

In the Department of Mathematics . . .

Shonhiwa appointed to math position

"My primary interest is teaching my students to understand the basic principles of math and to help them communicate those principles," stated Dr. Temba Shonhiwa. Shonhiwa graduated from the University of Zimbabwe in 1983 with a B.S. in pure and applied mathematics. In January of 1986, Shonhiwa graduated from Bristol University in England with an M.S.C. in applied mathematics.

In May of 1996, Shonhiwa received the Ph.D. in pure mathematics from West Virginia University. He believes that students have an advantage at a smaller school. "The faculty/student ratio is smaller. There is more of a one to one interaction," Shonhiwa explained. He served as a teaching assistant for 5 years at West Virginia University. After earning an M.S., Shonhiwa taught for 5 years at the University of Zimbabwe.

Shonhiwa has taught classes such as calculus, college algebra and trigonometry. He enjoys spending time with his wife, playing tennis and reading.



Dr. Temba Shonhiwa

In the Department of Religion and Philosophy . . .

Fillingim joins religion faculty as associate professor

Dr. David Fillingim will serve as associate professor in the department of religion and philosophy. His educational background includes a B.A. in philosophy and Christianity from Mercer University, an M.A. from the Southeastern Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Christian ethics from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His wife, Malinda, is serving as Chowan's interim campus minister.

Fillingim has served as an instructor at other institutions including Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky; Jefferson County Community College in LaGrange, Kentucky; and Bellemar College in Louisville, Kentucky. He was also a full-time pastor before beginning his doctoral studies. Fillingim enjoys researching country music, playing the guitar and the Dulcimer. Most of all, "I like to spend time with my wife and children," Fillingim stated.

Fillingim is enthusiastic about developing new courses in the department of religion. He believes that his greatest responsibility as an educator is to "help the students grow intellectually and spiritually."



Dr. David Fillingim

Dr. Thompson to fill part-time post in religion

"I was attracted to Chowan's strong tradition and the real sense of commitment the institution shows at carving out a niche as a rare institution," stated Dr. Philip Thompson, new part-time professor of religion and philosophy at Chowan.

Thompson attended Mars Hill College where earned a B.A. in religion with a minor in German and psychology. He attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary where he graduated with a master of divinity degree in 1990.

In 1996, Thompson received the Ph.D. in theological studies from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Emory College. He and his wife, Marcia, have a 3-year-old son, Nathanael. Thompson is pastor at Roberts Chapel Baptist Church in Pendleton, North Carolina.

Thompson believes that it is important for an educator "to realize that teaching is a profoundly ethical endeavor." "You have to be aware of the ambivalence of power and equality. History is often told by the winners; I think it is my job to make known the sides of the others also," Thompson explained.

Outside of teaching, Thompson enjoys writing articles for academic journals, running, playing with his son and listening to classical music.



Dr. Philip Thompson

In the Department of Psychology . . .

Cutchin to teach sociology courses

Paige Cutchin will serve as a part-time sociology teacher. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Cutchin received her B.S. and M.S. in sociology. She also attended Peace College where she earned an A.A. in liberal arts. Cutchin asserted that one of her main reasons for coming to Chowan is to give students the same personal attention that she received at Peace.

Cutchin hopes to "encourage students to be open-minded, respect diversity, and be well informed citizens."

Outside of teaching, Paige enjoys reading, camping and traveling. She is originally from Morehead City but currently resides with her husband, Gil, in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Cutchin is also a full-time employee at Halifax Community College.



Paige Cutchin

Virginia native one of three new psychology professors

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Dr. Teresa Justice is one of three new members of the psychology department. Justice is a 1995 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she received the Ph.D. in psychology. She also attended Wake Forest University where she earned an M.A. in psychology. Justice received the B.S. in psychology from Lynchburg College.

Justice worked as a full-time professor at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York, where she taught undergraduate and graduate psychology courses. She and her husband, Michael, were attracted to Murfreesboro's size, friendliness of the people, and the low cost of living. Justice believes that her greatest responsibility as an educator is to "increase students' general knowledge of psychology, encourage career exploration, and help students develop as independent and thoughtful people."

Justice is enthusiastic about building an excellent psychology department. Outside of her busy schedule, she enjoys water skiing, going to the movies and experiencing nature.



Dr. Teresa Justice

Dr. McKemy to teach psychology

Dr. Mary McKemy of Huntsville, Alabama, was attracted to Chowan's "commitment to teaching students without an emphasis on research." McKemy has held many graduate assistant jobs, such as teaching at Illinois State University, the University of Alabama, and the University of Memphis.

McKemy received the Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Memphis in 1996, the M.A. in educational psychology from the University of Alabama in 1991, and the B.S. in English from the University of Monevallo in 1989. She enjoys Murfreesboro's small-town atmosphere and Chowan's personal attention to students. McKemy believes that her greatest responsibility



Dr. Mary McKemy

as an educator is to "get the students to think for themselves, which is probably the biggest challenge also."

McKemy is excited about building a new psychology program and helping students learn to read and think critically. In her spare time, McKemy enjoys listening to classical music, going to the theater and playing with children.

In the Department of Science . . .

Dr. Emily Deaver new biologist

"Chowan is a very nice, safe environment," stated Dr. Emily Deaver, Chowan's newest biologist. "Chowan has a lot of positive aspects including an intimate atmosphere, which is really useful," Deaver added. Deaver is originally from Charlottesville, Virginia. She attended the College of William and Mary, where she received the B.S. in biology. In 1980, she graduated from Old Dominion University with an M.S. in biological oceanography. She earned the Ph.D. in biology from the University of Mississippi. Deaver directed bioassay at the Applied Marine Research Laboratory at Old Dominion University. She also conducted environmental monitoring and aquaculture fish farming.

Deaver is excited about building an environmental biology program. "This is a wonderful location for an environmental biologist," according to Deaver. Outside of her work, Deaver enjoys playing racquetball, reading murder mysteries, sailing and cross-stitching.



Dr. Emily Deaver

In the Department of Business . . .

Mike Tarn named assistant professor

Mike Tarn will serve as assistant professor in the department of business. A native of Taiwan, Tarn received the B.S. in navigation at the National Taiwan Ocean University and the M.S. in business information systems from Virginia Commonwealth University.

He is currently a doctoral candidate in information systems at Virginia Commonwealth University. Mike, his wife, Lee, and their two children, Charity, 5, and Christina, 3, reside in Murfreesboro. Tarn and his wife find Murfreesboro very pleasing. Tarn stated, "We wanted to find a good place for the kids. We like it here very much." Tarn finds that the small classes, the advising process, and the focus on students are three of Chowan's major assets.

Tarn believes that one of his biggest responsibilities as an educator is to "help students know what they need to develop their career—something we, as teachers, have all experienced." Tarn sees a lot of potential in the business department and is excited to see the college grow.

Outside of his work, Tarn enjoys playing basketball, tennis, ping pong, guitar and reading.



Mike Tarn