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Dr. W. Edward Back is Head of the Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering and Professor at the University of Alabama. He also serves as Director for the Center for Sustainable Infrastructure, which aims to improve the resiliency and reliability of our nation’s infrastructure through innovation and applied research. Administratively, Dr. Back, who earned his Ph.D. from Clemson University, heads baccalaureate degree programs in civil, construction, environmental and architectural engineering as well as three graduate programs at the masters and Ph.D. levels.

As a researcher, Dr. Back has completed more than $4.5 million in funded research in civil/construction engineering. He is the recipient of the Construction Industry Institute’s (CII) national Outstanding Researcher Award and a two-time recipient of its Outstanding Instructor Award. He has received six university distinguished teaching awards, and the UA National Alumni Association honored him in 2016 with its Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award, which is the university’s highest honor for excellence in teaching. Additionally, Dr. Back is the 2017 T. Morris Hackney Endowed Faculty Leadership Award recipient for UA’s College of Engineering.
Dr. Martha R. Crowther is Interim Associate Dean of Research and Health Policy in the College of Community Health Sciences, Professor in the Departments of Community Medicine and Population Health and Family Internal and Rural Medicine, and Investigator in the Institute for Rural Health Research at the University of Alabama. She earned her Ph.D. from Duke University and her Master of Public Health degree from Yale University.

Dr. Crowther is trained as a clinical psychologist, and she has extensive experience in interdisciplinary healthcare, health disparities, and aging and health, in particular rural behavioral health, family and community-based research, community-based clinical research recruitment and retention strategies, and health-promotion interventions in African American and rural communities.

She has received federal and foundation funding and is a member of several professional associations. Dr. Crowther was a standing member of a grant review group for the National Institute of Mental Health, and she has published journal articles and book chapters on mental health and aging, rural aging and cultural competency in research and clinical endeavors.
Dr. Jeannine C. Lawrence is Interim Associate Dean of Research in the College of Human Environmental Sciences and Chair of the Department of Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management at the University of Alabama. An Associate Professor, she earned her Ph.D. in Nutrition Science from the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) and is a registered dietitian. Her research focuses on nutrition interventions for older adults who are nutritionally at-risk and interprofessional education in clinical healthcare. As chair, Dr. Lawrence has grown the department into the largest in the college, overseen construction of a state-of-the-art translational nutrition research laboratory, and launched the first doctoral program in human nutrition at the University of Alabama.

She currently serves as a nutrition research consultant in the Center for Aging Research at UAB and has given lectures and invited presentations around the country. She has published in a range of leading journals and is a member of both the Alabama and Tuscaloosa Dietetic Associations.
Dr. David L. Mothersbaugh is Associate Dean for Undergraduate and International Programs in the Culverhouse College of Business, and he has been a Professor at the University of Alabama for 23 years, having served in some administrative capacity for 13 years. As associate dean, Dr. Mothersbaugh’s ongoing initiatives include a competency-based professional development platform, a review and revision of the business core, an overhaul of the college’s AACSB Assurances of Learning system, and a scalable and sustainable model for education abroad. He is a member of UA’s ACE Internationalization Lab Executive Committee and participates in international student recruiting in East Asia and Latin America.

In a prior leadership role as Head of the Department of Marketing, Dr. Mothersbaugh oversaw three undergraduate programs with more than 1,200 majors, a specialty master of science program and a Ph.D. program. He was also responsible for hiring and onboarding new faculty and staff.

Dr. Mothersbaugh’s research includes advertising, services marketing and psycho-linguistics. He is lead author of Consumer Behavior: Building Marketing Strategy, and has won several Executive MBA teaching awards.
Dr. Steven J. Beaupre is Associate Dean of Social Sciences in the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Beaupre earned his Bachelor’s degree in Zoology and Master’s degree in Biophysical Ecology at the University of Wisconsin, and his Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Pennsylvania. As Associate Dean, he represents and provides strategic vision for the social sciences – including anthropology, political science, psychological science, social work, sociology and criminal justice – for the university’s largest college. Dr. Beaupre also promotes social science research; manages issues in online and summer teaching, intersessions and compensation; and works closely with the Fulbright College Advising Center.

Dr. Beaupre’s research centers on understanding mechanisms that influence the distribution and abundance of reptiles, snakes in particular. He has received numerous awards for being an outstanding mentor, teacher, master researcher and dedicated scholar. Dr. Beaupre has previously served as Director of the university’s Stable Isotope Laboratory and been a member of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Ozark Natural Science Center board, and edited Herpetological Natural History. He was President of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, served on its board of governors, and edited the group’s Copeia journal.
Dr. Matthew S. Ganio is Head of the Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation and Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas. He earned his undergraduate and master’s degrees from the University of Georgia, his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut and did postdoctoral training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Prior to his current role, Dr. Ganio served as Director of the Exercise Science Research Center, Coordinator of the Fitness for Fun program and Supervisor of the Exercise Science Internship program at Arkansas.

His recent committee involvement includes the Honor’s Council, Research and Economic Development Strategic Planning, Campus Research Space Strategic Plan and the Wellness Coalition. Dr. Ganio has been awarded more than $750,000 in grants and contracts, published 91 peer-reviewed journal articles and published eight book chapters related to his research on hydration, thermoregulation and health. He serves on the Medical and Science Advisory Board of the Korey Stringer Institute and is the state representative for Arkansas in the Central States American College of Sports Medicine. Additionally, he is a member of the American Physiological Society and Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.
Dr. Angie Maxwell is Director of the Diane D. Blair Center of Southern Politics and Society, an Associate Professor of Political Science, and holder of the Diane D. Blair Endowed Professorship in Southern Studies at the University of Arkansas. As a Truman Scholar, she earned her Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Texas-Austin. Dr. Maxwell serves as Co-Chair of the Politics and Policy Caucus of the American Studies Association and on the editorial boards of the University of Arkansas Press, Social Science Quarterly, and Political Research Quarterly. Her research and commentary have been featured in Slate and on MSNBC’s “The Reid Report” and “The Cycle.”

Dr. Jennie Popp is Associate Dean in the Honors College and a Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Arkansas. As associate dean she oversees the Honors College fellowship and grant programs, serves as the college’s liaison with the six college-based honors programs, and leads and directs new initiatives in international research and service learning. In 2014 Dr. Popp was named Co-Chair of the UA Service Learning Initiative, and under her co-leadership the initiative has facilitated the designation of more than 100 domestic and international undergraduate and graduate courses and dozens of research opportunities for service learning for UA students.

Dr. Popp’s research focuses on identification and implementation of sustainable agricultural best management practices, and she has been the lead or co-principal investigator on more than $20 million in federally competitive grants. Since 2008 she has served as an Area Director for the Division of Agriculture, Center for Agricultural and Rural Sustainability where she was one of 30 individuals nationwide appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Farm Ranch and Rural Communities Committee for two consecutive two-year terms.

Closer to home, Dr. Popp led the development and execution of the first Arkansas Women in Agriculture (AWA) conference in 2005 that offered agricultural production, agribusiness and networking opportunities to Arkansas women involved in agricultural production and processing enterprises. She helped transition it into a 401c corporation that continues today.
Christian Dagg is Head of the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, a position he established in 2017, and Associate Professor at Auburn University. He joined the faculty of the school in 2000 and has taught in the architecture and real estate development programs. Professor Dagg has received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the School of Architecture AIAS, the CADC Outstanding Teaching Award and the Collaborative Initiative Award. In 2013, he and his colleague Kevin Moore were recipients of the NCARB Award for their project, “Studio: Urban Healthcare.”

