

Two NTID English teachers appointed to national positions

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Two NTID English teachers appointed to national positions Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien, professor, and Dr. John Madison, associate professor in NTID's English Department, have recently been appointed to positions within national organizations.

O'Brien, who has been an NTID faculty member since the Institute admitted its first students in 1968, has been elected president-elect of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID). O'Brien has been a member of CAID since 1963 and served on its board of directors since 1991 and will become president in 2001. As the oldest professional educational organization in the United States, CAID celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. The organization provides support for teachers across the United States and publishes the American Annals of the Deaf.

Madison was invited by Donna Shalala, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to serve on the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Advisory Council of the National Institutes ad hoc committees for the National Institutes of Health in the past and recently chaired a meeting that explored the area of informed consent in genetic research as it relates to the issue of inherited deafness and hearing loss. More information about the NIDCD can be found at <http://www.nih.gov/nidcd/>