

Full-Time Faculty 2022-2023

TAMLYN ASHFORD 2021

Assistant Professor of Social & Behavioral Science

B.A., Clark Atlanta University, 1997

M.S.W., Clark Atlanta University, 2000

Ed.D., Clark Atlanta University, 2020

DAVID WAYNE BAILEY 2002

Professor of Psychology

B.S., Evangel College, 1977

M.A., Biola University, 1980

Psy.D., Biola University, 1983

WHITNEY BARBRE 2020

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S., University of Alabama- Huntsville, 2012

M.S., South University, 2016

MATTHEW R. BARDOWELL 2016

Associate Professor of English

B.A., Florida International University, 2004

M.A., Florida Atlantic University, 2007

Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2016

ASHLEY BELL 2018

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Cedarville University, 2008

M.S.N., University of Missouri-Saint Louis, 2013

KEITH BEUTLER 2000

Professor of History

B.A., Liberty University, 1991

M.Ed., Union University, 1997

M.A., University of Tennessee, 1999

Ph.D., Washington University, 2005

MELANIE BISHOP 2013

Associate Vice President for Graduate Affairs

Associate Professor of Education

B.S., Southwest Baptist University, 1994
M.A., Lindenwood University, 1998
Ed.D., Lindenwood University, 2010

HOLLY BRAND 2000

Professor of Psychology

B.S., Southeast Missouri State University, 1994
M.S., Saint Louis University, 1999
Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2002

SHERI BRANDT 2012

Associate Professor of Education

A.A., St. Charles Community College, 1991
B.A., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1997
B.S., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1998
M.A., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2000
Ed.S., Missouri Baptist University, 2012
Ed.D., Missouri Baptist University, 2014

PATREECE BROADDUS 2022

Assistant Professor of Communications

B.S., Jackson State University, 1989
M.A., University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point, 1991
Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 1999

JANE BROWN 2013

Director of PK-12 Educational Leadership Program

Assistant Professor of Education

B.S., Southwest Baptist University, 1985
M.S., Missouri State University, 1990
Ed.S., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1999
Ed.D., Missouri Baptist University, 2012

JAMES CHELLEW 2005

Site Coordinator, Arnold Regional Learning Center

Assistant Professor of Education

B.A., Central Methodist College, 1972
M.A., Truman State University, 1978
Additional Studies: University of Missouri-St. Louis

