

Two Tenure-Track Professors Join Macalester

St. Paul, Minn. - Two new tenure-track faculty members have joined Macalester. They are **Cari Gillen-O'Neel**, who is an assistant professor in Psychology, and **Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren** who's an associate professor in Theatre and Dance. Gillen-O'Neel began teaching this fall and Kochhar-Lindgren will start teaching this coming spring.

Gillen-O'Neel's research focuses on how children develop their social identities and how they come to understand the stereotypes of stigmas that may be associated with these identifies. She is also interested in the role that social identities play in academic achievement and the factors that contribute to the academic success of children from academically stigmatized groups. Her work has been published in journals such as *Child Development*, the *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, and the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. Gillen-O'Neel has taught several courses at UCLA, and she received distinguished teaching awards from both the UCLA Department of Psychology and the campus-wide UCLA Academic Senate. Gillen-O'Neel received her BA from Scripps College, and her MA and PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is teaching an introductory course in developmental psychology, an advanced course in social identity development, research in psychology, and directed research.

Kochhar-Lindgren comes to Macalester from the University of Washington at Bothell, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, where she was an associate professor of Performance Studies. As an artist and performance studies scholar, her work investigates the histories, practices, and critical engagements of theatre, dance, inter-arts, and everyday practice, particularly in relation to cultural diversity. Kochhar-Lindgren is an interdisciplinary scholar and artist; in her *praxis* as a director/choreographer, she has founded both dance and theater companies. Her new work, a large collaborative site-specific work in Hong Kong, is called *Pier Windows* and will open in October 2014. Kochhar-Lindgren received her BA from Antioch College, her MALS from Wesleyan University, her MFA from the University of North Carolina, and her PhD from New York University. She'll be teaching two new courses and devise a new piece with students.

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Cari Gillen-O'Neel (Psychology)

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