Professor Dagg holds a Master of Architecture degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and a Bachelor’s degree in Art from Northeastern University. While in Boston, he worked in the offices of Machado and Silvetti Associates and Kallmann, McKinnell and Wood Architects on a series of notable projects, including the Getty Villa addition and restoration in Los Angeles and the Suffolk County Courthouse in Boston. He taught at the Boston Architectural Center and Northeastern University, and he is a principal of Hinson + Dagg Architects, a firm recognized with AIA design awards at the local and state level for its attention to typology, materials and innovative response to context.
Dr. Shashank Rao is the Jim W. Thompson Professor of Supply Chain Management at Auburn University. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Engineering, an MBA in Marketing and Finance, and a Ph.D. in Operations and Supply Chain Management. Prior to entering academe, Dr. Rao was a Relationship Manager at Citigroup N.A. He previously also worked for the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and has served as a consultant to manufacturers, retailers and logistics service providers.

His research interests focus on retailing, order fulfillment and logistics customer service. He has published several articles in academic and professional journals of repute such as the *Journal of Operations Management*, *Journal of Business Logistics*, *Production & Operations Management*, *Decision Sciences Journal*, and others. He also serves on the editorial review board of the *Journal of Business Logistics* and the *Journal of Supply Chain Management*. He is an associate editor of the *Journal of Organizational Computing and Electronic Commerce*. Dr. Rao serves as a frequent speaker at academic conferences, executive education seminars and professional meetings.
Dr. David C. Virtue is Head of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching and Professor at Auburn University. He is leading the department’s transition to a responsibility-centered budget and in numerous initiatives aligned with the university’s strategic priority areas of undergraduate and graduate student success, faculty development, research and diversity and inclusion. Before coming to Auburn in 2016, Dr. Virtue served for 13 years in the College of Education at the University of South Carolina as a department chair, faculty senator and program coordinator.

Dr. Virtue’s research focuses on teacher education and middle grades curriculum and instruction, with a particular interest in international and comparative perspectives. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Norway in 2010-11 and a visiting scholar at Aalborg University in Denmark in 1999. Dr. Virtue has authored more than 50 publications and secured more than $1.5 million in grants and contracts. He served as editor of *Middle School Journal*, the flagship publication of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE), and he is editor of *Research in Middle Level Education Online*. In 2017, Dr. Virtue co-founded the Alabama Association for Middle Level Education and currently serves as its president. Dr. Virtue earned his master’s and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia.
Dr. Sherrilene Classen is Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy, Director of the Institute for Mobility, Activity and Participation, and Professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions at the University of Florida. She was recently elected to serve on the UF Faculty Senate. Dr. Classen is an Extraordinary Professor at Stellenbosch University in Cape Town, South Africa, and her scholarly work utilizes both a public health and a rehabilitation science approach to bring depth and breadth in understanding driving from multiple perspectives. She is an internationally funded scientist who studies fitness-to-drive issues in at-risk drivers using clinical assessments, driving simulators, on-road assessments, in-vehicle technologies and automated vehicles.

Dr. Classen has received continued competitive external funding from the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense and Department of Transportation, as well as agencies in Canada and abroad. She is editor-in-chief of the *Occupational Therapy Journal of Research*, serves on various national and international committees related to driving, is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Gerontological Society of America, and an inductee into the American Occupational Therapy Foundation’s Academy of Research, the highest scholarly honor the foundation confers.
Darren L. Hutchinson is Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor in the University of Florida Levin College of Law. His service to the college includes chairing the promotion and tenure committee and serving on the appointments committee, diversity and community relations committee and advising the American Constitution Society.


Professor Hutchinson earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School. Before coming to UF, he was Associate Professor at Southern Methodist University School of Law and a Professor at American University, Washington College of Law. Prior to his career in academia, he practiced commercial litigation at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton in New York City and clerked for the late Honorable Mary Johnson Lowe, a former U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of New York.
Dr. Scott P. Ardoin is Head of the Department of Educational Psychology and Co-Chair of the Center for Autism and Behavioral Education Research at the University of Georgia. He currently serves as Education Division Chair for the Association for Behavior Analysis International and is President-elect of the Society for the Study of School Psychology.

Dr. Ardoin’s research involves the application of principles of applied behavior analysis within schools settings, and he applies these principles not only to developing classroom and individual student behavioral intervention, but also to developing academic skill interventions and improved academic assessment practices. Much of his current research employs eye-tracking procedures which he uses to observe the reading behaviors engaged in by students when reading, how those behaviors are altered with intervention, students test taking strategies, and what test characteristics might allow for better measurement of students’ reading comprehension skills.

He has authored more than 55 articles and chapters, has served as associate editor of multiple peer-refereed journal and is an American Psychological Association Division 16 Lightner Witmer Award Winner. In addition to sharing his knowledge with graduate students through classwork and collaborative research, Dr. Ardoin teaches classes that make up the course sequence offered by the UGA School Psychology Program and approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board towards BACB eligibility requirements.
Dr. Thomas L. Mote is Associate Dean for Physical and Mathematical Sciences in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and Distinguished Research Professor of Geography at the University of Georgia. Previously, Dr. Mote served as Head of the Department of Geography and founding Director for the Program in Atmospheric Sciences. As associate dean he oversees the supplemental instructional budget, which funds graduate teaching and laboratory assistants and non-tenure track faculty involved in instruction. He also oversees matters related to graduate education and serves as the liaison to the UGA Graduate School.

Dr. Mote is the primary liaison with the Division of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, which includes the departments of chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, physics and astronomy and statistics. His research interests are in the areas of climate variability and climate change represented in large-scale atmospheric circulation, particularly in the polar regions. He has worked on numerous projects with NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy, among others. He was named a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society in 2017 and a Fulbright scholar to Brazil in 2008.
Dr. Amanda Murdie is Head of the Department of International Affairs in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. She is also editor-in-chief of *International Studies Review* and co-editor of the University of Georgia Press Studies in Security and International Affairs Book Series. She previously served as graduate coordinator for the UGA Department of International Affairs and as Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri. In 2015, Dr. Murdie served as President of the International Studies Association-Midwest, and in 2016 she was program chair for the International Studies Association Annual Convention.

Dr. Murdie’s research interest is in international relations, specializing in the behavior of international non-governmental organizations and their interactions with states, local populations and intergovernmental organizations. She has published more than 50 articles and book chapters in such publications as the *Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science* and *International Organization*. Dr. Murdie has worked with the military, policy and non-governmental organization communities to develop new quantitative measures that capture the power of human security non-state actors and track the spread of human security norms. She is the 2018 recipient of the Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar Award from the International Studies Association.
Usha R. Rodrigues is the University of Georgia Parliamentarian and in 2018 completed a three-year term as the UGA School of Law’s Associate Dean for Faculty Development. She joined the law school’s faculty in 2005 and was named the holder of the M.E. Kilpatrick Chair of Corporate Finance and Securities Law in 2014. Currently, Professor Rodrigues leads courses in contracts, business ethics, business associations and securities regulation.

