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Professor and Texas Faculty Association leader elected to SBOE

Rebecca Bell-Metereau, a Democrat who won an open seat formerly held by a Republican on the State Board of Education in this week's election, is a professor at Texas State University in San Marcos and a board member of the Texas Faculty Association.

She also served on the board of the Texas State Teachers Association, with which the Texas Faculty Association (TFA) is affiliated.

"We congratulate Rebecca for winning this election, which is a big plus for the educational community," said TFA President Pat Heintzelman, an instructor at Lamar State University in Beaumont. "Her educator viewpoint will be a valuable addition to a board that, among other duties, plays an important role in textbook selection and curriculum development for Texas' public school children."

Bell-Metereau, an award-winning professor of English and film, developed and now directs the English department's media studies minor at Texas State. She has published four scholarly books and 32 essays and book chapters. She is a former Fulbright Scholar in Senegal and taught in the Peace Corps in Chad.

Bell-Metereau will represent District 5 on the state board. This district includes parts of Bexar and Travis counties and much of the Hill Country.