Participating in the recent new faculty orientation at ABAC were front row (l to r): Richard Berry, Laura Hanna, Allison Miller, Melissa Slawsky; second row (l to r): Sarah Beach, Brian Hanson, Brandi Arrington; third row (l to r): Stuart Alan Moss, Kennon Deal, Cindia Dubravic; back row (l to r): Jay Baldwin, Jess Usher.

New Faculty at ABAC for 2015 Fall Term

TIFTON—Just as the new academic year opening on Wednesday brings new faces in the student body at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, it also signals a time for new faces for classroom instruction.
Dr. Gail Dillard, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced 15 new faculty appointments at Thursday’s fall conference. She said the new faces in Liberal Arts include Brandi Arrington, Dr. Jay E. Baldwin, Dr. Brian Hanson, Dr. Melissa Slawsky, and Dr. Jess A. Usher.

Arrington, a lecturer in English, received her M.F.A. in fiction from The New School and her B.A. in English from Valdosta State. Baldwin, an assistant professor of communication, has a Ph.D. in culture studies from the University of Arkansas, an M.A. in communication and leadership from Gonzaga, and a B.A. in English-Communication from Fort Lewis College.

Hanson, an assistant professor of political science, has a Ph.D. and M.A. in political science from the University of Kansas and a B.S. in Political Science/Spanish, English, and International Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Slawsky is an assistant professor of piano and theory who received her Ph.D. in music education and her M.M. in performance piano pedagogy from the University of South Florida. She received a B.M. in music performance from Florida Southern.

Usher, an assistant professor of history, received a Ph.D. and M.A. in history from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and a B.A. in history from Winston-Salem State University.

New faculty in the School of Science and Mathematics include Dr. Kennon S. Deal and Allison Miller. Deal is an assistant professor of chemistry who received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Auburn and his B.S. in chemistry from Georgia Southern. Miller, instructor in biology, received an M.S. in animal and dairy science from the University of Georgia (UGA) and a B.S. in animal science from Berry College.
New additions to the School of Human Sciences include Dr. Marcus E. Johnson, an assistant professor of education; Dr. Sarah S. Beach, an assistant professor of sociology; and Dale White, lecturer in physical education and the coach for men’s and women’s tennis.

Johnson received his Ph.D. in educational theory and practice from UGA, his M.A. in philosophy from Georgia State, and his B.S. in psychology from UGA. Beach received her Ph.D. in sociology from Kansas State, her M.A. in sociology from Colorado State, and her B.S. in environmental sciences from Northern Arizona. White received his M.A. in kinesiology from Georgia Southern and his B.A. in psychology from Armstrong Atlantic. He is not new to the tennis coach’s spot but he is in the lecturer’s position for the first time.

In the Stafford School of Business, new faces include Dr. Richard H. Berry, associate professor of management; and Dr. Casey Brasher, assistant professor of economics. Berry received his Ph.D. in business from UGA, his M.S. in accounting from James Madison, and his M.B.A. in business from the University of New Orleans. Brasher received a Ph.D. in economics, an M.S. in economics, and a B.S. in business and economics, all from the University of Kentucky.

New faculty in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources include Dr. Erin R. Daly Porter, an assistant professor of agriculture; and Dr. Stuart A. Moss, assistant professor of forest resources.

Porter received Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in biosystems engineering from Oklahoma State and a B.S. in biosystems engineering from Clemson. Moss received a Ph.D. in forest resource science from West Virginia, an M.B.A. in business from Georgia College and State University,
an M.S. in forestry and forest products from Virginia Tech, and a B.S. in forestry from the University of Kentucky.

Dubravicic is the new Health Center Coordinator who is also an instructor of nursing in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. She received an M.S.N. in nursing FNP-BC from Albany State and a B.S. in nursing from Georgia Southwestern.

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