Meet the newest members of the WCU community. Here are the names, photographs and brief biographies of more than 80 new faculty and staff members who recently joined the Western Carolina family or moved into a full-time position.
Manuel Concepcion, head volleyball coach, Athletics; B.A., Ashford University, Calif.; previously assistant coach, University of Evansville, Ind.

Mark Conlin, facilities director, Athletics; A.A., N.C. State University; previously director of facility operations, Trillium Resorts, Cashiers.

Jessica Cunningham, assistant professor, Educational Leadership and Foundations; Ph.D., University of Kentucky.

Ryan Fisher, assistant director of operations, Ramsey Center; B.A., Western Carolina University; previously assistant technical director, University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Kristen Flanagan, assistant professor, Political Science and Public Affairs; Ph.D. candidate, University of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Ann Fletchall, lecturer, Geosciences and Natural Resources; Ph.D., Arizona State University.

Ken Flynt, associate dean, College of Business; M.S., N.C. State University; previously chairman and CEO, 1st Medallion Mortgage Corp., Kernersville.

Tuval Fuguel, professor and department head, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., University of Illinois; previously professor and department head, Auburn Montgomery, Ala.

Jason Foster, technology support technician, IT Client Services; B.S., Western Carolina University.

Craig Fowler, chief information officer, Information Technology; MBA, University of Dallas, Texas; previously vice president of information technology, Corning Cable Systems, Hickory.

Geoff Goehle, assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., Dartmouth College.

Jennifer Green, physician assistant, Student Health Services; M.S., East Carolina University, Greenville.

Carrie Hachadurian, administrative support associate, Academic Success Centers; B.A., Western Carolina University; previously editor of The Guide and staff reporter, Mountaineer Publishing Company, Waynesville.

Nancy Helm-Estabrooks, Brewer-Smith Distinguished Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Sc.D., Boston University, Mass.; previously research professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dirk Herr-Hoyman, director of Web services, Information Technology; B.S., Western Michigan University; previously e-learning system architect, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Thomas Hodges, assistant professor, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; Ph.D., The University of Tennessee; previously instructor of mathematics and mathematics education, The University of Tennessee.

Annada Hypes, counselor and pre-doctoral intern, Counseling and Psychological Services; M.A., University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
Trevor Jones, curator, Mountain Heritage Center; M.A., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Miles Komoves, coordinator of alcohol and drug education, Student Community Ethics; M.Ed., James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Julia Kenish, program coordinator, Center for Service Learning; B.A., St. Anselm College, N.H.; previously AIDS Walk Boston volunteer coordinator, AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, Boston.

Alison Krauss, administrative support specialist, Kimmel School; B.S., Western Carolina University; previously assistant grants coordinator, Meridian Behavioral Health Services, Sylva.

Andrew Kurt, visiting assistant professor, History; Ph.D., University of Toronto, Ontario; previously visiting assistant professor, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jonathan Lawrie, assistant professor, Center for Entrepreneurship; Ph.D., University of Washington; previously manager of biobusiness center, NCCCS BioNetwork, Asheville.

Elisabeth Leonard, associate dean for library services, Hunter Library.

Russell Luna, media relations assistant, Athletics; B.S., Middle Tennessee State University; previously radio broadcaster and public relations coordinator, Aberdeen IronBirds, Aberdeen, Md.

Joel Marchesoni, technology support analyst, Hunter Library; AAS, Southwestern Community College; previously assistant Web developer, Project Challenge North Carolina, Inc., Sylva.

Meredith McCall, academic adviser for student-athletes, Advising Center; M.S., Texas A&M University-Kingsville; previously academic adviser for student-athletes, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.

Seth McCormick, assistant professor of art history, Art and Design; Ph.D., Columbia University, N.Y.; previously Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman postdoctoral fellow, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Conn.

Trek McMillian, assistant women’s basketball coach, Athletics; M.A., University of Minnesota; previously head coach, Guilford Technical Community College, Greensboro.

Karen Middleton, head women’s basketball coach, Athletics; M.A., University of South Carolina; previously assistant women’s basketball coach, University of Illinois, Champaign.

Heath Nettles, assistant director, Admissions; B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Tre O’Quinn, university budget director, Administration and Finance; MPA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; previously principal budget analyst for universities, N.C. Governor’s Budget Office, Raleigh.

Michele Peterson, assistant director, Greek Life; M.A., Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Joe Philpott, business officer, Office of the Provost; M.Acc., East Tennessee State University; previously senior audit associate, Dixon Hughes PLLC, Asheville.

