NCSU's strength in games made a quantum leap over the summer of 2012 with the addition of Dr. Tiffany Barnes and Dr. Nick Taylor, two new faculty who are leading the charge in academia in the exciting new science of games. Dr. Barnes will be joining the Department of Computer Science as an Associate Professor. Tiffany, who comes to NCSU from UNC Charlotte, is widely known for her work in educational data mining in game-based learning, intelligent tutoring and the role of games in computer science education. Dr. Taylor will be joining the Department of Communication as an assistant professor after several years as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of York. Nick is one of the leaders in the ethnographic study of gamers in online role-playing games.

Tiffany and Nick will work closely with the center faculty in Communication, Computer Science, Design, Education and Psychology to create new and innovative courses and to break new ground in our knowledge of the many ways that games make significant impacts on our learning, our play and our social interactions.