

IN EDUCATION

NEW PROFESSORSHIP: Margaret Downes, a UNCA literature professor, has been named to UNCA's new NEH Distinguished Teaching Professorship in the Humanities and chair of the Humanities Program. Since joining the university in 1981, Downes has served four years as chair of the Literature Department, for three years as chair of the Humanities Program, and for a year as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. She holds a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary humanities from Florida State



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University. Her new position, which is a three-year appointment, will focus on improving teaching and student learning in the humanities.

ATTEND NCCAT: The following educators recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching: **Gina B. Parham**, a first-grade teacher at West Buncombe Elementary

School; **Jane M. Davis**, a fifth-grade teacher at West Buncombe Elementary School; **Steven C. Pierce**, a sixth-grade social studies, reading and math teacher at Pleasant Gardens Elementary School in McDowell County; **Ruth D. Deal**, a first-grade teacher at Rosman Elementary School; and **Essie W. Thompson**, a science, biology and special education teacher at Reynolds High School.

JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP: Phyllis B. Cooper, a teacher at Reynolds High School, won a summer fellowship to study journalism at UNC-Chapel Hill for additional training in educating students and advising school publications.

NAMED TO NEW POST: Rosemary DePaolo, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, has been named president of Georgia College & State University. DePaolo, 49, will become the first woman president of the institution which at one point in its history (1922-1967) served women only, when it was the Georgia State College for Women. She joins the university on Friday.

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Congrats

Dr. Margaret J. Downes of Asheville, N.C., has been appointed the first holder of an endowed chair, the National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Professor of Teaching in the Humanities, and has been appointed director of the humanities program at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

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Professor honored

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She is a Syracuse native and a 1970 graduate of Le Moyne College.

She is the daughter of John Downes of Onondaga Hill

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