

## New faculty and staff

2005-2006

### Aviation



**Angie Olson**, assistant professor, received her M.S. in 2005 from St. Cloud State University. She earned her B.S. in 1990 from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Her specialties include cosmic radiation and gender issues in the cockpit. Olson has FAA certificates that include ATP, B-737 Type Rating, SEL, MEL, CFI, CFII, and MEI.

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### Biological Sciences



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**William M. Cook**, assistant professor, received his Ph.D. in 2003 from University of Kansas. He earned his A.B. in 1995 from Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass. Cook's research interests include prairie ecology, habitat fragmentation, interactions between humans and wildlife, patterns of biodiversity, and community ecology of insects, plants,

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### Nursing Science



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### Computer Networking



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### Earth and Atmospheric Sciences



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## Biological Sciences

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## Chemistry



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## Physics, Astronomy and Engineering Science



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## Computer Networking

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Kirmani's specialties include computer networks (security, dependability, performability, and performance evaluation), fault management, network management, modeling and cluster computing.

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## Applied Research and Development Center



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## Tenure and Promotions

### 2005 — Granted Tenure

Baliga, Bantwal, MME  
 Glazos, Michael, ECE  
 Hou, Ling, ECE  
 Johnson Warner, Susan, NURS  
 Julius, Matthew, BIOL  
 Kasi, Balsy, ETS  
 Mahroof-Tahir, Mohammad, CHEM  
 Olagunju, Amos, STAT/CNA  
 Onyiah, Leonard, STAT/CNA  
 Pekarek, Alfred, EAS  
 Schoenfuss, Heiko, BIOL  
 Sreerama, Lakshmaiah, CHEM  
 Wilcox, Joan, NURS

### Promoted

Baliga, Bantwal, MME, Professor  
 Haglin, Kevin, PAES, Professor  
 Hou, Ling ECE, Associate Professor  
 Huang, Danrun, MATH, Professor  
 Julius, Matthew, BIOL, Associate Professor  
 Kasi, Balsy, ETS, Associate Professor  
 Miller, Kenneth, MME, Associate Professor  
 Minger, Mark, BIOL, Associate Professor  
 Schoenfuss, Heiko, BIOL, Associate Professor  
 Womack, Maria, PAES, Professor

### 2006 — Granted Tenure

Agre, Keith, MATH  
 Anda, Andrew, CSI  
 Bresser, Patricia, MATH

Buske, Dale, MATH  
 Dvorak, Michael, CHEM  
 Haller, Susan, MATH  
 Hoening, Mary, MATH  
 Kvaal, Christopher, BIOL  
 Mechelke, Mark, CHEM  
 Miller, Kenneth, MME  
 Minger, Mark, BIOL  
 Onyiah, Leonard, STAT/CAN  
 Restani, Marco, BIOL  
 Vogt, Timothy, ECE  
 Yao, Aiping, ECE

### Promoted

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