

# Andrew College

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Faculty promotions announced at Andrew College

CUTHBERT, GA. – The Andrew College Board of Trustees recently approved two faculty promotions. Karan B. Pittman was granted tenure and promoted from Associate Professor to Professor. Amanda A. Knight was also granted tenure and promoted from the rank of Associate Professor to Professor. Both faculty members have completed the required 10 years of consecutive service at Andrew College at the rank of Associate Professor and consistently demonstrated positive leadership, scholarly achievements and a commitment to Christian Higher Education.

Karan Pittman received her Master of Science degree in library science from the University of North Carolina, her Bachelor of Science degree in secondary social science education from Auburn University and her Associate of Arts degree in humanities from Andrew College.

Since 1990, Professor Pittman has served as Andrew College’s director of library services and has taught numerous classes. She is an author and historian, having co-authored two books and wrote numerous articles and columns for newspapers, bulletins, studies, reviews and encyclopedias. She is currently working on a book, titled, “The Girl at the End of the Rope” (the true story of a murder and hanging in Georgia in the 1870s). Pittman has served 35 years as a Theta Lambda advisor and serves at the college’s archivist.

Professor Pittman said that her belief and commitment to Andrew College is deep and sincere. She firmly believes in giving back, and Andrew College was instrumental in forming her life. She said, “Throughout my tenure at the college, I have worked to help students develop their potential. As a librarian, I encourage students to develop skills to continue lifelong learning, and as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor, I help students to develop their potential as scholars and leaders.”

Professor Pittman lives in Benevolence with her husband, Max and is near their children and grandchildren: Peavy, Amy, Warren and Whit Pittman; and Lee, Katie, Cam and Charlee Wright. She is a member and pianist at Benevolence Baptist Church.

Amanda Knight has taught English at Andrew College since 1999 after having 13 years of experience teaching at the high school level, and she currently serves as the faculty chair, Humanities Department Division coordinator, and chair of the Educational Programming Committee. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Valdosta State University and her Master of Science in Education degree from Georgia Southwestern State University.

Knight’s teaching experience enables her to understand her students’ backgrounds in their progress toward becoming successful college-level writers. She has shared her unique process of teaching punctuation and sentence structure in her book *Punctuation Decoded*. In addition, Professor Knight was awarded a Fulbright-

Hays Grant to study in Lithuania, Latvia, and Russia in 2004, and she led a Fulbright-Hays study group of professors and teachers to South Korea and China in 2010. She serves as the faculty liaison for the student exchange between Andrew College and Pai Chai University in Daejeon, South Korea, Andrew College's sister Methodist institution, and she strives to incorporate international cultural components in her classes whenever possible.

Professor Knight enjoys teaching and working with young adults. She says, "I love what I do! I feel that I make a significant difference in helping my students work toward their goals of achieving college degrees."

Professor Knight lives in Dawson with her husband, David and daughter Rachel. She taught for 10 years at Terrell Academy in Dawson prior to her tenure at Andrew College, and she is a member of the Dawson United Methodist Church where she sings in the choir.

The Andrew College community congratulates these two professors on their life and professional accomplishments and their promotion.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is a two-year College related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, and Associate of Science degrees.