Prior to coming to Athens, she was a corporate associate with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she specialized in corporate law and technology transactions. She also served as a judicial law clerk to Judge Thomas L. Ambro of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Her work has appeared in the Virginia, Illinois, Minnesota, Fordham, Emory, Florida, Kentucky and Washington and Lee Law Reviews. She has also published in online fora of the Vanderbilt, UCLA, Texas and Harvard Business Law Reviews and in the peer-reviewed Journal of Corporate Finance.

Professor Rodrigues earned her bachelor’s degree from Georgetown University, her master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin and her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia, where she served as editor-in-chief of the Virginia Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.
Dr. Jennifer Bird-Pollan joined the University of Kentucky College of Law faculty in 2010 and is currently the James and Mary Lassiter Professor of Law. Since 2014 she has been involved in the University Senate, serving first as the College of Law Senator, then chairing an ad hoc committee considering UK’s policies on sexual assault and sexual harassment. She was elected to the Senate Council in 2016 and was elected chair in 2018.

A member of the Kentucky chapter of the New Leaders Council and a Kentucky Colonel, Dr. Bird-Pollan has spent several years assisting with the College of Law’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, and she serves as faculty advisor to the College of Law Tax Law Society, the Women’s Law Caucus and the Student Bar Association.

Dr. Bird-Pollan served as the 2014-2015 Fulbright Visiting Professor at the Vienna University of Business and Economics in Vienna, Austria, and as a visiting professor at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. She earned her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School and Master of Arts degree and Ph.D., both in Philosophy, from Vanderbilt University.
Dr. Anastasia C. Curwood is Director of African American and Africana Studies and Associate Professor of History at the University of Kentucky. Using an interdisciplinary lens across history, she writes about twentieth-century African American women, gender and sexuality, and African American intellectuals, politics and culture.

Her first book, *Stormy Weather: Middle-Class African American Marriages Between the Two World Wars* (North Carolina, 2010), is centered on the cultural and social contests over African Americans’ marriages in the early twentieth century. Dr. Curwood is currently at work on *Chisholm: The Life of an American Symbol*, which is a critical biography that combines political science and social movement history to explain the origins and significance of Shirley Chisholm’s historic firsts in the U.S. Congress and in the 1972 race for the U.S. Presidency.

Dr. Curwood earned a Master of Arts degree and Ph.D., both in History, from Princeton University. She is the recipient of several grants and honors, including a Career Enhancement Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, a Ford Postdoctoral Fellowship, and a Research Fellowship at the James Weldon Johnson Institute at Emory University.
Dr. Frank Romanelli is Associate Dean for Education and Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs in the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy with joint appointments as Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Professor of Physician Assistant Studies. He is also the Paul F. Parker Endowed Professor of Pharmacy.

Dr. Romanelli is board certified in pharmacotherapy and recognized by the American Association of HIV Medicine as an HIV Pharmacist. In 2009, he was elected a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association, and currently he serves as executive associate editor of the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education. He earned both his bachelor of science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston. He completed both a Pharmacy Practice and Critical Care residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center where he also served as Chief Resident.

In 2012, Dr. Romanelli was inducted as an honorary member of Pi Alpha, the National Physician Assistant Academic Honor Society, and in 2013 he was inducted into Delta Omega, the honorary society for Public Health. In 2018, he was named by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy as a “Distinguished Teacher Scholar.”
Dr. Shari R. Veil is Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs and Professor in the College of Communication and Information at the University of Kentucky. She also serves as Chair of the Department of Communication. As associate dean she oversees the recruitment, advisement and retention of more than 2000 undergraduate students in five majors, four minors and two undergraduate certificates. Dr. Veil formerly served as Director of the Risk Sciences Division (now the Risk and Disaster Communication Center), coordinating research, funding, graduate education and training programs specific to risk and crisis communication.

Her academic program development and research on organizational learning in high-risk environments, community preparedness, and communication strategies for crisis management have been supported by more than $1.9 million in grants and contracts and resulted in more than 80 scholarly publications. Dr. Veil is the Research Chair of the National Communication Association Public Relations Division and serves locally on the Lexington-Fayette Emergency Planning Committee and Community Emergency Response Team. She also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in risk and crisis, organizational and mass communication.
Dr. Oliver Dasbach is Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Professor at Louisiana State University. His research is in three-dimensional topology, an area of mathematics that studies properties and invariants of three-dimensional spaces that are unchanged through stretching, bending and other continuous deformations. Dr. Dasbach’s research was funded through various National Science Foundation grants, and he has presented it at more than 70 national and international conferences, colloquia and seminars in the U.S., Japan, Korea, Poland and other European countries. He has co-organized conferences in Baton Rouge and New York, as well as a Virtual Seminar Series between topology research groups at LSU, Rice University and the University of Iowa. At LSU, Dr. Dasbach has supervised the research of 15 postdoctoral associates, Ph.D. students and undergraduate students. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Düsseldorf in Germany.
Dr. Cynthia Fontcuberta DiCarlo is Executive Director of the Early Childhood Education Laboratory Preschool at Louisiana State University and holds the W.H. “Bill” LeBlanc LSU Alumni Association Departmental Endowed Professorship of Early Childhood Education. She also serves as Coordinator of the Early Childhood Education Teacher Education Program. Her research focuses on interventions to improve outcomes for young children as well as clarification and innovations in recommended practices in early childhood.

Dr. DiCarlo’s research on children’s attention during whole group instruction received the 2012 Research Paper of the Year Award from the Journal of Research in Childhood Education, and she was recognized for excellence in teaching by receiving the Tiger Athletic Foundation Teaching Award in 2010. Additionally, she has received recognition for her service, receiving the College of Human Sciences and Education Faculty Service Award in 2016 and the Louisiana Champions of Service Volunteer of the Year: Plantation Region recognition in 2013.

She currently serves on the editorial board for the Journal of Teacher Action Research and the Association for Childhood Education International, and as Vice President for Membership for the National Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators.
Dr. John Flake is Department Chair and Jay Affolter Professor in Louisiana State University’s Cain Department of Chemical Engineering. He earned his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at Georgia Tech, and prior to joining the faculty at LSU, he worked in research labs at IBM’s Thomas J. Watson Research Center and Motorola’s Advanced Products Research and Development Laboratories. His industry work resulted in several awards and 12 U.S. and international patents.

While at LSU, he has been active in teaching graduate and undergraduate courses, leading a research group and serving as Director of the Chemical Engineering Graduate Program. Dr. Flake has continued his research with industry collaborators related to materials processing and has also established more fundamental research efforts in batteries and electrocatalysis. His battery research focuses on advanced lithium-based batteries, and his electrocatalysis work focuses on the electrochemical conversions of carbon dioxide and methane.
Dr. Jared J. Llorens is Director of the Public Administration Institute and Associate Professor in the E.J. Ourso College of Business at Louisiana State University. His scholarly research focuses primarily on public sector human resource management, with particular interests in compensation and recruitment. He is editor-in-chief of the SAGE Publications journal *Public Personnel Management*, an associate editor of the Wiley Publications journal *Public Administration Review* and sits on the editorial board of the *Review of Public Personnel Administration*.

