

Full-Time Faculty 2023-2024

THEA ABRAHAM 2003

Director of Records

Instructor of English

B.A., Missouri Baptist University, 2003

M.S., Missouri Baptist University, 2007

M.A., University of Missouri St. Louis, 2012

TAMLYN ASHFORD 2021

Director of Field Education

Assistant Professor of Social Work

B.A., Clark Atlanta University, 1997

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

Ed.D., Clark Atlanta University, 2020

DAVID WAYNE BAILEY 2002

Director of Counseling Services

Professor of Psychology

B.S., Evangel College, 1977

M.A., Biola University, 1980

Psy.D., Biola University, 1983

WHITNEY BARBRE 2020

Coordinator of the FNP Program

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

<p>KEITH BEUTLER Professor of History B.A., Liberty University, 1991 M.Ed., Union University, 1997 M.A., University of Tennessee, 1999 Ph.D., Washington University, 2005</p>	<p>2000</p>
<p>MELANIE BISHOP Vice President for Graduate Affairs Professor of Education B.S., Southwest Baptist University, 1994 M.A., Lindenwood University, 1998 Ed.D., Lindenwood University, 2010</p>	<p>2013</p>
<p>MELISSA BISHOP Assistant Professor of Music A.A., Jefferson College, 1988 B.M., Webster University, 1993 M.M., Kansas State University, 1995</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>ALAN BLIZE Chemistry Lab Coordinator and Program Coordinator for Chemistry and Physics Assistant Professor of Chemistry B.A., University of Montana, 1993 M.S., University of Utah, 1996</p>	<p>2015</p>
<p>HOLLY BRAND Professor of Psychology B.S., Southeast Missouri State University, 1994 M.S., Saint Louis University, 1999 Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2002</p>	<p>2000</p>
<p>PATREECE BROADDUS Assistant Professor of Communications B.S., Jackson State University, 1989 M.A., University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point, 1991 Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 1999</p>	<p>2022</p>
<p>JANE BROWN Associate Dean of the School of Educational Leadership Assistant Professor of Education B.S., Southwest Baptist University, 1985 M.S., Missouri State University, 1990</p>	<p>2013</p>

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 MBU Early College Partnerships
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
B.S., University of Missouri-Rolla, 1987
M.B.A., Webster University, 1996

JANET L. COMFORT 2004
Professor of Sport Management
B.S., Liberty University, 1992
M.A.C., Lynchburg College in Virginia, 1998
M.Ed., Wichita State University, 2002

PAUL GREGORY COMFORT 2003
Professor of Sport Management
B.S.E., University of Arkansas, 1979
M.Ed., University of Arkansas, 1986
Ed.D., University of Arkansas, 1992

MEGAN COTTET 2021
Human Movement and Performance Program Director
Assistant Professor of Health and Movement Sciences
B.S., Lindenwood University, 2014
M.S., Lindenwood University, 2017

ANDREA R. COX, L.P.C. 2020
Assistant Professor of Counselor Education
B.A., University of Nevada-Las Vegas
M.Ed., University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2014
ABD, University of Missouri-St. Louis

JORDAN COX 2015
Associate Dean of the School of Performing Arts
Director of Choral Activities and Music Education
Assistant Professor of Music

B.M.E., Missouri Baptist University, 2010
M.A., Liberty University, 2012
Ph.D., University of Missouri Columbia, 2019

KASEY COX 2012

Director of Theatre and Dance
Director of Drama Outreach
Assistant Professor of Theatre and Dance
B.M., Missouri Baptist University, 2010
M.A., Fontbonne University, 2014

TAMMY S. COX 2006

Dean of the College 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

MARCIE CUTSINGER 2022

Associate Professor of Social Work
A.A., North Central Missouri College, 1994
B.S., Missouri Western State University, 1996
M.S.W., University of Missouri Columbia, 1998
Ph.D., University of Missouri Columbia, 2018

GUY DANHOFF 2008

Assistant Professor of Sport Management
Instructor of Health and Movement Science
A.A., William Rainey Harper College, 1987
B.S., Western Illinois University, 1990
M.S., Western Illinois University, 1992

LEKESHA L. DAVIS 2018

Director of Remediation and Retention in Counselor Education
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 of Office for Institutional Research and Assessment
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

Compliance and Senior Women's Administrator

Assistant Professor of Health & Sports Science

B.S., Northwestern State University, 1993

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

MARK DUERR 2017

Biochemistry and Assessment Coordinator

Associate Professor of Biology and Biochemistry

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

SONJA GREEN 2021

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Maryville University, 2016

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

JOHN HAN 1999

Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Theology

Professor of English and Creative Writing

Editor: *Intégrité: A Faith and Research Journal*

Editor: *Cantos: A Literary and Arts Journal*

Editor: *Fireflies' Light: A Magazine of Short Poems*

Editor: *The Right Words: A Magazine of Nonfiction*

Editor: *Proceedings of the Annual MBU Faith and Research Conference*

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 the Higher Education Leadership Program
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**

Director of Graduate Programs

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Maryville University, 2008

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

DAWN HUBER **2019**

Biology Lab Coordinator and Program Coordinator for Biomedical Sciences

Assistant Professor of Biology

B.S., Logan University, 2005

D.C., Logan College of Chiropractic, 1989

LINDA "NIKKI" JOHNSON **2005**

Associate Dean of the School of 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 Director of Counselor Education