Kathleen Pierce, assistant professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders; M.S., Western Carolina University; previously student, Florida State University, Tallahassee.
Amy Putnam, assistant professor of nursing, Nursing; MSN, Western Carolina University; previously instructor of nursing, Haywood Community College, Clyde.

Bobby Ray, public safety officer, University Police; Diploma, Franklin High School; previously state magistrate, Administrative Office of the Courts, Franklin.

Blake Rogers, assistant professor, Nursing; MSN, Duke University; previously nursing faculty, Region A Nursing Consortium, Haywood Community College, Clyde.

Dan Saurino, assistant professor, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; Ed.D., University of Georgia; previously assistant professor, University of West Georgia.

Perry Schoon, dean, College of Education and Allied Professions; Ph.D., Illinois State University; previously associate dean for assessment and technology, University of Texas at Arlington.

Jonelle Streed, assistant women’s basketball coach, Athletics; M.A., University of Arizona; previously assistant coach, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Yon Struble, assistant women’s soccer coach, Athletics; M.A., Georgia State University; previously assistant soccer coach, Georgia State University, Marietta, Ga.

Yuhui Quan, instructor of Chinese, Modern Foreign Languages; M.A, Nanjing University, China; previously associate professor, Guangxi Normal University, Guilin Guangxi, China.

Elizabeth Repede, assistant professor, Nursing; Ph.D, University of North Carolina-Greensboro; previously adjunct faculty, Queens University of Charlotte.

Jessica Rowland, administrative support associate, Development; B.A., University of South Carolina.

Penelope Saurino, assistant professor, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; Ed.D., Boise State University, Idaho; previously assistant professor, University of West Georgia.

Ellen Sigler, department head and associate professor, Educational Leadership and Foundations; Ed.D., Texas Tech; previously associate professor, Indiana University, Kokomo.

Rachaal Stimpson, director of student support services, Enrollment Management; Ph.D., Virginia Tech; previously student, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

Heather Laine Talley, assistant professor of sociology, Anthropology and Sociology; Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; previously senior lecturer, Vanderbilt University.

Deborah Racey, visiting instructor, Psychology; Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Justin Roberts, assistant football coach, Athletics; B.S., Missouri Southern State College; previously assistant football coach, Tennessee State University, Nashville.

Bruce Runyan, assistant professor of accounting, Accounting, Finance, Information Systems and Economics; Ph.D., Texas A&M University; previously assistant professor of accounting, University of Texas at Tyler.

Roya Scales, assistant professor of literacy, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Penelope Saurino, assistant professor, Elementary and Middle Grades Education; Ed.D., Boise State University, Idaho; previously assistant professor, University of West Georgia.

Racheal Stimpson, director of student support services, Enrollment Management; Ph.D., Virginia Tech; previously student, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.
E. Heather Thompson, assistant professor of counseling, Education and Allied Professions; Ph.D., University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Karyn Tomczak, visiting assistant professor, Stage and Screen; M.A., Skidmore College, N.Y.; previously choreographer, Queens College, New York.

Julia Upton, lecturer, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., The University of Alabama.

Jamie Vaske, assistant professor, Applied Criminology; Ph.D., University of Cincinnati.

Aaron Vassey, distance learning advisement coordinator, Criminology and Criminal Justice; M.S., East Carolina University; previously police sergeant, Spindale Police Department.

John Wagaman, assistant professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; Ph.D., Texas A&M.

Josh Wielebnicki, assistant volleyball coach, Athletics; previously student assistant, Illinois State University.

Edward Wright, associate professor, Global Management and Strategy; D.M., Case Western, Ohio; previously CEO, Keller-Wright, LLC, Raleigh.

Amy Worthy, case manager and counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services; M.S., Troy University, Ala.; previously counselor, Families Together, Inc., Asheville.

Amy Fahey, administrative support associate, Educational Outreach; B.A., University of North Carolina at Asheville.

William Garrett, building and environmental service technician, Facilities Management; Diploma, Sylva-Webster High School; previously lumber yard personnel, Southern Lumber, Sylva.

Yolany Gonell, assistant director of multicultural affairs, Student Affairs; MSW, State University of New York at Buffalo; previously area coordinator, State University of New York Geneseo College.

Matt Kirby, building and environmental service technician, Facilities Management.

Andrew McCormick, building and environmental service technician, Campus Recreation Center.

Courtney Quinn, resident director, Residential Living; M.S., Eastern Illinois University, Charleston; previously associate resident director, Eastern Illinois University.

Jonathan Sasser, facilities/operations coordinator, Campus Recreation and Wellness; M.S., Western Carolina University; previously aquatics/maintenance director, Huntersville Family Fitness and Aquatics, Charlotte.

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