His research has been published in a variety of academic outlets, and he is a co-author of the widely adopted textbook *Public Personnel Management: Context and Strategies*, 6th and 7th editions. Dr. Llorens has served on numerous university and professional association service committees and recently finished a three-year term on the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation for the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration and the National Council of the American Society for Public Administration.

Dr. Llorens earned his bachelor of arts degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Georgia.
Dr. Yunhee Chang is Interim Chair of the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management and Associate Professor at the University of Mississippi. With more than 400 undergraduate majors, 30 graduate students and 20 faculty and staff, the department houses the nation’s fastest growing programs in the field.

Dr. Chang joined the UM faculty in 2004 after earning her Ph.D. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests are in nutrition policy, consumer finance and health and nutrition disparity in the population. Her work has been supported by the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bower Foundation and the U.S. Bureau of Census. Her publications appear in *American Economic Review*, *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, *Journal of School Health* and *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, among others.

She was a Fulbright fellow for her graduate research at the University of Chicago. Dr. Chang is also a two-time recipient of the Applied Consumer Economics Award, served on the Board of Directors for the American Council on Consumer Interests and is an active member of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management and the International Association for Time Use Research.
Dr. Greg Easson is Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education in the School of Engineering at the University of Mississippi and Executive Director of the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute (MMRI). He was previously Executive Director of the Enterprise for Innovative Geospatial Solutions, a university-wide program to coordinate research activities in Geospatial Information Science and Technology (GIS&T), and Director of the UM Geoinformatics Center, an interdisciplinary research and educational initiative designed to increase the use and awareness of GIS&T.

A Professor in the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Dr. Easson has taught geospatial information science and remote sensing classes for the past 23 years, and his research has been funded by NASA, Department of Homeland Security, National Science Foundation, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (formerly Minerals Management Service) and other federal, state and private agencies and groups. He has managed more than $22 million in research funds and as Executive Director of the MMRI, he administers an annual operating budget of $1.5 million.

Dr. Easson earned his Master’s degree in Geology and Ph.D. in Geological Engineering from the University of Missouri–Rolla. He began his academic career at the University of Mississippi as an Assistant Professor and over time has served as chair of the department and in other leadership posts.
Dr. Gregg Roman is Chair of the Biology Department and Professor at the University of Mississippi. As chair he is working to reform the curriculum, expand the graduate program, increase diversity and strengthen the research infrastructure. Prior to coming to UM in 2016, Dr. Roman was a Professor at the University of Houston where he served as the Founding Director of both the Biology of Behavior Institute and the Biology and Biochemistry Imaging Core. He was also Policy Leader for the Cellular and Molecular Biology Division within the Department of Biology and Biochemistry and a member of the Research and Scholarship Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Roman earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, where he focused on plant hormone signaling, and his postdoctoral training was at Baylor College of Medicine. His honors include being named the Henry and William Test Investigator of the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression, a Distinguished Scholar and Lifetime Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Phillip O’Bryan Montgomery Postdoctoral Fellow from the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Research Fund.
Dr. Noell Wilson is Chair of the Arch Dalrymple III Department of History and Croft Associate Professor of History and International Studies at the University of Mississippi. She has served as faculty senator, member of the University Research Board, member of the Strategic Planning Council, organizer of four Japan Foundation film festivals, member of the Chancellor’s Task Force on Childcare and host of the Midwest Japan Seminar. She is the author of several publications on Japan as a maritime nation and larger Pacific history, including *Defensive Positions: The Politics of Maritime Security in Tokugawa Japan* (Harvard University Asia Center, 2015) and a chapter forthcoming from Cambridge University Press in 2018 entitled, “The Nantucket of the North Pacific: How US Whalers in 1860s Hakodate Connected Restoration Japan to Global Flows.”

Her recent scholarly awards include the 2017 Book Prize from the Southeastern Conference of the Association for Asian Studies and a 2017-2018 Fulbright Research Award for a year of archival work at Hokkaido University in Japan. After studying Japanese as an undergraduate at Wake Forest University, Dr. Wilson spent a year as an English teacher in Hokkaido before returning to earn her Ph.D. in History and East Asian Languages from Harvard University.
Dr. Angus L. Dawe is Head of the Department of Biological Sciences and the Dr. Donald L. Hall Professor of Biology at Mississippi State University. Before coming to Mississippi State in 2016, he served as Associate Department Head, Director of Graduate Studies and on a variety of campus committees and elected positions at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Dr. Dawe grew up in Cornwall (southwest England) and completed his Bachelor’s degree in Microbiology at the University of Sheffield. Moving to the University of Tennessee, he earned his Master’s degree in Biotechnology and Ph.D. in Cellular, Molecular and Developmental Biology.

In 2000, Dr. Dawe moved to the Center for Agricultural Biotechnology at the University of Maryland and in 2004 became a tenure-track faculty member at New Mexico State. In 2016 he was promoted to Professor. Dr. Dawe played a key role in attracting funding from the Undergraduate Science Education program of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in 2006, which was renewed in 2010 and 2014, awards that totaled more than $5 million for the New Mexico State campus and supported curriculum development, undergraduate research training and outreach.
Dr. Kimberly R. Hall is Head of the Division of Education at Mississippi State University-Meridian. In this role she leads faculty and staff in elementary education, secondary education, special education, educational leadership, community college education, counseling and kinesiology. She has been an active professional in the field of counseling and education for almost 20 years, employed as a school counselor, licensed counselor and counselor educator.

Dr. Hall recently served as the 2017-2018 President of the Mississippi Counseling Association, an organization that services more than 1200 members and advocates for counseling throughout the state of Mississippi. Prior to this, she has worked with the Mississippi Department of Education to develop the current state-wide school counseling model, and she served as President for the Mississippi Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors, Advocacy Co-Chair for the Mississippi Counseling Association, and Vice President for the Mississippi School Counselor Association.

She has more than 20 publications, one book, more than 65 presentations, and has received almost $1 million in external funding. Dr. Hall has received two awards honoring faculty who contributed to the tri-fold mission of the university, two university awards in teaching, one university award in research and the 2015 Research Contributor Award for the Mississippi Counseling Association.
Dr. Nicole E. Rader is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences at Mississippi State University. She joined the Department of Sociology at Mississippi State in 2005 where she served in a number of leadership positions, including internship coordinator, undergraduate coordinator and graduate coordinator. She helped develop a new criminology major housed in the Department of Sociology and has served on the graduate committees of more than 30 students. Dr. Rader was also Director of Gender Studies and Interim Director of African American Studies for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Rader chaired the Work Life Balance Committee and the President’s Commission on the Status of Women for Mississippi State. She has also served as an executive committee member for the Division of Victimology through the American Society of Criminology. Dr. Rader’s research focuses on gender issues in criminology, particularly fear of crime, victimization and the media. Her co-authored, award-winning book, *Fear of Crime in the United States: Causes, Consequences, and Contradictions*, examines how fear of crime has changed in the U.S. during the past 30 years.
Dr. Jack Smith is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine and past Director of Clinical Education in the college, where he was responsible for oversight and management of the clinical years of the CVM curriculum. As associate dean he oversees and manages student matriculation through the DVM program, which includes the admissions and orientation process, curriculum development and delivery and outcomes assessment activities.