KIM COCHRAN 1999

Director of EXCEL

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

B.S., University of Missouri-Rolla, 1987

M.B.A., Webster University, 1996

JANET L. COMFORT **2004**

Instructor of Health and Sports Science

B.S., Liberty University, 1992

M.A.C., Lynchburg College in Virginia, 1998

M.Ed., Wichita State University, 2002

PAUL GREGORY COMFORT **2003**

Chair, Health and Sports Science Division

Professor of Health and Sports Science

B.S.E., University of Arkansas, 1979

M.Ed., University of Arkansas, 1986

Ed.D., University of Arkansas, 1992

JUSTIN COOK, L.P.C. **2018**

Clinical Director of Field Experience

Assistant Professor of Counselor Education

B.S., Missouri State University, 2008

M.S., Missouri State University, 2015

Ph.D., University of Arkansas, 2018

MEGAN COTTET **2021**

Assistant Professor of Health & Sports Science

B.S., Lindenwood University, 2014

M.S., Lindenwood University, 2017

ANDREA R. COX, L.P.C. **2020**

Assistant Professor of Counseling

B.A., University of Nevada-Las Vegas

M.Ed., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2014

ABD, University of Missouri-St. Louis

KASEY COX **2012**

Assistant Professor of Theatre

Director of Theatre

B.M., Missouri Baptist University, 2010

M.A., Fontbonne University, 2014

TAMMY S. COX **2006**

Dean of School of Education

Associate Professor of Education

B.S.Ed., Southwest Baptist University, 1981

M.A., Oral Roberts University, 2003

Ed.D., Missouri Baptist University, 2018

GUY DANHOFF **2008**

Assistant Professor of Health and Sports Science

A.A., William Rainey Harper College, 1987

B.S., Western Illinois University, 1990

M.S., Western Illinois University, 1992

LEKESHA L. DAVIS **2018**

Assistant Professor of Counselor Education

B.S., Drake University, 2000

M.Ed., Delta State University, 2006

Ph.D., Walden University, 2018

TIMOTHY DELICATH **2012**

Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness & Research

Professor of Educational Research

B.S., Bradley University, 1980

M.B.A., Lindenwood University, 1987

Ph.D., St. Louis University, 1998

IRIS DIXON **2000**

Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Women Administration

Assistant Professor of Health & Sports Science

B.S., Northwestern State University, 1993

M.S.Ed., Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville, 2003

MARK DUERR **2017**

Associate Professor of Biology

B.A., Concordia University Wisconsin, 2010

Ph.D., Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 2016

MATTHEW C. EASTER **2012**

Director of Christian Studies

Associate Professor of Bible

B.A., Southwest Baptist University, 2005

M.Div., Duke University, 2008

Ph.D., University of Otago, 2012

2020

JUDITH LYNN ELLISON, L.C.S.W. **2014**

Director of Field Education

Instructor of Social Work

B.A., Truman State University, 1992

M.W.S., Washington University, 1994

BILLY PAUL GILLIAM 2018

Assistant Professor of Information Technology

B.S., University of Phoenix, 2005

M.S., University of Phoenix, 2007

Ph.D., Walden University, 2017

SONJA GREEN 2021

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Maryville University, 2016

M.S.N., Central Methodist University, 2020

JOHN HAN 1999

Chair, Humanities Division

Professor of English and Creative Writing

Editor of Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal

Editor of Cantos: A Literary and Arts Journal

B.A., Kookmin University, 1979

M.Ed., Yonsei University, 1986

M.A., Kansas State University, 1991

Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998

Writing Certificate in English, Missouri Baptist University, 2007

AMY HARRISON 2016

Director of Higher Education Leadership

Assistant Professor of Higher Education Leadership

A.A., Jefferson College, 2006

B.A., Lee University, 2009

M.A.T., Lee University, 2011

M.A., Southeast Missouri State University, 2012

Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2016

JOE DONALD HEATH 2015

Special Lecturer in Corporate Security Leadership and Criminal Justice

A.A., Jacksonville College, 1977

B.A.S., Stephen F. Austin State University, 1979

M.Ed., Stephen F. Austin State University, 1983

Ph.D., Dallas Baptist University, 2011

M.S.C.J., Missouri Baptist University, 2014

TARA HOMMELSON 2018

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Maryville University, 2008

M.S.N., University of Missouri-Saint Louis, 2013

DAWN HUBER **2019**

Assistant Professor of Biology and Biochemistry

B.S., Logan University, 2005

D.C., Logan College of Chiropractic, 1989

LINDA "NIKKI" JOHNSON **2005**

Director of Masters in Social Work

Associate Professor of Social Work

B.A., Missouri Baptist University, 1998

M.S.W., St. Louis University, 2002

Ph.D., Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois-Chicago, 2016

JASON JORDAN, L.P.C. **2018**

Assistant Professor of Counselor Education

B.S.B.A., Tennessee Technological University, 1993

M.A.C., Trevecca Nazarene University, 2010

Ph.D., Trevecca Nazarene University, 2016

JASON B. KAMINSKY **2019**

Assistant Professor of Management

B.S., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1983

M.I.M., Washington University, 1990

M.B.A., Washington University, 1991

D.Mgt., Webster University, 2010

KAREN KANNENBERG **1994**

Dean, School of Business

Professor of Accounting and Business Administration

B.M., Shorter College, 1985

M.A., Webster University, 1994

D.Mgt., Webster University, 1999

JAMES B. KELLOGG **1992**

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Program Coordinator

B.A., Missouri Baptist College, 1974

M.A., Webster University, 1990

MARK KIMZEY **1996**

Assistant Professor of Health and Sport Sciences

A.S., North Greenville College, 1988

B.A., Missouri Baptist College, 1990

M.Div., Covenant Theological Seminary, 1994

M.S.Ed., Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, 2006

STEPHANIE KONTRIM-BAUMANN **2004**
Assistant Professor of Marketing and Business Administration
B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1990
M.B.A., Washington University, 1998

CLINT R. LIMOGES, L.P.C. **2016**
Director of Counselor Education
Associate Professor of Counselor Education
B.A., MidAmerica Nazarene University, 1992
M.A., Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1995
M.S., Henderson State University, 2005
Ph.D., Walden University, 2014

JASON MALLORY **2017**
Assistant Professor of Music
B.M., University of Southern California, 2004
M.M., University of Louisville, 2006
D.M.A., University of Iowa, 2014

CURTIS K. MCCLAIN, JR. **1988**
Professor of Bible
B.A., Howard Payne University, 1977
M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1980
Ph.D., Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, 1995

C. ALLIN MEANS **2011**
Professor of Journalism and Communications
B.A., Baylor University, 1986
M.A., University of West Florida, 1998
Ph.D., University of Southern Mississippi, 2010

ALONZO MEDCALF **2018**
Instructor of Multimedia Production and Communication
Assistant Professor
B.S., Missouri Southern State University, 2010
M.A., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2016

ROBIN MURRAY **2017**
Associate Professor of Nursing
B.S.N., Indiana University, 1997
M.S.N., Webster University, 2003
Additional Studies: Webster University, 2008

