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### **COS Hires New Dean of Instruction**

Weed / COS – Dr. Zachary Zweigle has been hired as the new Dean of Instruction at College of the Siskiyous. Zweigle most recently was the Department Chair for Social Sciences and history faculty at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Missouri.

Prior to serving as the Department Chair at Ozarks Technical Community College, Zweigle served as the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Advancement. He was also an adjunct professor at Lindenwood University teaching graduate courses in higher education and has experience in the classroom teaching history at Drury University.



“As a first-generation community college graduate, my role as an instructor, advisor, and administrator is very personal. The question: what is best for the student; and the belief that every student should have an opportunity to succeed drive my decisions as an educator and academic leader,” said Zweigle. “I am also profoundly interested in the future of higher education. Having just completed a dissertation that examined diversity, technology, and effective teaching, I am aware that academia must continue to adapt to a changing world, lest it become irrelevant in the eyes of its constituents.”

Zweigle holds an Associate of Arts degree in Social Science from Reedley College, as well as a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in History from California State University, Fresno. In 2016, he received his Doctor of Education in Instructional Leadership – Higher Education Administration from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri.

Outside of the office, Zweigle serves as a volunteer pilot with the United States Air Force Auxiliary – Civil Air Patrol (CAP) which provides inland search and rescue efforts, as well as airborne photography. He was also the former Commander of the Springfield Regional Composite Squadron. In 2015, the Springfield Business Journal named Zweigle as one of Springfield, Missouri's "Forty under Forty" which recognizes outstanding young professionals in Springfield, Missouri and its surrounding communities.

"After I got married, my wife and I made the decision for the first five years of our marriage to say 'yes' to whatever opportunity that might come our way. Those first five years were some of the best, most rewarding times of our lives. I've learned to put myself out there and be vulnerable while at the same time gaining experience. I'm so happy and fortunate to begin this next chapter of my life as the new Dean of Instruction at College of the Siskiyous and as a new member of the community – we now look forward to the next five years and beyond."