

New faculty in math and business departments

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Several new teachers have entered the math and business departments this year.

They are the freshmen of the faculty staff and are becoming familiar with Meredith's campus just like the class of 2005.

Professor Cammey Cole joins the math department directly out of graduate school at North Carolina State University (NCSSU).

She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and has a background in mathematics and computer science.

Since she had spent so many years in school in the Triangle, Cole thought it would be nice to stay in the area to work. Therefore, that is where Meredith College came into her career picture.

"It's really nice to be going to a place where the people seem like they enjoy working there," she said.

Currently, Cole is teaching several math courses, including *Calculus II* and *Exploring with Math*.

Many of her students know that her favorite way to teach is through real world applications.

"I like trying to excite people about the subject," she said.

Also coming directly from graduate school at NCSU is Professor Zulah Denaux, who joins the Meredith business faculty.

Denaux teaches economics courses such as *Aggregate Economic Analysis* and *Consumer Economics*.

Denaux is originally from Ankara, Turkey, but she came to the United States in 1994. Although this is the first time she has taught at the MBA level, she did teach some classes at NCSU this past spring and summer.

Although she has not been at Meredith for long, she has noticed a difference between Meredith students and the other students she taught previously.

"They [Meredith students] are more eager to learn," said Denaux.

Those students who take Denaux's classes know that her classes are difficult but beneficial in the end.

"I want to challenge the students," she said.

Another new addition to the business department is Dr. Carol Soroos.

Having lived in Raleigh for the past 31 years, Soroos has known of Meredith College for most of her life.

She received her undergraduate degree from Carlton College in Minnesota and went on to graduate school at Northwestern and Duke Universities.

Soroos taught at Campbell University for the past six years and decided to come to Meredith for its convenience and reputation.

"I'm very impressed with how highly motivated the students are," said Soroos.

In her classes, she likes to have an interactive environment where her students participate in many discussions.

"I try very hard to present students with the kinds of challenges in class and in the work outside of class that will prepare them for doing work outside in the real business world," she said.

Soroos has also taught overseas. She received several Fulbright grants where she was able to teach in Russia and Kazakstan, a part of the former Soviet Republic.

She is focused on international relationships and recommends that her students study abroad.

"I always have taught a lot about cross-cultural differences. Understanding those things and being able to adapt to them are very important and absolutely essential to succeeding in the business world outside of one's country and culture," she explained.

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