

Welcome to our New Faculty Members Fall, 2010



*Front Row: Dr. Almir Smajic, Dr. Jon-Kyle Davis
Back Row: Ms. Kelli Davis, Dr. Rachel Mathisen, Dr. Jennifer Alexiou-Ray*

<p>Dr. Jennifer Alexiou-Ray</p>	<p>Dr. Alexiou-Ray comes to us most recently from the University of West Alabama where she taught in their distance learning program. She has also served as an Instructional Technology Specialist for the Vestavia Hills school system. Since 2002, she has worked with students in both elementary and high schools. Dr. Alexious-Ray earned her Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership/Technology from the University of Alabama in August, 2006. She will be teaching in the secondary program.</p>
<p>Dr. Jon-Kyle Davis</p>	<p>Since 2009, Dr. Davis has been an Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University - Commerce where he taught Exercise Science courses. He has also been an assistant coach for track/field and cross-country. Dr. Davis earned his Ph.D. in Human Performance Studies from the University of Alabama in August, 2009. He will be our Exercise Physiology professor in Kinesiology.</p>
<p>Dr. Rachel Mathisen</p>	<p>Dr. Mathisen comes to us with extensive background and experience in the field of pediatric nutrition. She earned her doctorate in nutrition from the Tulane University of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Mathisen has been an adjunct instructor in Dietetics at UM and will now be the newest faculty member in our Dietetics program housed in Family and Consumer Sciences.</p>
<p>Dr. Almir Smajic</p>	<p>Dr. Smajic joins us from Texas Tech University where he has been the Graduate/Research Assistant in the College of Education for Science and Math Education since 2006. He has taught at various elementary, junior high, and high schools both in the states as well as abroad. Dr. Smajic earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas Tech University in math education. He will service the elementary program.</p>
<p>Dr. Sally Smith</p>	<p>Even though she is not new to Montevallo, Dr. Smith is new to the College of Education! She has taught courses in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program in the Department of Communication Science and Disorders since 1975. Beginning in the fall 2010 semester, DHH will reside in the College of Education. Dr. Smith will be part of our growing special education faculty and programs.</p>