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Garrett King Named Trustee of America's Public Television Stations

Garrett T. King, assistant to the president and director of institutional advancement at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, has been elected to the Board of Directors of America's Public Television Stations (APTS).

King is one of six newly elected trustees and will begin his term on February 25.

King has served or is serving on the governing boards of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) and the OETA Foundation, Inc., Friends of the Weatherford Public Library, Weatherford Community Habitat for Humanity, Weatherford Food & Resources Center, and HOBY Oklahoma.

Before coming to SWOSU, King served on the personal staff of U.S. Representative Frank D. Lucas where his work focused on issues related to education, agriculture, Indian affairs, energy, transportation and the environment.

King was raised on a peanut farm in the Oakdale Community near Eakly in northern Caddo County where his family has lived and worked since 1890. He is a 2004 graduate of Binger-Oney Public Schools and a 2008 alumnus of SWOSU where he studied history and political science. He holds an M. Ed. in social sciences and is currently a Ph. D. candidate in history at the University of Swansea in Wales.

“It is an honor to serve and represent Oklahoma on the America’s Public Television Stations (APTS) governing board,” King said. “I am looking forward to working with my fellow APTS trustees to provide all Americans access to non-commercial public programming that educates, enlightens and empowers.”

King said the adherence to these qualities for over five decades has made OETA the most-watched public television station in America. Public television is uniquely positioned to provide its viewers quality programming in history, culture and civic affairs.

“I will do my best to promote and advocate for the best interests of our public television system on the national level,” King said.

King’s role at SWOSU is the institution’s chief advancement officer with the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. He leads a team that works every day to develop private investment in the university’s mission and to engage SWOSU’s alumni, emeriti and friends.

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