

Communications, women's studies program directors selected

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Alfred University's (AU) College of Liberal Arts & Sciences has two new program directors for the 2013-14 academic year: Cecilia Beach, professor of French, Women's Studies director; and Chad Harriss, associate professor of communication studies, Communication Studies director.

Beach has received several honors and awards including the National Endowment for the Humanities Fund Grant for Research Expenses in 1998, 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2005; the AU International Fellowship for Faculty Development in 2005; and the Abigail Allen Faculty Award in 2012.

She has presented several conference papers and written 13 publications including "The Literary Culture of Workers," "Women and Peasants in Novels by André Léo," "Staging Politics and Gender: French Women's Drama," and "Marie Lenéru and the Theater of Ideas." Her research interests include French women's theater and feminist novels of the 19th century.

Beach earned a bachelor of arts degree in linguistics from Pomona College, Claremont, CA; a master of arts degree in French from Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT; a D.E.A. (a post-secondary education degree higher than a master's, but lower than a doctorate) in French from the Université de Paris VII (Jussieu); and a Ph.D. in French from New York University.

Harriss has written for several publications and presented at conferences. He has taught an array of communications courses including communication studies, mass media, American life and media law, and social media. He has served on the General Education Taskforce at AU since 2010 and as faculty adviser for WALF 89.7 FM, the campus radio station, since 2006.

Harriss earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism and a master of science degree in mass communication from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a Ph.D. in mass communication from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.