Dr. Smith began his career as a clinician in the Animal Health Center, working in the Theriogenology service. He has served on numerous committees and task forces within the college, including the Admissions Committee and the Curriculum Committee. Recently he participated in the Faculty Leadership Program through the Office of Research and Economic Development and was selected to represent the university in the Leadership Academy of the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges. Dr. Smith also continues to teach in all four years of the veterinary medicine curriculum.
Dr. A. Cooper Drury is Senior Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Science and Professor of Political Science in the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri. At Mizzou, he has served as department chair, on the faculty council and led numerous campus and system-level committees. He earned his Ph.D. from Arizona State University, and his primary research and teaching interests focus on foreign policy and international political economy. Specifically, he studies the causes, outcomes and consequences of economic sanctions.

Dr. Drury has authored or co-authored two books and more than two dozen articles and chapters. He is also the co-author of a textbook and has been awarded multiple research grants. He won the Quincy Wright Distinguished Scholar Award and is the three-time winner of the Frank Klingberg Award for Outstanding Faculty Research. In 2016 he received the International Studies Association-Midwest Teaching and Mentoring Award, and in 2006 he received the University’s Gold Chalk Award for excellence in graduate education and mentoring. Dr. Drury served as editor-in-chief of Foreign Policy Analysis and as the 2016 International Studies Association program co-chair.
Dr. Jung Ha-Brookshire is Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Human Environmental Sciences and Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Textile and Apparel Management at the University of Missouri. Prior to higher education, she worked in New York City as a sourcing manager for apparel companies, managing multi-million dollar global sourcing projects annually.

As associate dean, Dr. Ha-Brookshire manages grant proposal submissions and part of the post-award support processes in the college, both of which have increasing trends. She oversees approximately 40 internal grant projects each year, including two newly-launched programs. As a faculty member, she has received the Kemper Excellence for Teaching Award -- the highest teaching recognition at the university -- the Fulbright Hong Kong PolyU Core Scholar Award, and the Rising Star Award by the International Textile and Apparel Association, among others.

She has published more than 50 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters and presented at various international, national and regional venues. She served as the Vice President of Operation and is now elected to serve as the Vice President of Publications for the International Textiles and Apparel Association.
Dr. Pamela S. Hinton is Director of Graduate Studies for Nutritional Sciences, Chair of the Faculty Grievance Resolution Panel and serves as the University of Missouri’s Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) to the SEC and NCAA. As FAR, she is responsible for institutional control, academic integrity and student-athlete welfare, where she must facilitate cooperative interaction with university administration in intercollegiate athletics and academics. Recently, she was selected to represent the SEC at the Division I FAR Training Institute at the NCAA Headquarters.

Dr. Hinton was recently awarded the Provost’s University Citizenship Award for Service for her work on behalf of the University of Missouri, having joined the nutrition and exercise physiology faculty in 2000. Dr. Hinton’s research focuses on the effects of nutrition and exercise on bone health, an interest born out of her experience as a student-athlete. She earned a Bachelor’s degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, while running track and cross country for the Badgers. She then earned her Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Wisconsin and completed postdoctoral training in the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University.
Ben Trachtenberg is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Missouri, and from 2015 to 2017 he served as chair of the Faculty Council. He has published in the *Florida Law Review*, the *Oregon Law Review*, the *Hastings Law Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Chronicle of Higher Education*, among others. Before coming to Missouri, Professor Trachtenberg was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Brooklyn Law School, and from 2006 to 2008 he was a Litigation Associate at Covington & Burling LLP, assigned to white collar investigations and civil securities cases. He also handled pro bono representations in housing and employment law matters.

In 2012, Professor Trachtenberg received the Gold Chalk Award for excellence in graduate education and mentoring from the University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council, and in 2014 he won the Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award. The next year he won the Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award from the School of Law.

Professor Trachtenberg earned his Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School, where he was an articles editor on the *Columbia Law Review*, and after graduating, he clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit with Judge José A. Cabranes.
Dr. Mark Garrett Cooper is Director of the Film and Media Studies Program, Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate and Professor at the University of South Carolina. From 2009 to 2013 he served as Interim Director of the university’s Moving Image Research Collections.


With Sara Beth Levavy, Ross Melnick, and Mark Williams he co-edited *Rediscovering U.S. Newsfilm: Cinema, Television, and the Archive* for the AFI Film Readers Series (Routledge, forthcoming 2018). Dr. Cooper earned his Ph.D. from Brown University and has 14 years of experience in university-level faculty governance.
Dr. Julius Fridriksson is Co-Director of the McCausland Center for Brain Imaging in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. He is also the Carolina Distinguished Professor and Smart Brain Endowed Chair (Smart State) in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 2001, the same year he joined the faculty at South Carolina.

Dr. Fridriksson’s research focuses on the neurophysiology of stroke recovery and rehabilitation, specifically understanding how brain damage caused by stroke affects behavior. Much of his work centers on aphasia, a communication disorder typically caused by damage to the dominant hemisphere of the brain. In 2016, he was awarded a center grant from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders to establish the Center for the Study of Aphasia Recovery (C-STAR). Dr. Fridriksson serves as Director of C-STAR and helps facilitate and coordinate research across several different departments, colleges and universities.
Dr. Thomas E. Hodges is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Education at the University of South Carolina. As associate dean he provides leadership in academic programing, strategic initiatives, professional partnerships and assessment. He previously served as Chair of the Department of Instruction and Teacher Education and as Coordinator of Elementary Education Programs.

Prior to working in higher education, Dr. Hodges taught middle and high school mathematics. He has served on numerous task forces and committees on both the state and national level, and was most recently awarded a grant from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to develop the Center for Research on Teacher Education.

His research interests include the development of identities, beliefs, attitudes and dispositions among teachers of mathematics, particularly at the elementary level. In the last 10 years he has authored more than 35 peer-reviewed and invited publications in a variety of outlets, including the *Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education*, *Mathematics Education Research Journal*, *Teaching Children Mathematics*, *Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School*, *Annual Perspectives in Mathematics Education*, as well as the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics’ recently released *Enhancing Classroom Practice with Research behind Principles to Actions*. 
Dr. Lucy Ingram is Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Online Education in the Arnold School of Public Health and Associate Professor of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior at the University of South Carolina. She is currently a Governing Council member of the American Public Health Association, former member of the International AIDS Society, and has served as a board member for several local community-based and reproductive health organizations.

Dr. Ingram’s expertise in conducting research with underserved populations has afforded her the opportunity to serve in many capacities as invited speaker, moderator, investigator, grant recipient and consultant in the areas of health disparities, sexual and reproductive health. Her research focuses on minority health, racial health disparities and women’s sexual and reproductive health, with particular emphasis on using community-based participatory research methods with underserved and vulnerable populations. She began her studies at Emory University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, and she later earned her Master of Public Health degree and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Katherine Ambroziak is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research in the College of Architecture and Design at the University of Tennessee. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from the University of Virginia and her Master of Architecture from Princeton University. Her research examines how designers and users become conscious of their built and natural environments and what this may mean to the generation of healthy perceptions and memory.

