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Dr. Patricia Ehrkamp is Professor of Geography and Chair of the Geography Department at the University of Kentucky. Her research interests lie in immigration, citizenship, refugee geopolitics, and migrant transnationalism. Her current NSF-funded research on the geopolitics of trauma examines the role of mental health and its governance in the admission and resettlement of Iraqi refugees in the US. A previous externally funded project analyzed how communities of faith in the U.S. South are engaged in the complex, racialized, and changing geographies of immigration and belonging. As a political and feminist geographer, she focuses on the role of spaces of everyday life in these processes. Her work has been published, among others, in the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Urban Geography, Progress in Human Geography, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, Space & Polity, Environment and Planning A*, and *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*. Dr. Ehrkamp holds a M.A. from the University of Bonn in Germany and earned her Ph.D. in geography from the University of Minnesota.
Tony Hardin earned his M.F.A. from the University of Virginia in Scenic Design. Prior to coming to the Commonwealth, he was an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. In 2002, he left Longwood to become a part of the University of Kentucky family. Now an Associate Professor of Theatre at the University of Kentucky, Tony has taught courses in scenic design, lightning design, projection design, and scene painting. In addition to teaching, he served his Department, College, and the University in a variety of roles including Director of Undergraduate Studies. He currently is the Chairperson of the Department of Theatre & Dance in the College of Fine Arts.

Outside of the University of Kentucky, Tony serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Institute for Theatre Technology, the leading international organization dedicated to the innovation and education in the areas of Theatrical Design and Production. He serves as Chair of USITT’s Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He also sits on the Board of Directors for the Lexington Theatre Company. Professionally, Tony has significant experience as a Scenic, Lighting, and Projections designer in a variety of venues around the country. Tony has designed either scenery, lightning, or projection for over 150 theatre and opera productions in a variety of venues around the United States.
Dr. Michael T. Johnson is Professor and Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He earned his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Purdue University, MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and BS degrees in Computer Science Engineering and Engineering with Electrical Concentration from LeTourneau University. His primary research area is speech and signal processing, with interests in bioacoustics, speech production and kinematics, machine learning, and nonlinear signal processing. He is an active researcher, author and reviewer, having received over $3million in external funding and published more than 125 refereed articles and presentations. His current research work includes studying the relationship between speech acoustics and kinematics with application to computer aided pronunciation training and language learning, as well as applying automatic speech and speaker recognition technology to animal vocalizations. In addition to his role as ECE Department Chair, he has spent two separate sabbatical years as a senior visiting faculty member in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, is the Director of the University of Kentucky Scholars in Engineering Leadership program, and teaches in the UK College of Engineering’s First Year Engineering program.
Dr. Tannock, MD is Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development, Professor and Chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Molecular Medicine at the University of Kentucky, and a VA staff physician. She obtained her MD and Internal Medicine training at the University of Toronto, Canada, then completed a fellowship in Metabolism, Endocrinology and Nutrition at the University of Washington. Her clinical interests included diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and transgender care.

She is a physician-scientist with administrative, clinical, educational and research activities. As Senior Associate Dean, Dr. Tannock is responsible for all aspects of faculty recruitment and appointments, development, promotions, compensation, and evaluations. As a clinician, Dr. Tannock has primary focus on the care of individuals with or at risk for diabetes, hyperlipidemia and cardiovascular disease, as well as directing a program providing transgender hormone therapy. Her research activity is focused on the role of inflammation in diabetes associated cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Tannock’s research comprises basic biomedical research, use of animal models, and clinical studies. She has served as a mentor to numerous trainees at all levels of training and the majority of her publications are co-authored by these trainees. Dr. Tannock is currently the chair of the Endocrine Society Self-Assessment (ESAP) committee.