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BOISE STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSOR NAMED TO IDAHO COMMISSION OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointment today of **Lisa Growette Bostaph**, an associate professor of criminal justice at Boise State University, to a vacancy on the five-member Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole. She succeeds Mark Funaiolo of Boise, whose term expired earlier this year.

Bostaph, who is politically unaffiliated, will face confirmation by the Idaho Senate when it convenes in January 2013. She has a bachelor's degree in communication disorders from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, a master's degree in linguistics from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and a doctorate in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati. She has taught at Boise State since 2003.

Her academic research has focused on race and gender issues in policing, the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence, and public perceptions of the criminal justice system. She has conducted research for the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission on such issues as best practices for misdemeanor probation and alternatives to incarceration, and she has studied teen dating violence and the training needs for victim advocates in Idaho.

"I am very honored that the Governor and his staff sought me out for this appointment," said Bostaph, whose term will run until January 2015. "With the support of my family and Boise State University, I am happy to be of service to the State in this manner."

"Pardons and Parole is a hugely important but little understood part of our criminal justice system. We need the best talent we can get to help the commission make difficult decisions that impact public safety as well as our prison system," Governor Otter said. "Dr. Bostaph's knowledge, experience and professionalism will make her a great addition as we work to more closely integrate our handling of offenders from the time they're received by the Department of Correction to the time they emerge from programming and parole."

The Commission of Pardons and Parole "is committed to the protection of the public, the rights of victims and to the fair and individualized assessment of each offender. We support the Department of Correction in its effort to provide services, programs and opportunities for offenders to promote their successful reintegration into the community," according to its mission statement.

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