A licensed architect in the State of Tennessee, Ambroziak is active in the community as both an academic and private citizen. In 2015 she received the Chancellor’s Honors Award for Excellence in Academic Outreach related to her cross-disciplinary work with the university’s Smart Communities Initiative, the Appalachia Community Health and Disaster Readiness Project and the Odd Fellows Cemetery Reclamation Program. Other professional and teaching awards include the Fred & Rosalee Oakley Award from the Association for Gravestone Studies for her research, teaching and engagement in Odd Fellows Cemetery, the American Institute of Architects Housing Award, the American Collegiate Schools of Architecture Faculty Design Award and a Religious Art and Architecture Award for Religious Architecture from the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture.
Dr. Angela L. Batey is Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion in the College of Arts and Sciences at University of Tennessee. She recently served as Interim Director of the School of Music and is Director of Graduate Studies. Dr. Batey is also Director of Choral Activities and the James Cox Professor of Music. She conducts the Chamber Singers and teaches graduate conducting courses.

Dr. Batey is a past President of the Tennessee American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and currently serves on the executive board of ACDA’s Southern Division. She has been Associate Conductor of Schola Cantorum of Florida, a professional chorus, Associate Music Director of the Florida Ambassadors of Music, and Festival Director of the International Cathedral Music Festival. She is also director of music at Farragut Presbyterian Church.

She has appeared as a clinician for the American Choral Directors Association, South Carolina Music Educators Association, Florida Vocal Association, and Rhode Island Vocal Association, among others. Her choirs have appeared all over the world including New York’s Carnegie Hall, London’s Westminster Abbey and St. Paul’s Cathedral. Dr. Batey earned degrees from Birmingham-Southern College, Florida State University and the University of South Carolina.
Dr. Gary J. Skolits is Associate Professor of Evaluation, Statistics and Measurement (ESM) in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Tennessee, and he also coordinates the ESM Ph.D. program. He recently completed 10 years of service as Executive Director of Tennessee’s Institute for Assessment and Evaluation, where he directed more than 150 evaluation studies for community, state, regional and national projects. He is also President-Elect of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Skolits has 34 years of higher education experience in Tennessee, including 17 years at an east Tennessee regional community college where he served as Dean of Planning, Research and Assessment. He recently completed three years on the University of Tennessee faculty senate as caucus chair for the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. He earned his Ed.D. from East Tennessee State University, and prior to his work in public higher education was a corporate financial systems analyst, a community/regional planner, and a city management executive.
Dr. Tracie Woidtke is Head of the Department of Finance and David E. Sharp/Home Federal Bank of Tennessee Professor in the Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee. Her primary teaching interests are in corporate finance and corporate governance, and her research focuses on issues related to corporate governance and public policy and has been published in leading journals, including the *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, and *Journal of Financial Intermediation*, among others.

Dr. Woidtke’s research has been presented at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and referenced in numerous reports and articles on corporate governance, and she has been invited to speak at the Proxy Monitor Conference, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Special Sessions on Corporate Governance at the Financial Management Association Meetings in Chicago and New York.

In the community, she serves on the Board of Trustees, Governance Committee, Finance Committee and Grounds and Facilities Committee at Christian Academy of Knoxville. She has also served on stewardship committees for churches both in Tennessee and in Texas, and has served in Nicaragua, Belize and Quebec through Partners in Christ, the Praying Pelican Ministries and Christian Academy of Knoxville.
Dr. Mindy Bergman is Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Critical Studies and Professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Texas A&M University. She earned her Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her research focuses on occupational health psychology and organizational commitment. Within occupational health psychology, she investigates the effects of organizational climate on workplace behaviors and individual well-being, including diversity and safety.

Regarding diversity, Dr. Bergman’s research examines why people from underrepresented, minority or lower power demographic groups are mistreated more often than the majority. This research has influenced her service to the university, with a focus on diversity and inclusion in general and within undergraduate programs in particular.

Dr. Bergman is particularly interested in the development of commitment, and she has published in several journals, including *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice* and the *Journal of Applied Psychology*. She has won multiple awards, such as Reviewer of the Year for the *Journal of Business and Psychology*, the Texas A&M University Women’s Faculty Network Outstanding Mentor Award and the *Journal of Business and Psychology* Editor’s Commendation for Outstanding Paper award.
Dr. Carol Bunch-Davis is Assistant Head in the Department of Liberal Studies and Associate Professor at Texas A&M University at Galveston. She is a graduate of Trinity University and earned her Ph.D. in English at the University of Southern California. Dr. Bunch Davis teaches courses in liberal studies such as museums and the construction of identities, rhetoric and composition and introduction to African American literature and culture. She won the Texas A&M University System Student-Led Award for Teaching Excellence in 2009.

In 2017, she was a finalist of the Benjamin Hooks Center for Social Change National Book Award for Outstanding Book on the Civil Rights Movement and its Legacy for her book, *Prefiguring Post-blackness: Cultural Memory, Drama and the African American Freedom Struggle of the 1960s*. Dr. Bunch-Davis’s publications include one book chapter, two books, two peer-reviewed articles, four encyclopedias, three book reviews, and she has two manuscripts in preparation.
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Terri Helge is Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor in the Texas A&M University School of Law. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and earned her Juris Doctor from the South Texas College of Law. Professor Helge teaches courses in wills and estates, trusts and fiduciary responsibilities, nonprofit organizations, legislation and regulation, and marital property. Her research focuses on nonprofit organizations and the standards for tax exemption.

Prior to academia, Professor Helge practiced law with Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas and worked as a tax manager at the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen, LLP. She is a member of the American Bar Association, American Association of Law Schools, State Bar of Texas, Tax Exempt/Governmental Entities Council and the Tarrant County Bar Association. She has published in journals such as the Journal of Exempts and, her lead article, Policing the Good Guys: Regulation of the Charitable Sector Through a Federal Charity Oversight Board, in the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy was reprinted in eight International Journal of Civil Society Law volumes.
Dr. Scott Schaefer is Associate Head for Academics in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Professor of Computer Science at Texas A&M University. He is a graduate of Trinity University and earned his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Rice University. Dr. Schaefer’s research focuses on computer graphics, geometric modeling and scientific visualization. He won the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the Computer Science and Engineering Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Excellence Award in both 2010 and 2011, the Best Paper Award (The Günter Enderle Award), Eurographics for “Wavelet Rasterization” in 2011, and the Herbert H. Richardson Faculty Fellow Award in 2015. Dr. Schaefer has several publications in the peer-reviewed journal ACM Transactions on Graphics, as well as the Computer Graphics Forum.
Dr. Holly M. Scott Algood is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology in the School of Medicine at Vanderbilt University. She has played a pivotal role in utilizing animal models of H. pylori infection to investigate the host and bacterial factors which impact immunopathogenesis of this cancer causing organism. Her goal is to identify host, environmental and bacterial factors which lead to detrimental outcomes of H. pylori colonization in some persons.

Dr. Algood has presented at national and international conferences and authored more than 35 manuscripts. Her teaching demonstrates her curriculum design skills and includes co-directing several courses for graduate and medical students. She was the Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) nominee to attend the American Association of Medical Colleges’ course for Early Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar, and as a result she has become a Vanderbilt representative to the Graduate Women in Science and presented seminars on “Transforming difficult conversations into opportunities for positive change.” She serves VUMC as a member of the Institutional Biosafety Committee, and since the Fall of 2017, Dr. Algood has represented the School of Medicine on the Faculty Senate.
Dr. John A. McLean is Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate, Director of the Center for Innovative Technologies, Deputy Director of the Institute for Integrative Biosystems Research and Education and the Stevenson Professor of Chemistry at Vanderbilt University. Among many administrative roles, he has also served as both Chair and Secretary of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council.