<p>ALICIA NICHOLS Assistant Professor of Nursing B.S.N, Chamberlain University, 2008 M.S.N., University of Missouri- Sinclair, 2014</p>	<p>2021</p>
<p>BRIDGETT NIEDRINGHAUS Director of Field Experience Assistant Professor of Education B.S.E.D., University of Missouri-Saint Louis, 1992 M.A.E., Lindenwood University, 1998 Ed.D., Lindenwood University, 2012</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>ALICIA NODDINGS Associate Dean of School of Education - Accreditation, Assessment, and Data Associate Professor of Education B.S., Baylor University, 1990 B.M., Baylor University, 1994 M.A., Concordia University Chicago, 1999 Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2012</p>	<p>2013</p>
<p>MICHAEL NOLAN Assistant Professor of Exercise Science A.A., Southeast Community College, 2005 B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009 M.S., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2011</p>	<p>2013</p>
<p>KRISTEN NUGENT Associate Professor of Social Work B.S.W., California University, 1992 M.S.W., West Virginia University, 1993 Ph.D., Walden University, 1999</p>	<p>2021</p>
<p>JULIE OOMS Associate Professor of English B.A., Dordt College, 2008 Ph.D., Baylor University, 2014</p>	<p>2014</p>
<p>DAVID PIERCE Assistant Professor of Health and Sports Science B.S.E., Lakeland College-Sheboygan, 1970 M.S.S., United States Sports Academy, 1989</p>	<p>2004</p>
<p>SHAYANI PIERIS</p>	<p>2012</p>

Professor of Biology

B.Sc., University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1997

Ph.D., Iowa State University, 2007

JANET K. PULS, L.C.S.W.

2000

Chair, Social & Behavioral Science Division

Professor of Psychology & Human Services

B.A., Maryville University, 1997

M.S.W., Saint Louis University, 1999

Ph.D., Walden University, 2011

AMBER PYATT

2016

Dean of School of Nursing

Associate Professor of Nursing

B.S., Southeast Missouri State University, 2006

B.S.N., Newman University, 2010

M.S.N., University of Cincina

PHILLIP RAGUSKY

2020

Assistant Professor of Education

Director of Field Experience

B.S.Ed., University of Missouri, 1987

M.Ed., University of Missouri- Saint Louis, 1994

Education Specialist, University of Missouri- Saint Louis, 2012

LAURA RIBEIRO

2021

Instructor of Social Work

B.S., Missouri Baptist University, 2008

M.S.W., University of Missouri- Saint Louis, 2010

KRISTY ROBERTS

2020

Director of Teacher Education

Assistant Professor of Education

B.S.Ed., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1993

M.Ed., National-Louis University, 1997

Ed.D., Maryville University, 2008

Additional Studies: University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2000

BRYANNA SCHERER

2020

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S., Elmhurst College, 2014

B.S.N., University of Tennessee, 2016

M.S.N., Maryville University, 2020

<p>JULIA SCHROEDER Dean, Southern Illinois Regional Learning Centers Professor of Education and Natural Sciences A.S., John A. Logan College, 1974 B.S., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 1976 M.S.Ed., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 1988 Ph.D., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 1995</p>	<p>2012</p>
<p>DAVID B. SMITH Assistant Professor of Mathematics B.S.E., Illinois State University, 1975 M.S., Illinois State University, 1981</p>	<p>1998</p>
<p>LARRY SMITH Director – MBU Honors Professor of Music B.M.E., Baylor University, 1979 M.M., Southwest Texas State University, 1986 D.M.A., Arizona State University, 1998</p>	<p>1998</p>
<p>THOMAS M. SMITH Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Professor of Education/Health and Sports Science B.A., Missouri Baptist College, 1983 M.S., Southwest Baptist University, 1999 Ed.D., Walden University, 2008</p>	<p>2000</p>
<p>JANICE A. SPECK Associate Professor of Counselor Education B.S., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1977 M.Ed., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1979 Ed.S., Missouri Baptist University, 2010 Ed.D., Missouri Baptist University, 2013</p>	<p>2008</p>
<p>LYDIA THEBEAU Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Accreditation Professor of Biology B.A., Hannibal-LaGrange College, 1995 Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2002</p>	<p>2005</p>
<p>EDDIE USCHOLD Associate Director of Athletics Instructor of Health & Sports Science Head Baseball Coach</p>	<p>1999</p>

B.A., Baldwin-Wallace College, 1990
M.A., Kent State University, 1992

MARY S. VEDAMUTHU **2004**
Chair, Natural Science Division
Professor of Chemistry
B.S., University of Madras, 1982
M.S., University of Madras, 1985
Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1996

JASON VERMETTE **2015**
Associate Professor of Mathematics
B.S., Oral Roberts University, 2008
M.S., University of Tulsa, 2010
Ph.D., University of Delaware, 2015

CHRISTINE A. WARD **2016**
Director of Online Counselor Program
Associate Professor of Counselor Education
B.S., Trinity University, 2001
M.Ed., University of North Florida, 2005
Ph.D., Texas A & M University, 2009

WM. SHANE WILLIAMS **2015**
Director of Bands
Associate Professor of Music
B.S.Ed., Austin Peay State University, 1984
M.M., St. Louis Conservatory of Music, 1986
M.M., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1997
ABD: Lindenwood University

PAUL WILSON **2021**
Special Lecturer in Biology
B.S., Missouri State University, 2004
D.P.M., Des Moines University, 2008

LOFTIN WOODIEL **1994**
Dean, Lewis & Clark Community College Regional Learning Center
Professor of Criminal Justice
Diploma in Lay Ministry, Nazarene Bible College, 1981
A.A.S., Community College of the Air Force, 1985
B.A., Western Illinois University, 1983
M.A., University of Central Oklahoma, 1987
Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2000