new faculty 2015
Welcome to North Dakota State University, an institution recognized as a leading student-focused, land-grant, national research university. You will find a unity of purpose on this campus that few other organizations enjoy.

NDSU is a very special place. We are a Top 100 research university, offering an exceptional educational experience to a purposefully sized student body of degree-seeking students with appropriate academic credentials for success. There are few, if any, other land-grant universities that conduct research at our quality and quantity, but remain student focused.

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has named NDSU to the elite “Research University/Very High Research” category, which represents the 108 most successful private and public universities in the United States. NDSU is the first and only institution in North Dakota to receive the prestigious categorization. For fiscal year 2013, our annual research expenditures were more than $150 million.

Aside from basic research, our highly successful Research and Technology Park continues to expand in size and productivity as we apply our research to the creation of new technologies, businesses and jobs.

We have a national and international presence, and students come to us seeking a quality education at an affordable price. In fall 2015, NDSU had 14,516 students enrolled in its undergraduate, professional and graduate programs. Our international student enrollment stands at 1,005. We have 2,138 graduate students.

We are very excited for the STEM Classroom and Lab Building to open for classes in January 2016. The facility will have a profound impact on our students. We expect more than 4,000 students a day moving through the most contemporary and cutting-edge learning environments in the state.

The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service are integral parts of the university, and the university remains deeply committed to its land-grant traditions. NDSU participates in the Tri-College University consortium with neighboring Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College.

NDSU has a strong national reputation for excellence in education, research and service. It clearly has a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students and the vitality of our community, state, region and nation. Thank you for joining the NDSU community and making the university even stronger.

Sincerely,
President Dean L. Bresciani
I’m delighted to welcome the newest members of our academic community to North Dakota State University. The stellar academic qualifications of our faculty in research, teaching and outreach exemplifies the mission of NDSU as a student-focused, land-grant, research university.

In research, our faculty are addressing some of the most difficult questions we face in North Dakota, in the nation and in the world. From improving food security to helping people remain healthy, from exploring our humanity through new creative works to providing 21st century education through pedagogical innovation, the research and creative works of our faculty span a wide breadth of topics and areas.

In teaching, our faculty are committed to student success and to using research to inform the curriculum and teaching practice. The new STEM building, opening in January 2016, provides spaces for active-learning pedagogies; the flexibility of the space allows faculty to experiment with and incorporate new teaching methods into their courses. As part of the North Dakota University System, we work with our sister institutions to ensure we work efficiently and effectively to meet the educational needs of North Dakota.

We serve our citizens through outreach and public service. Faculty take our land-grant mission seriously, and collaborate with communities on projects that improve the lives of people in North Dakota and across the upper Midwest.

Last year, our faculty developed a strategic vision that will guide our academic actions over the next five years. We seek to expand our research enterprise, increase the proportion of graduate students in our programs and improve undergraduate student success through a focus on retention and graduation rates. This year, that vision will be further defined in discussions at the college and departmental level. I urge you to bring your perspective, voice and expertise to bear on those conversations.

Again, I welcome you to campus and look forward to an opportunity to meet each of you over the coming year.

Best regards,
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Director of Forensics
Department of Communication
Ph.D., NDSU, 2009
M.S., Northwestern University, 1990
B.S., South Dakota State University, 1989

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Director, First-Year Writing
Department of English
Ph.D., University of Louisville, 2011
M.F.A., George Mason University, 2005
B.A., Saint Louis University, 2001
Personal note: “I lived and worked in Beirut, Lebanon, for four years.”

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Ph.D., University of Central Florida, 2015
M.B.A., International Management Institute, India, 2005
B.S., Patna University, India, 2002
Personal note: “I like playing computer games.”

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M.S., NDSU, 2014
B.S., NDSU, 2013
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Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2012
M.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008
M.A., Yale Divinity School, 2006
B.A., University of Puget Sound, 2002
Personal note: “I spent the two years following graduation at the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis.”
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Assistant Professor
Department of Emergency Management
Ph.D., NDSU, 2013
M.A., Norwich University, 2008
B.S., United States Coast Guard Academy, 2002
Personal note: “As an Army brat, I moved around quite a bit growing up. I lived in Iowa, California, Colorado, Arizona and Germany (on three different occasions). I actually graduated from high school in Heidelberg, Germany. I served in the Coast Guard from 2002-07.”

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M.S., NDSU, 2015
B.S., St. Cloud State University, 2013
Personal note: “I used to be a tour guide at the North Dakota State Capitol.”

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Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2012
M.S., Chongqing University, China, 2005
B.S., Sichuan University of Science and Engineering, China, 2002
Personal note: “I have a passion for fishing and cooking. I expect to spend the day on a lake near Fargo, catch a big one and then come home to cook it for family and friends.”

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Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2014
M.S., Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, 2004
B.S., Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, 2001
Personal note: “My primary areas of research focus on corporate finance, investments and fixed income securities. My papers have been published in the academic journals. My research also won the American Finance Association Student Travel Grant award, UNC Charlotte Summer Research Grant award and Eastern Finance Association Outstanding Paper award.”