Dr. McLean’s research focuses on the conceptualization, design and construction of structural mass spectrometers, specifically targeting complex samples in systems, synthetic, and chemical biology and nanotechnology. His group applies these strategies to forefront translational research areas in drug discovery, precision medicine and ‘human-on-chip’ synthetic biology platforms. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Society for Mass Spectrometry and in an editorial role and on the boards of several leading scientific journals. He recently co-authored a National Science Foundation report on big data science in chemistry.

He has received many professional and teaching awards and his laboratory is designated as an Agilent Thought Leader Laboratory and a Waters Center of Innovation. He earned his Ph.D. from George Washington University and was a postdoctoral fellow at Forschungszentrum Jülich in Germany.
Dr. Renã A. S. Robinson is the Dorothy J. Wingfield Phillips Chancellor’s Faculty Fellow who came to Vanderbilt University in 2017. She has a nationally and internationally recognized research program and is an emerging leader in the field of proteomics for her work in aging, Alzheimer’s disease and applications relevant to human health. Dr. Robinson actively mentors graduate and undergraduate students and trains them to be effective scientists in academia, industry, government, or other sectors. In addition, she engages high school students in research experiences in her laboratory.

Dr. Robinson earned her Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Indiana University, and during her studies she developed proteomics methods to study aging in Drosophila (fruit flies) and continued her work in aging as a Lyman T. Johnson Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Kentucky.

Recently Chemical and Engineering News awarded her the 2016 Talented Twelve Award, distinguishing her as one of the world’s brightest young minds in the field of chemistry. She is also the recipient of a Starter Grant Award from the Society for Analytical Chemistry of Pittsburgh and the 2014 Lloyd N. Ferguson Young Scientist Award from the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers.
Dr. Tiffany A. Tung is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and a Chancellor Fellow at Vanderbilt University. She has served as the Chair of the Faculty Council in the College of Arts and Science and as Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Anthropology. She was a two-term Chair of the Minority Scholarship Committee for the Society for American Archaeology and serves on the Ford Foundation Grant Panel. She has also served on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Biological Anthropology Senior Grant Panel, and is an associate editor for Bioarchaeology International.

Dr. Tung's research is in the field of anthropological bioarchaeology where she examines the health impact of colonialism and ancient imperial policies and practices. Her NSF-funded research now examines the decline of the Wari Empire. Dr. Tung is also conducting a bioarchaeological study of an enslaved community that was buried – without any grave markers – at the former Grassmere Plantation in Nashville, TN.

Additional 2018-19 Participants

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Dr. Jennifer Mueller-Phillips is Director of the School of Accountancy and KPMG Professor at Auburn University. Dr. Mueller-Phillips earned her Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Jacksonville State University and master's degree and Ph.D. at Virginia Tech. Her research interests relate to auditor judgment and liability. Dr. Mueller-Phillips' work has appeared in premier journals such as Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory, Behavioral Research in Accounting, Journal of Information Systems, and Issues in Accounting Education.

Dr. Mueller-Phillips' recognition includes a highly-competitive research grant by the Center for Audit Quality, appointment to a research synthesis team of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and to the KPMG Academic Research Panel, which supports the firm's funding for academic research nationwide. She has been recognized numerous times for outstanding teaching, both at Virginia Tech (as a doctoral student) and Auburn, including the Harbert College's prestigious McCartney Award. In the Auburn community, Dr. Mueller-Phillips serves as Supervisory Committee Chair of the AU Federal Credit Union. She is also an active member of the American Accounting Association.

Phaedra Corso: University of Georgia (Spring 2019)
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Dr. Phaedra Corso is Director of the Economic Evaluation Research Group in the College of Public Health at the University of Georgia. She also serves as Associate Director for the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research and UGA Foundation Professor of Human Health. She is known nationally and internationally for her research in economic evaluation and economic impact assessment, primarily in the areas of violence, substance abuse and obesity prevention. From 1991 to 2006, she conducted health economics research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), developing a primer on how to conduct economic evaluation for public health interventions.

In 2006, Dr. Corso joined the faculty at UGA, taking a leadership role as the founding Head of the Department of Health Policy and Management. She currently serves as Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator for multiple projects funded by the CDC, National Institute of Mental Health, and Georgia's state health department, among others. Dr. Corso holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from UGA and a Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University.
SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Liaisons
Dr. Jennifer D. Greer is Associate Provost for Administration at the University of Alabama. She previously was Interim Dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences and Chair of the Department of Journalism at UA. She has worked in higher education administration for more than 15 years, serving as a graduate director, department chair, associate dean or interim dean before joining the Office for Academic Affairs. Dr. Greer also has taught journalism and mass communication courses, including news writing, reporting, digital journalism, research methods and media ethics at Alabama, the University of Nevada and the University of Florida. She has won four college-wide teaching awards and a university-wide award for excellence in academic advising. Dr. Greer served as Executive Director of UA’s Knight Fellowship in Community Journalism for two years, working in conjunction with The Anniston (Ala.) Star.

Dr. Greer researches media credibility, online news delivery, media effects, and sport and gender issues, and she has published numerous journal articles, book chapters and an edited book, Media Issues. She serves on the editorial boards of several of the field’s leading research journals. Before entering academia, Dr. Greer worked for The Kansas City Star as a business reporter and was managing editor of The Gainesville (Fla.) Sun’s first online edition. She earned Bachelor’s degrees in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Missouri, a Master’s degree in Political Science from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Florida. In 2012-13, Dr. Greer was a fellow in the SEC Academic Leadership Development Program.
Dr. Ro Di Brezzo is Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and University Professor of Exercise Science at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Di Brezzo’s career at Arkansas started in 1983, when she came on as Assistant Professor of Physical Education. Since then, she has served as Program Chair and Interim Department Head of the Department of Kinesiology, Director of the Human Performance Laboratory, and Co-Director of the Office for Studies on Aging. In 1992, Dr. Di Brezzo co-founded the Teaching and Faculty Support Center. From 2012-2013, she served as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

As a biomechanic, Dr. Di Brezzo’s research expertise includes performance variables for women. She has twice been awarded the Research Award from the Southern Academy of Women in Physical Activity, Sport and Health, and has been nationally recognized for her contributions to science by the American College of Sports Medicine and was named a Fellow of the organization in 2012. Dr. Di Brezzo has received many teaching and research awards from the College of Education and Health Professions. These awards include the Outstanding Mentor Award (2011), awarded by the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards, the Academic Excellence Award, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (2008), and the Baum Faculty Outstanding Teaching Award (1999).
Dr. Andrew (Andy) Gillespie is Assistant Provost for International Programs at Auburn University and serves as Director of the International Students and Scholars Services Office, the Office of Study Abroad and the English as a Second Language Office. His additional responsibilities include international alumni development, international student recruiting and admissions, development of international campuses and on-campus curriculum internationalization. Dr. Gillespie is also a Professor of Natural Resources in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences.

