

Fresh Faces at UNC

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STAFF WRITER

MICHELLE S. COFIELD is the new assistant dean of students and the harassment and assault prevention coordinator here at the University.

Cofield is a UNC-CH graduate. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism with a concentration in advertising and went on to complete her law degree here.

As dean of students, Cofield deals with the various situations that can arise in crisis intervention and management. As a coordinator, she organizes on-campus programs related to harassment and assault prevention dealing directly with student groups.

Prior to working at the University, Cofield was a civil litigation attorney at North State Legal Services in Hillsborough for four years.

NEEKA WALDEN WILLIAMS hopes to recruit more minority students to our University through her position as assistant director of admissions.

Walden Williams is another UNC-CH graduate. She said her close ties to the college inspired her to pursue a career here.

As assistant director, Walden Williams, will work close with the University Affairs department to increase the pool of acceptable minority applicants.

Walden Williams was a recruitment requisition processor at the Human Resource Department in Chapel Hill before becoming assistant director.

RUTH IYOB is a visiting lecturer at the University Center for International Studies and the African & Afro-American Studies Curriculum.

A native of Eritrea, Africa, Iyob, teaches Introduction to African Civilization and conducts a seminar on North Eastern Africa.

Iyob hopes to get to know people and get them interested about Africa. She welcomes students to visit her at her office in the Alumni Building.

Iyob received her bachelor's and two master's degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her doctorate in political science from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

MICHAEL WEST is a visiting history and Afro-American studies professor from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champagne.

West is teaching Introduction to African and Afro-American Studies this semester.

A native of Jamaica, West received his undergraduate degree from Lake Forest University in Illinois. He went on to earn his graduate degree at Harvard University.

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