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Sudol brings 24 years at OU to new role

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Ron Sudol, professor for the **Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism**, says he thrives on making connections across disciplines and between teaching and the public, corporate, and social worlds that surround Oakland University.

He's pursuing these interests in his new position as associate provost, assisting Virinder Moudgil, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and provost. In that position, which he started Sept. 10, he is helping Moudgil design and carry out his vision for new programs, general education and assessment.

"I will follow Vice President Moudgil in his belief that academic administrators should keep in touch with students in classrooms and labs," he said.

Sudol brings to his new job a 24-year record of adaptability at Oakland. In his roles as assistant, associate and full professor, he has taught courses including composition, American studies, American literature, American poetry, rhetoric and public address, presidential rhetoric, professional writing, media criticism and environmental writing. He continues to teach while serving as associate provost.

As an administrator, he's held many roles, including director of OU's writing program, assessment resource coordinator for the Michigan Department of Education and grievance officer for Oakland University's Faculty Association.

"Professor Sudol brings to his new position a wealth of Oakland University experience that is consistent with student involvement and pursuit of excellence," Moudgil said. "He is well aware of issues important to faculty and is committed to the concept of partnership between faculty, staff and administration to advance this university and provide quality education for our students."

Sudol continues as director of the **Meadow Brook Writing Project**, a federally funded partnership with local school districts. He also will continue to run the project's **Invitational Summer Writing Institute for Teachers**, at which instructors share techniques, pursue research projects, and do extensive formal and informal writing.

Sudol also serves as a consultant on assessment and literacy for the **Testing Service** and **The College Board**.

Sudol earned his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in English from St. Michael's College, Brown University and State University of New York at Stony Brook, respectively.

His new office is at 205 Wilson Hall; his new phone number is (248) 370-2199.

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