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**

Associate Dean of the School of Accounting, Business Administration, and Technology

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 of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Professor of Accounting and Business Administration**

B.M., Shorter College, 1985
M.A., Webster University, 1994
D.Mgt., Webster University, 1999

KAJ KAYIJ-WINT

2022

Associate Professor of Counselor Education

B.A., Providence College, 2005
M.A., Saint Martin's College, 2011
Ph.D., Oregon State University, 2018

JAMES B. KELLOGG

1992

**Director of Criminal Justice
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice**

B.A., Missouri Baptist College, 1974
M.A., Webster University, 1990

MARK KIMZEY

1996

**Public and Community Health Program Director
Assistant Professor of Health and Movement 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

**Associate Dean of the School of Management and Marketing
Assistant Professor of Marketing and Business Administration**

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1990
M.B.A., Washington University, 1998

AARON LUMPKIN

2017

**Associate Vice President for Spiritual Formation
Assistant Professor of Theology**

B.A., Liberty University, 2010
M.Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2013

Ph.D., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020

JASON MALLORY

2017

Director of Vocal Studies and Opera Theatre

Associate 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

Associate Dean of the School of Communications

Director of the Faith and Research Conference

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

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Assistant Professor of Communications

B.S., Missouri Southern State University, 2010

M.A., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2016

KANISHA MOYE

2021

Instructor of Social Work

B.A., University of Missouri St. Louis, 2011

M.S.W., University of Missouri St. Louis, 2015

Ph.D., Capella University, 2015

ROBIN MURRAY

2017

Associate Dean of Nursing

Director of Undergraduate Programs

Associate Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Indiana University, 1997

M.S.N., Webster University, 2003

D.N.P., American Sentinel University, 2019

ALICIA NICHOLS

2021

Assistant Professor of Nursing
B.S.N, Chamberlain University, 2008
M.S.N., University of Missouri- Sinclair, 2014

ALICIA NODDINGS **2013**
Associate Dean of School of Accreditation, Assessment, and Faculty Development
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

KRISTEN NUGENT **2021**
Associate Professor of Social Work
B.S.W., California University, 1992
M.S.W., West Virginia University, 1993
Ph.D., Walden University, 1999

JULIE OOMS **2014**
Associate Professor of English
B.A., Dordt College, 2008
Ph.D., Baylor University, 2014

DAVID PIERCE **2004**
Assistant Professor of Health and Movement Sciences
B.S.E., Lakeland College-Sheboygan, 1970
M.S.S., United States Sports Academy, 1989

SHAYANI PIERIS **2012**
Program Coordinator for Ecology and Plant Sciences
Professor of Plant Sciences
B.Sc., University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1997
Ph.D., Iowa State University, 2007

JANET K. PULS, L.C.S.W. **2000**
Associate Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Professor of Psychology and Human Services
B.A., Maryville University, 1997
M.S.W., Saint Louis University, 1999
Ph.D., Walden University, 2011

KATHRYN PUPILLO **2019**
Associate Professor of Accounting
B.S., University of Missouri St. Louis, 2003

M.S., Maryville University of St. Louis, 2018

AMBER PYATT **2016**
Dean of the College of Science and Health
Founding Dean of the 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 Cincinnati, 2014
D.N.P., American Sentinel University, 2016

PHILLIP RAGUSKY **2020**
Director of Field Placement
Assistant Professor of Education
B.S.Ed., University of Missouri, 1987
M.Ed., University of Missouri- Saint Louis, 1994
Education Specialist, University of Missouri- Saint Louis, 2012

JANNA RAMSEY **2022**
Special Lecturer for Counselor Education
B.A., Samford University, 1991
M.A., Tennessee State University, 2006
Ph.D., Trevecca Nazarene University, 2019

KENDRA RAY **2019**
Associate Dean of the School of Teacher Education
Instructor of Education
B.S., Southwest Baptist University, 2002
M.S., Walden University, 2017

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**
Assistant Professor of Education
B.S.Ed., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1993
M.Ed., National-Louis University, 1997
Ed.D., Maryville University, 2008

BRYANNA SCHERER **2020**
Simulation Coordinator

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S., Elmhurst College, 2014

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

M.S.N., Maryville University, 2020

DAVID B. SMITH

1998

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

B.S.E., Illinois State University, 1975

M.S., Illinois State University, 1981

LARRY SMITH

1998

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

JANICE A. SPECK

2008

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

JULIE STEINBECK

2020

Director of First-Year Composition

Instructor of English

B.A., Truman State University, 2013

M.A., Truman State University, 2015

LYDIA THEBEAU

2005

Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Accreditation

Professor of Biology

B.A., Hannibal-LaGrange College, 1995

Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2002

EDDIE USCHOLD

1999

Associate Director of Athletics, Outdoor Facilities

Head Baseball Coach

Instructor of Health and Movement Sciences

B.A., Baldwin-Wallace College, 1990

M.A., Kent State University, 1992

MARY S. VEDAMUTHU **2004**
Associate Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Graduate Program Coordinator
Professor of Chemistry
B.S., University of Madras, 1982
M.S., University of Madras, 1985
Ph.D., Texas Tech University, 1996

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

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