

ATS welcomes two new directors of accreditation to its staff

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The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is pleased to announce that Heather Campain Hartung (formerly Vacek) and Emanuel D. Naydenov have been named as directors of accreditation, serving the Commission on Accrediting of ATS.

Hartung and Naydenov were selected after a comprehensive binational search and will assume their new positions on September 1, 2023. They will each be responsible for facilitating accrediting reviews, providing education and support to member schools about the accreditation process, and providing staff support to the work of the ATS Board of Commissioners.

“Both Heather and Emanuel bring accrediting experience and many diverse gifts to the work of the Commission on Accrediting,” said ATS Executive Director Frank Yamada. “They add much to an already strong accrediting group and will make significant contributions to our present and future work with member schools.”

Heather Campain Hartung

Hartung most recently served as vice president and dean of Moravian and Lancaster Theological Seminaries for the past two years. She began teaching at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2012, where she was appointed associate dean for academic affairs in 2015, and vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty in 2016. She held the position of associate professor of church history at each school.



Ordained in the Moravian Church, Hartung served as a trustee of Moravian Theological Seminary for ten years. Among her publications, her book, *Madness: American Protestant Responses to Mental Illness*, explores reactions to mental illnesses from the colonial era through the 21st century. Her service in theological education follows a career in engineering and marketing in technology companies.

Hartung holds a ThD and MDiv from Duke University Divinity School, and an MBA and MEM (engineering management) from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

Emanuel D. Naydenov

An educator with more than 30 years of experience in theological education and formation for ministry, Naydenov comes to ATS from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Trinity International University (TEDS). He served as director of the master’s programs and director of the MA in Theological Studies Program, and he led the Office of Extension and Affiliated Education.

Prior to TEDS, he was involved in launching Bulgaria's first accredited seminary after the fall of Communism.

An ordained minister in the Evangelical Free Church of America, Naydenov is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the American Academy of Religion, a cofounder of the Roundtable for Distance Education, and a contributor to the *Bulgarian Journal of Theology*.

Naydenov earned an MDiv from Bethel Theological Seminary and a PhD in religious studies in the area of systematic theology from Marquette University.

"Dr. Hartung and Dr. Naydenov are effective leaders within the ATS community, know theological education, and have extensive experience in peer review," said Barbara Mutch, senior director of accreditation at ATS. "I am confident that their wisdom and experience will strengthen the member schools and enrich the work of the accreditation staff. I am deeply grateful for them and all the contributions they will make."



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