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Ph.D., University of Toronto, 2011
M.A., University of Toronto, 2005
B.A., Trinity College, University of Toronto, 2003

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Ph.D., University of Houston, 1996
M.S., University of Houston, 1992
B.S., Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain, 1986
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School of Nursing  
M.S.N., University of Mary Bismarck, 2009  
B.S.N., University of Mary Bismarck, 1999  
A.S., North Dakota State College of Science, 1997  
B.S., Minnesota State University Moorhead, 1996

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Department of Biological Sciences  
Ph.D., University of British Columbia, 2012  
M.S., (this had M.Sc.) Queen’s University, Ontario, 2005  
B.Sc.H., University of Winnipeg, 2002

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Lecturer  
Department of English  
M.A., Fort Hays State University, 1992  
B.A., Fort Hays State University, 1990

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School of Natural Resource Sciences  
Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 2014  
M.S., Iowa State University, 2010  
B.A., University of Northern Iowa, 2005

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Department of Public Health  
Ph.D., NDSU, 2014  
M.S., NDSU, 2000  
B.A., NDSU, 1997

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Department of Public Health  
Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 2009  
M.S., University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 2006  
B.A., University of Minnesota, Morris, 2004  
Personal note: “I enjoy watching the stock market.”
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Ph.D., Northwestern University, 2015
M.A., University of Delaware, 2009
B.A., St. Mary’s College of Maryland, 2006
Personal note: “I brew and bottle my own beer, and wrote my master’s thesis on the economics of beer brewing in Philadelphia during the 18th century.”

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Ph.D., NDSU, 2010
Master’s, University of Central Oklahoma, 2003
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin, 1993

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Department of English
M.A., NDSU, 2010
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A.A., Suffolk Community College, 2001
Personal note: “I work from my home office in Wilmington, North Carolina. I am a veteran, breast-cancer survivor, mom, wife and blogger.”

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School of Music
D.M.A., University of Oklahoma, 2015
M.M., Michigan State University, 2013
M.M., Michigan State University, 2012
B.M., University of Montana, 2009
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Personal note: “I attended a one-room schoolhouse through elementary school.”

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Assistant Professor
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Ph.D., Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany, 2000

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Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 2014
M.L.A., University of Seoul, 2008
B.A., Kyonggi University, 2006
Personal note: “I have been playing tennis regularly for more than four years, gradually improving my skills, except for my forehand.”
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Department of Physics  
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Diploma, Rostov State University, Russia, 1994

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Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2009  
M.S., Iowa State University, 2007  
M.S., China Agricultural University, Beijing, 2001  
B.S., China Agricultural University, Beijing, 1998

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Lecturer  
Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics  
Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington, 2014  
M.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, 1980  
B.A., University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, 1977  
Personal note: “I enjoy teaching students and helping them to succeed as engaged learners. My favorite reward in teaching is a note of appreciation from a student that I have helped in one of my classes.”

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Livestock Environmental Stewardship Specialist  
Department of Animal Sciences  
Ph.D., NDSU  
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School of Nursing – Sanford Bismarck  
M.S.N., University of Mary, 2004  
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Simulation Coordinator  
School of Nursing – Sanford Bismarck  
M.S.N., Western Governors University, 2015  
B.S.N., Medcenter One College of Nursing, 2011  
Personal note: “I enjoy spending time with my family and I look forward to my new position at NDSU.”
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Department of Pharmacy Practice
Pharm.D., Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science, 2014

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Department of Pharmacy Practice
Pharm.D., NDSU, 2003

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B.S., NDSU, 1999

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Department of Accounting and Information Systems
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School of Nursing
Ed.D., College of St. Mary, 2010
M.S.N., University of Nebraska Medical Center, 2001
B.S.N., Nebraska Methodist College, 1994
KOLBY SCHAFFER Fraase  
Lecturer  
School of Nursing  
M.S., NDSU, 2015  
B.S.N., NDSU, 2011  
Personal note: “I was crowned NDSU’s Homecoming queen in 2010.”

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School of Education  
Ph.D., University of North Dakota, 2013  
M.Ed., University of Utah, 1998  
B.Ed., College Universitaire de St. Boniface, 1992  
B.S., College Universitaire de St. Boniface, 1990  
Personal note: “I am originally from Canada, where I completed undergraduate degrees in biology and secondary education at a French university.”

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Department of Management and Marketing  
J.D., University of North Dakota School of Law, 1996  
B.A., University of North Dakota, 1993

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Assistant Professor  
Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture  
M.Arch., University of Minnesota Minneapolis, 1998  
B.Arch., University of Bombay, India, 1991  
Personal note: Please check out efargo.org. This is a research, outreach and education effort that I am leading in partnership with the City of Fargo and utilities (Xcel and CCEC) to reduce energy use citywide. Everyone can participate and help in this effort.

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D.N.P., University of Minnesota, 2015  
B.S.N., Minnesota State University Moorhead, 1985  
A.A.N., NDSU, 1983  
Personal note: “I earned a Health Care Design and Innovation Certificate from the University of Minnesota.”

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Department of Biological Sciences  
Ph.D., Queen’s University, 2006  
M.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2001  
B.S., University of Regina, 1996
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Ph.D., The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2015
M.Ed., Plymouth State University, 2012
M.A., University of Minnesota, 2006
B.A., College of St. Benedict, 2004
Personal note: “I enjoy hiking with my dog.”

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Assistant Professor of Practice
Department of Pharmacy Practice
Pharm.D., Drake University, 2001

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Assistant Professor
Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Ph.D., University of Florida, 2014
M.S., University of Florida, 2012
Dipl.Eng., Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 2009
Personal note: “I learned to speak five languages growing up – Greek, English, French, Italian and Spanish.”

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Assistant Professor
Department of Communication
Ph.D., Penn State University, 2013
Master’s, Syracuse University, 2006
Bachelor’s, University of Albany, SUNY, 2001
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Ph.D., University of Saskatchewan, 2011
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Ph.D., University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 2012
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Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, 2010  
B.S., University of Science and Technology of China, 2004

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Department of Accounting, Finance and Information Systems  
Ph.D., Duke University, 2015  
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Personal note: "I have dual U.S. and Australian citizenship."

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Ph.D., Iowa State University, 2013  
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This file is designed to introduce NDSU’s new faculty to the institution and community, and has been produced by the Office of the Provost.