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NEW FACULTY HIRED AT COLLEGE

PEMBROKE - Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley has two new faces among its teaching faculty this semester. Marguerite Donohue, Dean of Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley, is pleased to announce the appointments of Kelly Kidd and Barbara Clarke to the Health and Community Studies Department.

Kidd holds a B.Sc.N. from the University of Ottawa and is currently completing her M. Sc.N. She has been a Registered Nurse for more than 23 years, most recently as the Senior Nursing Officer for the Deep River and District Hospital. Her duties included discharge planning, infection control and occupational health as well as the day-to-day management of the Nursing Department. During her tenure, she was instrumental in the development of the new 10-bed Four Season's Lodge long-term care unit.

Kidd has been affiliated with Algonquin College on a part-time basis since 1994, where she has taught in both the Diploma Nursing and Practical Nursing programs, as well as being a clinical instructor. She was also a semester six preceptor for nine years while a staff RN at the Deep River Hospital. In her new full-time position, she will be teaching primarily in the Practical Nursing program, but will also teach Interpersonal Skills as a general elective.

Another new faculty member is heading up the General Arts and Science Program which required a replacement upon the retirement last summer of long-time program co-ordinator Elaine Bazinet Smith.

The new co-ordinator, Barbara Clarke, brings a varied background to this one-year certificate program. She will be able to call upon diverse personal experience when she teaches political science, public administration, and behavioural science subjects.

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Before becoming a teacher in the early 1990's, Clarke served in the military as a musician and an administrator. She has been an active community and public educator for health care, women's issues and has worked on political staffs with both federal and provincial members of parliament.

Her interests led her to pursue formal teaching in adult literacy programs for several school boards, adult education in Nunavut, and social sciences at Algonquin. She has also been an advocate in the field of mental health.

Clarke earned her B.A. in Psychology from Carleton University and is currently working on her Master's degree at Carleton's School of Canadian Studies, focusing on social and cultural issues.

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