

Haught Retiring from SWOSU-Sayre After 28 Years

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After 28 years in the classroom, Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre Language and Literature Instructor Judy Haught is retiring at the end of the current 2016 fall semester.

Haught began teaching part time for SWOSU-Sayre in 1988. She was pregnant with her youngest child, Keenan. "He was born during finals," Haught said.

After three years, she joined the full-time faculty. Haught knew that she wanted to teach at the college level while a college student herself.

"I wanted a career that combined my love for language and literature with the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives," she said.

Haught still loves to teach and will miss doing that every day.

"I love college students, and I have enjoyed being a small part of their lives and development," she said.

She thinks fondly of her former students, and she especially relishes their successes.

All three of Haught's children are SWOSU graduates. Lauren lives in Elk City and is a high school counselor. Shannon, an Army doctor, lives in San Antonio. Keenan is an attorney and lives in Hinton.

"Judy is a wonderful teacher and a wonderful person, and we will miss her greatly," said SWOSU-Sayre Dean Sherron Manning. "We wish her the best as she begins this next chapter of her life."

A published author, Haught plans to spend more time writing in addition to travelling, volunteering and spending more time with her family.