

## 2021 University of Kentucky BHEC ALA Fellows



**Roger Brown** is an Assistant Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Agricultural Economics Department at the University of Kentucky where he's taught full-time for 16 years, initially as a Lecturer and then Senior Lecturer. Roger teaches undergraduate courses in agricultural marketing (online), technical communication (hybrid), and rural and ag-based tourism (study abroad). His research interests include the scholarship of teaching, especially distance learning. He serves as Chair of the University Senate's Committee on Distance Learning and e-Learning. Roger is also past Chair and long-time board member at Life Adventure Center, a non-profit organization in Versailles, KY that uses outdoor adventure to transform lives affected by trauma and build more resilient people.



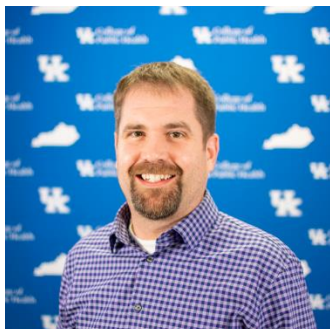
**Deborah S. Chung** is an Associate Professor in the School of Journalism and Media at the University of Kentucky. Her research focuses on information communication technologies' impact on communication professionals and their audiences. Specific interests include online news, active audiences, citizen journalism, visual communication, interactivity, and sociology of news. Her award-winning research is featured in prominent journals in the field of journalism and mass communication. She is the co-author of *Understanding Citizen Journalism as Civic Participation*. Deborah primarily teaches courses in mass media and diversity, media ethics, and visual communication. At the graduate level she teaches classes in mass communication and society and advanced research methods. She has served several significant leadership roles, including those within the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), the major professional organization in the journalism and mass communication field. She earned her Ph.D. from

Indiana University-Bloomington.



**Dr. Dolphus R. Dawson III** is an Associate Professor in the Division of Periodontology in the Department of Oral Health Practice in the College of Dentistry. Dr. Dawson serves as the Director of Graduate Periodontology. Dr. Dawson is a clinician scientist whose research has focused on the oral/systemic linkages of chronic inflammation in periodontal disease. Dr. Dawson is a Vice-Chair of the Medical IRB and serves in numerous College, national/international dental organizations. Dr. Dawson was recently appointed as a CODA Site Visitor in 2020 for Advanced Education Program in Periodontics. Dr. Dawson is a certified instructor of the Institute for Advanced Laser Dentistry and trains the residents in LANAP protocol for treatment of periodontal disease.

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**Dr. Dave Fardo** is the Stephen W. Wyatt Professor of Public Health and Professor of Biostatistics at the University of Kentucky (UK). He earned his Ph.D. in Biostatistics from Harvard University and began his faculty career at UK in 2008. His lab is primarily focused on developing and applying statistical genetics methods to discover biological mechanisms underpinning neurodegenerative diseases. His other research interests include biostatistics education and Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.



**Dr. Sylvia Y. Ofei** completed her undergraduate education at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She then pursued and completed her medical degree at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. Following her medical education, she returned to Columbus where she completed her General Pediatrics residency at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She continued at Nationwide Children's Hospital where she completed her Pediatric Gastroenterology fellowship. She received funding for her research focused on liver disease in Fontan patients and was under the NIH T32 training grant through the Heart Center. With her grant funding, she pursued her Master of Public Health (MPH) focused on Health Services, Management and Policy. Her fourth-year research fellowship allowed her to complete her MPH as well as her prospective research project. She is board certified in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Gastroenterology. Following her fellowship training, she accepted a position August 2016 as assistant professor at University of Kentucky in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. She is currently focusing her clinical care in pediatric inflammatory bowel diseases. Her research projects are evaluating patients with fatty liver disease. Her interest in healthcare finance and the operations of a healthcare system have led her to pursue a healthcare focused MBA.



**Elizabeth Salt, PhD, APRN** is an Associate Professor with the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. In this role Dr. Salt has had the opportunity to serve in a number of leadership roles including the chair of the College of Nursing's Promotion and Tenure, Faculty Practice and Nominating Committees. Her service to the University of Kentucky has included membership of the Undergraduate Council, Health Care College Council and the Faculty Provost Merit Appeal Committee. She has also served profession of Nursing and Rheumatology specialty in a number of positions including the Guideline Committee for the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center Certification Taxonomy Committee. Community leadership roles include Vice Chair of the Citizen Foster Care Review Board and Kentucky Child Fatality Board. Dr. Salt's most recent funded research interests involve the relationship between psychosocial factors and biomechanical behavior in low back pain and medication adherence and patient-provider communication in rheumatoid arthritis patients. Dr. Salt is the Director of the Honors in Nursing Program in the College of Nursing and teaches in the undergraduate program.

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**Martina Vasil, PhD**, is Assistant Professor of Music Education and Division Coordinator for the Department of Music Education and Music Therapy at the University of Kentucky. She directs the summer music education program at UK and teaches collegiate courses in general music, popular music education, and qualitative research. In 2019, she was awarded the District 7 College/University Teacher of the Year Award from the Kentucky Music Educators Association and also the Service Award from the UK College of Fine Arts. Martina is Vice President of the Association for Popular Music Education and serves on the editorial board of *The Orff Echo*, the national journal of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. She has published in the *International Journal of Music Education*, the *Journal of Music Teacher Education*, *UPDATE: Applications of Research in Music Education*, and *General Music Today* in

addition to authoring several book chapters. She is a frequent international and national presenter in her research areas of popular music education, music teacher education, and Orff Schulwerk.



**Dr. Leslie Vincent** is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Marketing & Supply Chain at the Gatton College of Business & Economics. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Vincent received her PhD in Management with a specialization in Marketing (2005) and her BS in Management (2000) from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. Her research interests include new product and service development, marketing strategy, and meta-analysis and her research has been published in top journals such as *Management Science*, *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, and *The Journal of Consumer Research*.

Dr. Vincent has extensive teaching experience at both the undergraduate and graduate level. She has taught courses such as Marketing Management, New Product Development, Services Marketing, Marketing Research, and Marketing Strategy for Business & Engineering. She currently serves at the Associate Director the Masters in Marketing Program that is scheduled to launch fall 2021 pending Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education approval.

Dr. Vincent is also very active on Faculty Senate at the University of Kentucky is an elected member of Senate Council. She also is the chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee as well as an active member of many other committees at the University of Kentucky.