Dr. Gillespie came to Auburn in 2010, after 20 years at Purdue University on the faculty in the College of Agriculture and in academic administration, overseeing international programming and strategic planning as associate dean. A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Gillespie was trained as a soil chemist and plant physiologist and his research is in food and fiber production systems of indigenous peoples and their relation to temperate and tropical production systems in developed countries.
Dr. Chris J. Hass was named Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs at the University of Florida in 2018. In this role he serves as a member of the provost’s administrative team managing the tenure and promotion process, providing leadership for university-level faculty development efforts, managing faculty personnel issues, including policy and processes, and serving as the Office of the Provost’s representative for university governance.

Dr. Hass is currently Professor and Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, and he has an extensive record of service on the UF Faculty Senate, where he currently serves as a senator. He is a member of the Faculty Senate Academic Policy Counsel, has served as a member and Chair of the Faculty Senate Welfare Council, and was a member of the SCORS Committee.

Dr. Hass is a graduate of the University of Florida, and before returning to UF in 2006 he held academic positions at Columbia University and Georgia Institute of Technology. He has taught courses in biomechanics, neuroscience, research methods and motor control while his research focuses on understanding the complex interplay between the nervous system and the musculoskeletal system during whole body movements such as walking and standing balance. He has held leadership positions in the American Society of Biomechanics and the American College of Sports Medicine.
Dr. Margaret A. (Meg) Amstutz is Associate Provost for Academic Programs at the University of Georgia, and from July 2017 to July 2018 she served as Interim President of the College of Coastal Georgia, a state college within the University System of Georgia with more than 3600 students and a mission is to provide an affordable and accessible education for students from the Golden Isles region and beyond.

Dr. Amstutz’s career in the university system began in 1997 in the Office of the President of the University of Georgia, where she served for 16 years — 10 as Assistant to the President and six as Chief of Staff. As Chief of Staff she oversaw the Office of the President as well as the Office of Legal Affairs, the Office of Internal Auditing and the Equal Opportunity Office. After her service to the president, Dr. Amstutz was named Associate Provost for Academic Programs, providing oversight for a variety of academic programs and initiatives, including Commencement.

She holds an academic appointment at Georgia as adjunct Assistant Professor of English. She received her bachelor’s degree in English from Centre College and earned her master’s degree and Ph.D. in English and American Literature, respectively, from Washington University in St. Louis. While in St. Louis, Dr. Amstutz worked with the Missouri Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Dr. G.T. Lineberry is Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement and Professor of Mining Engineering at the University of Kentucky. As Associate Provost he is responsible for all matters relating to the full span of the career of UK faculty members. He has been on the mining engineering faculty at Kentucky for more than 30 years after earning a Ph.D. in Mining Engineering from West Virginia University in 1982.

In his career Dr. Lineberry has worked internships, a summer appointment, and a sabbatical with Consol, the Army Research Institute, and the former U.S. Bureau of Mines, respectively. His research interests are in engineering education, mine excavating and bulk materials handling, and occupational health and safety. He has authored or co-authored approximately 70 journal articles, conference papers, books, book chapters, and government documents and has given more than 140 conference presentations, seminars and invited lectures.

Dr. Lineberry is a recipient of the Stefanko Best Paper Award (Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) Coal Division), the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of America (PCMIA) Educational Excellence Award, a Life Member of SME, was instrumental in establishing the cooperative engineering programs in Paducah and the joint engineering programs in Bowling Green, and he is a three-time winner of the UK Departmental Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Teacher award, most recently in 2013. He is the founder of Mu Nu Gamma, an honorary society for mining engineering students.
Dr. Jane Cassidy is Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Louisiana State University and holds the Roy and Margaret Gianelloni Alumni Professorship in Music. Dr. Cassidy’s responsibilities include serving as chief deputy for the Executive Vice President and Provost, and advising the Provost on matters such as general campus administration, promotion and tenure, faculty development, academic space utilization, academic policy, Board of Supervisors/Board of Regents relations and budgetary issues. She also oversees the LSU Rural Life Museum, LSU Museum of Art, LSU Press and *The Southern Review*. Previously, Dr. Cassidy served as the Director of the School of Music and Interim Associate Dean of the College of Music and Dramatic Arts. Her field of expertise is music education, having taught courses in elementary music education, music in special education, psychology of music, measurement and evaluation, and supervision of student teachers.

Dr. Cassidy’s research interests center around musical development of infants and children, music education for children with special needs and teacher effectiveness. Most notably, her research with critically premature infants elicited cross discipline interest from the music therapy and medical communities for its impact on establishing protocol for presentation of music in the NICU. She has published extensively in music education and music therapy journals, has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Research in Music Education* and the *Journal of Music Therapy*, and served as Chair of the Music Education Research Council of the National Association for Music Education. In 1999, she was awarded a Distinguished Professor Award for excellence in teaching, research and service at LSU; and in spring of 2005, she held an endowed professorship at the University of Alabama.
Dr. Donna Strum graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in 1995 and earned her Ph.D. in Pharmacy Administration there in 1999. After spending nine years in the Division of Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy at the University of Arkansas College of Pharmacy, she returned to the University of Mississippi in 2008 to serve as Chair and Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Administration. In 2017, she was named Associate Provost where she assists with a wide array of administrative matters related to the academic budget, classroom space, student retention and human resources.

In 2016, Dr. Strum received the Faculty Instructional Innovation Award from the School of Pharmacy after having taught pharmacy management, medication safety and quality, research methods and social behavioral theory. Overall, her research interests lie in the practice of community pharmacy and improving the quality of medication use. She has published more than 100 book chapters and articles and is a Fellow in the American Pharmacists Association. She was an SEC ALDP fellow in the 2014-15 cohort.
Dr. Peter L. Ryan has served as the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Mississippi State University since May 2011. His responsibilities include management of international academic agreements and study abroad policies, coordination of the self-study review process for academic departments and supervision of new faculty development. Dr. Ryan received his Ph.D. from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Canada.

Dr. Ryan is a Professor in the Departments of Animal and Dairy Sciences and Pathology and Population Medicine. He has served as Coordinator of the Animal Physiology Graduate Program since 2000. His research is in the area of reproductive physiology with a major focus on uterine pathogenesis and pre-term delivery using domestic animals as models for the human condition. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, United States Department of Agriculture, and other public and private sources.

Dr. Ryan is Co-Director of the Facilities for Organismal and Cellular Imaging that utilizes bioluminescent, fluorescent, ultrasound and digital thermal imaging technologies to investigate physiological events in living systems. In August 2009, he joined the Office of the Provost as the Associate Vice President Intern for Academic Affairs and was appointed Interim Associate Provost in April 2010.
Dr. Anna Ball is a Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Provost, Department Chair for Agricultural Education and Leadership, and Professor in the Division of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Missouri. Dr. Ball is the founder and Director of the Center for the Collaboration and Development of Educational Innovations and leads efforts to help faculty campus-wide in designing the educational, broader impacts and evaluation components of large integrated grants. The 2014 recipient of a national teaching award from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, Dr. Ball teaches graduate courses in advanced teaching methods and qualitative research methods.

Dr. Ball’s research focuses on the intersection of teaching innovations on student learning outcomes and the influence of competition within academic and intracurricular settings. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois and her master’s and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri. Prior to joining the faculty at Missouri in 2008, she was a faculty member at the University of Illinois and the University of Florida. Dr. Ball was an SEC ALDP fellow in the 2015-16 cohort.
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