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Daren Heebop

Andrews University welcomes new biology professors. From left: Daniel Gonzalez-Sokoloski, Kanya Long and Benjamin Navia.

Andrews welcomes new Biology faculty

Last year, the Department of Biology said goodbye to four valuable assets: Four professors retired at the

end of the year. Although they welcomed three new faculty members into their department last fall, they found themselves still in need of additional teaching support, so this fall three additional faculty joined the ranks.

Daniel Gonzalez-Sokoloski came to Andrews after finishing his Ph.D. at Duke University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Andrews and a master's degree in biology from Loma Linda University.

Kanya Long obtained bachelor's degrees in both English and biology from Atlantic Union College, and then earned her Master of Health Science in international health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Md. In 2011, she completed her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Benjamin Navia taught at Kettering College of Medical Arts for seven years prior to joining the Andrews faculty this year. He holds a bachelor's degree in general science from Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, a Master of Science from Andrews, and a Ph.D. in biology from Loma Linda University.

"The opportunity to work closely with a diversity of students in just the right atmosphere — Andrews University — makes this job unique and exciting," says Navia. "I hope to get students excited about research. As they experience it, they learn about how it is done and why it is important. And, in the process," he says with a smile, "they'll learn more than they ever thought they wanted to know about cricket neurobiology."

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Ferreira named chair of Physical Therapy

Kimberly Ferreira is the new chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. Ferreira holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Andrews University, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Nova Southeastern University. Her doctoral research is focused on clinical education.

Ferreira joined the faculty at the Department of Physical Therapy in 2006. Prior to her recent appointment as chair, she served as the program assistant director and director of clinical education.

"I never dreamed I would return to become a faculty member," says Ferreira. "During my seven years as director of clinical education, there was consistent feedback that our students are different from others in that they are truly living out our mission to unite Christian values and healthcare

education. Our exceptional faculty and staff's commitment to our mission is what makes this program top-notch."

Ferreira has presented nationally on cultural diversity in a physical



Penny Sisson

Kimberly Ferreira began this summer in her new role as chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Andrews University.

therapy program, clinical education and women's health. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association in both the education and women's health sections. She also is involved in the state and local clinical education consortia.

"I have been blessed and my faith has grown by seeing God's divine guidance over His program," she says. "With our hard work and willingness to allow Him to lead, I am certain our program will continue with excellence. Our graduates are going out into the world and making a lasting, positive impact in the lives they touch, and that is why our program exists — for His glory."

Ferreira and her husband, Kevin, have two children, Seth and Madalyn.

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