

**MORNINGSIDE WELCOMES  
NEW FACULTY**

**James Lewis Connor**, Ph.D., M.D., joined Morningside College this fall as visiting associate professor of biology. He is chief executive officer (CEO) of his own professional corporation, Midwestern Professional Consultants, P.C., in Lincoln, Neb.

Previously, he has been an assistant professor of psychology and an associate professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a visiting assistant professor of biology at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

He has over 10 years of experience as a general practitioner and as an emergency room physician. He is licensed to practice medicine in Nebraska, Kansas, and Minnesota.

Connor received a master's degree in internal medicine from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, a doctorate in physiological psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota.

**Sharlene E. Georgesen**, M.S.N., was named assistant professor of nursing. She had been an adjunct faculty member at Morningside since January 2002 and a clinical instructor at the college since August 2000 and has more than 15 years of experience in the field of nursing. She holds a master's degree in nursing from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D.

**Andrew Langager**, M.S., is visiting assistant professor of mass communications. He had been a graduate teaching assistant at Iowa State University since August 2000. He was director, producer, and writer of the 2001 feature length movie "Persistence of Vision," for which he was awarded the 2002 Award of Achievement by the Iowa Motion Picture Association. He was camera operator for the 2000 feature-length movie "Escape Velocity" and was a production assistant for KBJR-TV News, Duluth, Minn. Langager holds bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism and mass communication from Iowa State.

**Patricia Mack**, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of education, was an assistant professor of education at Briar Cliff University from 2000 to 2001 and was a graduate assistant instructor at Penn State University in University Park, Pa., from 1998 to 2000. She also has 12 years of experience as an elementary school teacher. She holds a doctorate degree in language and literacy education from Penn

State and a master of arts in teaching degree from Morningside. She received a bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

**Joan Nielsen**, E.S., M.S. was named assistant professor of education. She had been an instructor of education at Morningside since 2001 and came to Morningside in 2001 from Battle Creek Ida Grove Community Schools in Battle Creek and Ida Grove, Iowa, where she was an elementary school principal. Nielsen received an education specialist degree and a master's degree in elementary administration from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Upper Iowa University.

**Timothy M. Watson**, M.M., visiting assistant professor of music and choral director, came to Morningside from the Le Mars, Iowa, Community School District, where he had been a vocal music instructor and served in an administrative position as music coordinator of the school district's music department since 1992. He was previously a member of the entertainment department at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and a vocal music instructor in the Eagle Grove and Oxford Junction consolidated school districts in Iowa.

Watson has directed numerous choral festivals throughout Iowa and is president-elect of the Iowa Choral Director's Association (ICDA). He holds a master of music degree in vocal performance from the University of South Dakota and a bachelor's degree in music education with an emphasis in vocal from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

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NEW STAFF**

**Joan Albenesius**, B.A., is the new electronic and technical services librarian for the Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library Center. She was previously a library cataloger and technical services supervisor at College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Neb. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in library and information science at the University of Missouri.

**Erin Barham** 2003, B.S., **Kari Bull** 2003, B.S., and **Brendyn Richards**, M.S., all began their duties in Institutional Advancement in July. Barham, who majored in elementary education and Bull, who majored in corporate communications, joined the development staff as regional development officers, while Richards is Morningside's new director of the annual fund. Barham and Bull will cultivate and solicit major

gifts from alumni, friends, and corporations located in their assigned geographic areas. As director of the annual fund, Richards will design and implement fundraising strategies to increase contributions for annual operation income.

Richards had been an investment representative and advisor at First National Bank SD/Investment One in Yankton, S.D., since November 2001. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota and a master's degree in political science and public administration from Hamilton University, Evanston, Wyo.

**Michelle Handsaker-Joloud** 2003, B.A., was hired as learning disability tutor and provides direct support and one-on-one tutoring for students with learning disabilities. She holds a bachelor's degree in English, with an emphasis in writing, and in religious studies. She is a past office manager at CyCom Enterprises, LLC in Ames, Iowa.

**Randall Hansen** 1972, B.S., began duties as athletic fundraiser this past summer. Hansen is director of the Morningside College bookstore, a position he has held since April 2001. Before coming to Morningside, Hansen was owner and operator of the Now & Forever store in Sioux City.

**Debra Jorgensen**, B.A., degree auditor in the registrar's office, came to Morningside from Nebraska Methodist Health System, Omaha, Neb., where she was a human resources assistant. She holds a bachelor's degree from Mount Marty.

**Diana Kaardal**, B.A., was hired as circulation manager for the Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library Center and began duties in June. She was previously a children's librarian and assistant librarian at the city library in Redwood Falls, Minn. Kaardal, a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., is pursuing a master's degree in English literature at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

**Dan Mabery**, M.M., began duties this past summer as director of residence life. He came to Morningside from the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., where he was director of student life since 2001. Prior to his time at Mary, Mabery was coordinator of residence life and student activities and a physical science instructor at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff. He has also served as director of educational programming and first-year experience, director of summer camps and conferences, and an instructor and

facilitator for physical sciences at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo.

He holds a master of management degree from the University of Mary and a bachelor's degree in science education with an emphasis in physics from Central Methodist College.

