



Constant Advancement for MSE



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On July 1, MSE Prof. Kristen Constant was appointed to a five-year term as chair of the MSE Department and Wilkinson Professor of Interdisciplinary Engineering. She is replacing Prof. Richard LeSar, who had served as chair from 2006-2012. Dr. Constant received her B.S. degree in ceramic engineering from Iowa State in 1986, then earned her PhD from Northwestern while working at Argonne National Laboratory, followed by a post-doc appointment at M.I.T. She joined Iowa State's MSE Department faculty in 1992. She has also been a faculty scientist at Ames Laboratory since 1993. Here are excerpts from a recent interview with Prof. Constant.

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MSE Highlights

- Mike Kessler working on [Biobased Plant Containers Project](#).
- Mat E Undergrads featured in the [Bulletin of the American Ceramic Society](#) (starting at pg. 27)