-defined radios. He co-authored the book *Real-Time Digital Signal Processing*.

JEFF WESTOVER
Assistant Professor in the Department of English

Westover joins Boise State following four years in the Department of English at Howard University in Washington, D.C. where he taught American literature and specialized in 20th-century American poetry. He is the author of the book *The Colonial Moment: Discoveries and Settlements in Modern American Poetry* and several articles in professional journals. Before his stint at Howard University, Westover was a postdoctorate fellow at the University of Nevada and taught at Boston College, Northeastern University, and five other colleges. He received his doctorate in American literature from Boston College, his master’s in English from Northeastern, and his bachelor’s in English from Hiram College.
LEE WOODS
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education and Early Childhood Studies*

Woods is scheduled to complete his doctorate program in special education from the University of Oklahoma next spring. He earned a master’s degree in special education from the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs and a bachelor’s in economics from Northern Illinois University. Woods has 13 years of experience in the special education field, teaching K-12 special education in schools in Colorado and Montana, working as a graduate research assistant at the Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment at the University of Oklahoma, and, most recently, serving as project coordinator for the Innovative Research Project for Students with Disabilities. He has co-authored two book chapters and three articles in professional journals.

GRADY WRIGHT
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics*

Wright joins Boise State from the University of Utah where he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Mathematics. He holds his doctorate and master’s from the University of Colorado in applied mathematics and his bachelor’s degree in math from Westminster College in Utah. He also worked as a visiting scientist for the National Center for Atmospheric Research and as a software engineer for Ionics Instruments in Colorado. Wright has written 10 articles in professional publications; has made 15 presentations at professional conferences; and has received nearly a dozen scholarships, fellowship, grants, and awards.

ILHONG YUN
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice*

Yun joins Boise State from the Crime Victims’ Institute in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University where he was a research associate. He holds a doctorate from Sam Houston State and a master’s degree from Michigan State University, both in criminal justice, and a bachelor’s in law from Korea National Police University. Yun was a captain in the South Korea National Police Agency and was responsible for managing a regional SWAT team that consisted of 30 police officers. His areas of teaching interest include research methods and statistics, criminology, and family violence. His has authored or co-authored six articles in professional publications.

TIEQIAO ZHANG
*Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics*

Zhang joins Boise State from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., where he was a research associate in the areas of optics, laser spectroscopy, and imaging techniques and microscopy in chemistry and biology. Before he joined the NIH in 2004, Zhang worked in the field of ultrafast spectroscopy at the University of Texas from 2002-04. He has written more than 20 published articles on laser spectroscopy and imaging and has made 15 presentations at professional conferences. He received his doctorate in physics from Peking University in China and his master’s and bachelor’s degrees in physics from Jilin University in China.
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