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Gillan Named Head of Psychology Department at NC State

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Dr. Douglas J. Gillan has been named head of the Department of Psychology in North Carolina State University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences. His appointment began July 1.

Gillan comes to NC State from New Mexico State University, where he served as professor and head of the Department of Psychology from 2000 to 2006. He began working as assistant professor of psychology at New Mexico State in 1994 and became an associate professor there in 1996. He previously served as associate and assistant professor at the University of Idaho and at Rice University.



Dr. Douglas J. Gillan

Gillan's experience encompasses industry as well as academia. He was a section supervisor and senior engineer at Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Company's NASA-Johnson Space Center in Houston during the 1980s. In that role, he guided NASA researchers as they developed and ran research programs. Earlier in his career, he headed a research component at General Foods Research Center's Sensory Evaluation Department.

Gillan's research interests include information visualization, applications of psychological principles to real-world problems and knowledge acquisition by instruction, inference and associative learning. He is a fellow with the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, and has held a Sloan Foundation Cognitive Science Fellowship as well as fellowships with the National Science Foundation and the University of Texas.

"Dr. Gillan brings to this position a wealth of administrative and industry experience, a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and a prolific record of work in his field," said Dr. David Martin, interim dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and head of the

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psychology department since 1992. “Because he values a scientist-practitioner research and training model, he will be a tremendous leader for the Department of Psychology. We are delighted he has joined us.”

Gillan earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and a doctoral degree in experimental psychology from the University of Texas in Austin.

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