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James M. Owston, Ed.D., of Beckley, has been named dean of Online and Individualized Learning at Mountain State University. He comes to the position after having been



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senior academic officer for instructional technology for MSU.

Owston will oversee distance learning instruction, offered in both the online and individu-

alized study modalities. He has been with the university for 18 years as an adjunct faculty member, with 15 of those years as a full-time employee.

Owston earned a Doctor of Education, Education Specialist, and Master of Arts from Marshall University, a Master of Arts from West Virginia University, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology from Kentucky Christian University, as well as two Bachelor of Science degrees from Mountain State University.

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Owston is a board member of the Friends of West Virginia Public Broadcasting, a participant of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Peer Review Corps and Assessment Academy, and a member of Educause.