

# **Joel Kendall Appointed Chair of SWOSU Department of Art, Communication & Theatre**

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Dr. Joel Kendall has been appointed chair of the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre in the College of Arts & Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Kendall has been employed at SWOSU since 1998. He is a professor of mass communication and teaches courses in journalism, public relations and communications.

He grew up in Mooreland and has a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree from Indiana University, and a doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. He came to SWOSU after working in public relations in Indiana and as editor of a daily newspaper in Oklahoma.

Kendall advises the student newspaper and yearbook and serves as the publications manager for the Westview literary journal and the Journal of Undergraduate Research.

He has served on several SWOSU strategic planning committees and chaired the University Promotion and Tenure Review Committee. He is a member of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and the Southwestern Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He also serves as an external evaluator for several federal grants, including grants through the National Science Foundation.

Kendall serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Weatherford. He is the president of the high school basketball boosters club, treasurer of the high school track boosters club and a member of Prairie West Golf Club in Weatherford.

He and his wife, Allison, have two sons: Lane and Ethan.