

SCSU diversity centers name directors

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Four St. Cloud State University centers involved with diversity issues have new directors this fall.

Jim Knutson-Koldzne, who leads the American Indian Center, and Steven Cirrone, director of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Services, are new to the university.

Susan Motin, director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, and Stephen Casanova with the new Multicultural Resource Center, have additional duties at the university.

Here's a look at who they are.

Jim Knutson-Koldzne

Knutson-Koldzne most recently finished an 18-month internship as interim assistant to the provost at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire,

where he taught psychology for eight years.

Knutson-Koldzne has been involved in American Indian education in Minnesota and Wisconsin for 12 years and has developed relationships with tribal and educational leaders.

"I want to keep the mission of the American Indian Center going, and that mission is to serve the students," said Knutson-Koldzne, who is in his fifth week on campus. He wants to advise American Indian students, help them reach their goals, improve retention rates among American Indian students and provide cultural activities.

In his spare time, Knutson-Koldzne likes to paint and sculpt.



Jim Knutson-Koldzne

At American Indian Center

Steven Cirrone

Cirrone moved to St. Cloud State from Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, Va., where he taught for five years. Before that, he was editor of QSF Magazine in San Francisco.

"This is the first time I'm landlocked," he said with a laugh. "My biggest concern was being away from the ocean and whether or not I would survive the winters."

His new job comes with challenges and opportunities, Cirrone said.

"I don't have any specific political mission or agenda that extends beyond bringing a sense of awareness and tolerance and hopefully acceptance of, and even the embracing of, other cultures and com-



Steven Cirrone

Leads GLBT Services

munities, including GLBT individuals," he said.

When he's not working, Cirrone plays the piano and writes plays and stories.

Susan Motin

Motin is a faculty member in the James W. Miller Learning Resources Center and will continue to have that job for half of her time. The other half will be spent at the Holocaust center.



Susan Motin

At Holocaust center

She's been at St. Cloud State since 1990, and has attended a summer seminar at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies in Israel and presented at an international conference on the Holocaust.

She has worked with

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