**Kimberly Nelson-Finch, A.S.**, is the new department secretary for the departments of history and political science, philosophy, and religious studies. She came to Morningside from Gateway, Inc., where she was a business analyst and technical support representative. She holds an associates' degree in marketing management from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

**Jeff Van Otterloo 1996, B.S.**, began duties as equipment manager in October. Most recently, he was responsible for golf course maintenance at Floyd Golf Course in Sioux City, Iowa.

#### FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES

**Bud Brockman**, longtime track and field coach at Morningside, was inducted into the Sioux City Relays Hall of Fame during the 2003 awards ceremony. Brockman had a 24-year affiliation with Morningside, where his 440-yard relay teams won four straight titles at the prestigious Drake Relays. He also served as head women's basketball coach and led Morningside to three Io-Kota Conference championships.

**William Deeds, Ph.D.**, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college, was installed as a board member of the Sioux City Noon Lions Club.

**Bruce Forbes, Ph.D.**, professor and department chair of religious studies, was the featured speaker at a meeting of the Dakotas United Methodist Historical Society during the 2003 Dakotas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held in June at Fargo, N.D. His lecture "How Did Christmas Get to be This Way" presented a candid look at the history of Christmas.

**Michelle Handsaker-Joloud 2003, B.A.**, learning disabilities tutor, received first place in the Biographical Story category of the Spring 2003 Pictures & Stories Literature & Art Open Competition sponsored by the Gutenberg Litographic Society. Her winning entry, "Cold War Dissolve," chronicled her relationship with her father, a member of the military, and her father's relationship with her daughters. In addition, her entries "Portals Into Otherness" and "Resurrection" each

received honorable mentions in the Biographical Story category.

**Karmen Ten-Napel, M.S.**, learning disabilities specialist, and **Robbie Rohlena, M.A.T.**, Morningside's dean of students and director of the Learning Disabilities Program, presented "Helping Students with LD/ADHD Make a Successful Transition to College" at the Thirty-second Annual Conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme of the conference was "The Magic of Learning."

**Marty Knepper 1972, Ph.D.**, professor and department chair of English, and **John Lawrence, Ph.D.**, professor emeritus of philosophy, are co-authors of an essay and filmography recently published in the Winter 2003 edition of *The Annals of Iowa*, a quarterly journal of Iowa history published by the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Their contribution, "Iowa Films, 1918-2002," includes an introductory essay on why Iowa has been a popular subject for filmmakers and studying the way Iowa and Iowans have been portrayed in film. The essay is followed by the filmography of some two hundred films with significant Iowa settings or characters.

Knepper has been a member of Morningside's faculty since 1984. Lawrence, who resides in Berkeley, Calif., was a member of the Morningside faculty from 1966 to 1998.

**Nancy Mounts, B.S.**, director of the Northwest Iowa Center for Teaching and Learning at Morningside College, was reelected to the Sioux City Community School Board for a second term and to the board of directors of the United Way of Siouxland for 2003-2004.

**Heather Reid, Ph.D.**, associate professor and chair of philosophy, presented papers in Greece and Turkey in August and in the United Kingdom (UK) in September. She traveled to Stagira, Greece, the birthplace of Aristotle, to present her paper "Philosophy as Piety" for the Fifteenth International Conference on Greek Philosophy. The conference, sponsored by the International Association for Greek Philosophy and other similar organizations, focused on "Conceptions of Philosophy: Ancient and Modern."

In Istanbul, Turkey, she presented her paper "Athletic Competition as Socratic Philosophy" for the Twenty-first World Congress of Philosophy, sponsored by the Philosophical Society of Turkey. The theme of the conference was "Philosophy

Facing World Problems" and emphasized the need of philosophical, including ethical, knowledge in dealing with global problems at the outset of the new century.

Reid presented her paper "The Hellenic Virtue of Sophrosyne in Ancient and Modern Olympic Sport" at the thirty-first annual meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. The conference was hosted by the Centre for Ethics, Equity, and Sport at the University of Gloucestershire's Park Campus in Cheltenham, UK.

The abstract of the "Sophrosyne" paper, part of her Olympics project, reads, "If there is one thing that can bridge the gap between Olympia 776 and Athens 2004, it is the *experience* of the athletes. The athletes' experience remains unchanged for two reasons: the enduring nature of human beings, and the enduring nature of sport. Athletic contests, ancient and modern, are meant to cultivate and celebrate *aretai*, excellences of human nature that do not change as human circumstances (or even particular sporting events) do."

**Peter Wood, D.M.**, assistant professor of music, recently joined more than fifty professional trumpet soloists across the country and abroad to premiere Robert J. Bradshaw's "Sonata for Trumpet and Strings." Bradshaw described the performance of the piece in each of the fifty states and several countries abroad during the month of November as "an unprecedented classical music event."

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

**Elvena Den Beste**, Sioux City, died July 14, 2003. Den Beste was a former employee at Morningside.

**William J. Giles III**, Sioux City, died May 27, 2003. Giles was a former wrestling coach at Morningside.

**Rabbi Albert A. Gordon**, Wilmington, N.C., died July 17, 2003. Gordon was a religious studies instructor at Morningside from 1957 to 1985 and was a founder of the Sioux City Human Rights Commission.

**Mildred Sund**, South Sioux City, Neb., died Aug. 25, 2003. Sund was a former cashier at Morningside.

**Dr. James Wood**, St. Cloud, Minn., died May 18, 2003. Wood was a former faculty member of the music department at Morningside.