

## **University of Kentucky BHEC-ALA Fellow's Bios**

### **Mónica Díaz, PhD, Associate Professor**

*Hispanic Studies & History, College of Arts & Sciences*

Mónica Díaz received her Ph.D. from Indiana University. She is associated professor of Hispanic Studies and History, and director of International studies. Before UKY, she worked at Georgia State University, and the University of Texas Pan-American. Her research focuses on the cultural production of indigenous peoples and women in Mexico, and their participation in the church. She authored *Indigenous Writings from the Convent: Negotiating Ethnic Autonomy in Colonial Mexico* (U of Arizona P, 2010), and she edited *To Be Indio in Colonial Spanish America* (U of New Mexico P, 2017). Her work has been funded by the NEH, the Fulbright, among others.

### **Frances Hardin-Fanning, PhD, RN**

*Nursing, College of Nursing*

Dr. Hardin-Fanning is an undergraduate nursing professor with expertise in food security research and educational program development. She coordinates the UK College of Nursing Honors/Scholars Program. She is also the Nursing Military Affairs Coordinator. Frances recently developed a federally-funded BSN degree pathway for military medics. She also secured NIH funding to develop nutrition education programs in rural food deserts. Dr. Hardin-Fanning has a PhD in Nursing and a Graduate Certificate in Clinical and Translational Science Research. Since 2011, her award-winning research has been published in multiple nursing/health journals, presented at many research conferences, and recognized by multiple health advocates.

### **April Hatcher, PhD, Associate Professor**

*Neuroscience, College of Medicine*

Dr. April Richardson Hatcher is an associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience in the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky. She teaches embryology, histology, and gross anatomy to undergraduate, graduate, and healthcare professional students. She has received the College of Medicine's Five Star Master Educator Awards in Educational Evaluation and Research, Educational Innovation & Curriculum Development, Outstanding Teaching Contribution or Mentorship, Faculty Development in Education, and Educational Leadership and Administration. Her scholarly work includes the development of innovative teaching tools for anatomy education. She is also the Director for the Graduate Certificate in Anatomical Sciences Instruction.

### **Kenneth Jones, PhD, Professor**

*Community & Leadership Development, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment*

Dr. Kenneth Jones is a professor in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. His research interests include assessing youth-adult relationships within community contexts, positive youth development, mentoring and program development within community settings. Dr. Jones also serves as the Director of Program and Staff Development for the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Dr. Jones completed his undergraduate degree at North Carolina A&T State University and obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to his academic career at UK, he served as a fellow with the Forum for Youth Investment, a think tank that focuses on policies and practices benefiting children. In 2008, he was the recipient of the UK College of Agriculture's outstanding new faculty award.

**Yuha Jung, PhD, Assistant Professor**

*Arts Administration, College of Fine Arts*

Dr. Yuha Jung is assistant professor of arts administration at UK. She also is an associate editor for the journal *Museum Management and Curatorship* and a board member for the Association of Arts Administration Educators. Her research interests involve systems theory and cultural diversity and social justice issues in arts and museum management. She has numerous publications, including an edited book, *Systems Thinking in Museums: Theory and Practice*. She holds an MA in Museum Studies from Syracuse University, MPA from the University of Georgia, and PhD in Art Education from Penn State with an emphasis on museum education and management.

**Uwe Nagel, PhD, Professor**

*Mathematics, College of Arts & Sciences*

Dr. Uwe Nagel is a Professor of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kentucky. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Paderborn in 1990. His research interests are mainly in Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry and include combinatorial and computational aspects. Some of his recent projects concern: Hilbert functions and Betti numbers of Gorenstein algebras, Liaison Theory, monomial ideals, complexity measures like the Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity, and toric ideals arising in Phylogenetics and Algebraic Statistics.

**Kevin J. Pearson, PhD, Associate Professor**

*Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences, College of Medicine*

Kevin Pearson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Kentucky (UK). Kevin earned his Ph.D. in Pathobiology and Molecular Medicine at the University of Cincinnati and went on to do a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institute on Aging. Kevin accepted an Assistant Professor position at UK in 2009 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2014. The long-term goal of the Pearson laboratory is to improve normal physiology and prevent disease (childhood obesity, diabetes, and cancer) in the next generation by using maternal exercise as a non-pharmacological intervention during pregnancy.

**Timothy Taylor, PhD, Associate Professor**

*Civil Engineering, College of Engineering*

Timothy R. B. Taylor, P.E., Ph.D. is the Terrell-McDowell Endowed Chair of Construction Engineering and Project Management in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Kentucky. His primary areas are workforce issues and transportation infrastructure project development. Dr. Taylor holds dual appointments as an Associate Professor of Civil Engineering and is the Program Manager for the Construction Engineering Project Management Group within the Kentucky Transportation Center. Dr. Taylor holds a doctorate in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and bachelors and masters in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky. He is a licensed professional engineer in Kentucky and Texas.

**Steven Van Lanen, PhD, Associate Professor**

*Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy*

Steven G. Van Lanen has a B.S. in Molecular Biology in 1998 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 2003 from Portland State University. After an NIH-sponsored postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Steven began his faculty position at the University of Kentucky within the College of Pharmacy in 2007. His research interests include natural products, drug discovery, and infectious disease. He has over 65 peer-reviewed publications in the past fifteen years.

**Kimberly White-Ziegler, PhD, Assistant Professor**

*Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education*

Kimberly White, Ed.D., is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Curriculum and Instruction and serves as the Elementary Education Program Co-Chair. She is also the faculty advisor for the EdLife Living-Learning Program. Dr. White serves on the Kentucky Excellence in Educator Preparation Leadership Team and is the incoming President of the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators. Dr. White is also serving in leadership roles within the National Association of Teacher Educators, and serves on a committee for the National Association for Professional Development Schools. She is committed to strengthening UK-public school clinical partnerships.