

Full-Time Faculty 2024-2025

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

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

Associate Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Cedarville University, 2008

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

Ph.D. Liberty University, 2023

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

Vice President for Graduate Affairs
Professor of Education

B.S., Southwest Baptist University, 1994

M.A., Lindenwood University, 1998

Ed.D., Lindenwood University, 2010

MELISSA BISHOP 2018

Assistant Professor of Music

A.A., Jefferson College, 1988

B.M., Webster University, 1993

M.M., Kansas State University, 1995

ALAN BLIZE 2015

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

B.A., University of Montana, 1993

M.S., University of Utah, 1996

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

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

Associate Dean of the School of Educational Leadership

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

BRYCE CHAPMAN 2008

Senior Vice President for Enrollment, Marketing, and University
Communications Instructor of English

B.A., Colorado State University, 2003

M.A. Webster University, 2008

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**

Online Instructor of Sport Management and Business
Administration

B.S., Liberty University, 1992

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

M.Ed., Wichita State University, 2002

MEGAN COTTET **2021**

Assistant Professor of Health and Movement Sciences

B.S., Lindenwood University, 2014

M.S., Lindenwood University, 2017

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

Associate Dean of the School of Counseling
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
Associate 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
Part-Time 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

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

MATTHEW C. EASTER 2012
Director of Christian Studies
Associate Professor of Bible Studies
B.A., Southwest Baptist University, 2005
M.Div., Duke University, 2008
Ph.D., University of Otago, 2012
2020

JOSHUA EGGOLD 2023
Assistant Professor of Biology
B.A. Vanderbilt University, 2015

Ph.D., Stanford University, 2021

MINGCHU GAO 2023

Professor of Mathematics

B.S. Shaanxi Normal University, 1987

M.S. Shaanxi Normal University, 1990

Doctor of Science Mathematics, Nanjing University, 1998

Ph.D., University of New Hampshire, 2004

SONJA GREEN 2021

Assistant Professor of Nursing

B.S.N., Maryville University, 2016

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

STEVE GUSTAFSON 2023

Assistant Professor of Accounting

B.S., B.A., University of North Dakota, 1982

M.A. University of North Dakota, 1984

M.S. Golden Gate University, 2008

CALEB HAMILTON 2023

Associate Dean of Health and Movement Sciences

Associate Professor of Accounting

B.A., Asbury University, 2011

Ph.D. University of South Alabama College of Medicine, 2017

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 Doctorate of 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

AMBER HEIMBERGER **2016**
Dean of the College of Science and Health
Founding Dean of the School of Nursing
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

TARA HOMMELSON **2018**
Associate Dean of Graduate Nursing

Associate 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

CASSANDRA HUCKSTEP-SPANGLER **2023**
Assistant Professor of Education

B.A., Missouri Baptist University, 2003
M.S., Columbia College, 2006
M.A., Missouri Baptist University, 2009
Ed. S., Missouri Baptist University, 2016
Ph.D., Missouri Baptist University, 2019

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

KAREN KANNENBERG

1994

Dean of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Director of the MBA Program

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

DAVID LEE

2023

Associate Professor of Biology

B.S. Clemson University, 2011

M.S., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, 2014

M.S. Clemson University, 2018
Ph.D., Liberty University, 2022

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

ERYKA MCMILLAN 2023
Assistant Professor of Counselor
B.S. Hannibal-LaGrange University, 2019
M.S., Quincy University, 2021

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 Undergraduate Nursing

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

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

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 Experience
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**
Assistant Professor of 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

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

BRETT TINDALL

2023

Instructor of Sport Management and Entrepreneurship

B.S. Baker University, 1991

M.B.A. University of Phoenix, 2021

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