



## SEC Academic Leadership Development Program Fellows (2017-18)

### University of Alabama



**Caroline Boxmeyer** – Dr. Caroline Boxmeyer is Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Community Health Sciences at the University of Alabama. Dr. Boxmeyer also serves as a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine. She earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Princeton University, magna cum laude, with a concentration in Behavioral Neuroscience and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Boxmeyer’s federally-funded program of research focuses on mental health promotion for children and families. She has led dissemination and implementation research on several preventive interventions to improve children’s social-emotional skills and family relationships, including the Coping Power program, the PATHS social-emotional learning curriculum, the Power PATH parent program and the Mindful Coping Power program.



**Jonathon Halbesleben** – Dr. Jonathon Halbesleben is Senior Associate Dean and the Russell Professor of Business Administration in the Culverhouse College of Commerce at the University of Alabama. Dr. Halbesleben earned his Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Oklahoma. His research focuses on human resource management and organizational behavior. Dr. Halbesleben has written or edited 12 books and published more than 90 peer-reviewed journal articles on topics such as employee well-being, with an emphasis on stress, burnout, and employee engagement; work-family issues; and relationships in and out of the workplace. His work has appeared in numerous leading journals, including the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, *Personnel Psychology*, and *Journal of Management*, among others.



**Laura M. Hopson** – Dr. Laura M. Hopson is Director of the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Program and an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama School of Social Work. Dr. Hopson earned her master’s degree in Social Work from Columbia University and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas School of Social Work. Her research focuses on prevention of health risk behaviors and academic failure among vulnerable youths, especially those from economically disadvantaged households. Another area of interest of Dr. Hopson’s includes social work services in schools. Dr. Hopson has partnered with schools and community agencies to examine the impact of organizational climate on service delivery and use of evidence-based practice to improve outcomes for youth.



**Roger B. Sidje** – Dr. Roger B. Sidje is Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama. Dr. Sidje’s responsibilities include diversity and multicultural programs for the college. He also serves as Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Sidje’s research interests include computational mathematics and applications in Markov chains, computational biology, and computational engineering. Prior to joining the Alabama faculty, he worked at the University of Queensland in Australia and the University of Minnesota. In 2013, Dr. Sidje received a research grant from the National Science Foundation to develop a software package to simulate biochemical reactions within cells.

## University of Arkansas



**Steven J. Beaupre** – 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.



**Cheryl Murphy** – Dr. Cheryl Murphy is Interim Department Head of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Murphy is also a Professor of Educational Technology and actively researches various aspects of online learning in higher education, most recently publishing in *The Internet and Higher Education* and a chapter in *What the e-Learning Leader Needs to Know: Leading and Managing e-Learning*. Since 2007, she has served as a Peer Consultant Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission and has performed numerous accreditation reviews, becoming a Team Chair in 2016. For her extensive service efforts, Arkansas presented Dr. Murphy with the Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award for Service, which is the highest level of campus recognition a faculty member may achieve. In addition to her notable research and service, she has also won national and international awards for excellence in teaching, receiving the USDLA Best Practice Gold Award for Excellence in Distance Learning Teaching, as well as the Blackboard Exemplary Course Award.



**Anne O’Leary-Kelly** – Dr. Anne O’Leary-Kelly is Senior Associate Dean in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas. Dr. O’Leary-Kelly’s other recent administrative appointments include Chair of the University Diversity Task Force, Department Chair, and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Research, among others. Her research interests focus on the study of gender-related aggressive work behavior (sexual harassment and effects of intimate partner violence in the workplace) and individual attachments to organizations (identification and psychological contracts). Dr. O’Leary-Kelly is a co-recipient of the Outstanding Publication in Organizational Behavior Award from the Organizational Behavior Division of the Academy of Management and the Dorothy Harlow Outstanding Paper Award by the Gender and Diversity in Organization’s Division of the Academy of Management. She is on the editorial boards of the *Academy of Management Review*, *Journal of Applied Psychology*, *Journal of Management*, and *Journal of Organizational Behavior*.



**Yajaira M. Padilla** – Yajaira M. Padilla is Director of the Latin American and Latino Studies Program and Associate Professor of English and Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Arkansas. Padilla is also a member of the English Department’s Diversity Committee, Graduate Studies Committee, Personnel Committee, and Undergraduate Studies Reform Committee, among others. Padilla is credited for coordinating an ad-hoc group of faculty across the college focused on issues of diversity and inclusion. Padilla’s research centers on Central American cultural and literary studies and Central Americans in a U.S. Latino context. Currently, Padilla is working on a new project on the politics of Central American “belonging” and “non-belonging” in the United States.

## Auburn University



**Ben Farrow** – Dr. Ben Farrow is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and International Programs in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction at Auburn University. Dr. Farrow is also the Hunt Professor in the college. In his role as Associate Dean, he is responsible for student recruitment, curriculum, enrollment management, student outcome assessment, academic advising, and career placement at the undergraduate level. Dr. Farrow’s administrative duties also include facilitating international visiting scholars, study abroad, and other international programs. He has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in Structures, Materials and Methods, and Professional Practice. Dr. Farrow’s most recent scholarly research focuses on construction education issues and builds on his Ph.D. received from Auburn in Adult Education in 2016. He served as Building Construction Undergraduate Program Chair from 2013 to 2016. In addition to his service on several Auburn committees, he has held multiple leadership roles with the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) and is currently Vice President for the organization.



**Ramesh Jeganathan** – Dr. Ramesh Jeganathan is the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Hospitality Management at Auburn University. Dr. Jeganathan also serves as Associate Professor of Nutrition. He received his postdoctoral fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Jeganathan’s research focuses on investigating the molecular links between type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer’s disease, emphasizing aspects that have potential clinical significance. His lab is exploring the genes, molecules, and cellular processes that could cause and promote Alzheimer disease in type 2 diabetes patients. Dr. Jeganathan has taught nutrition to more than 2,000 undergraduate students and hundreds of graduate students in the past five years at Auburn. He has mentored more than 50 undergraduate researchers, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows in his research laboratory. Dr. Jeganathan was named the Student Government Association’s Outstanding Faculty Member for the College of Human Sciences in recognition of his outstanding teaching.



**Jennifer Mueller-Phillips** – Dr. Jennifer Mueller-Phillips is Director of the School of Accountancy and KPMG Professor at Auburn University. Dr. Mueller-Phillips earned her B.S. in Accounting from Jacksonville State University and master’s and Ph.D. degrees at Virginia Tech University. 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.



**Tiffany A. Sippial** – Dr. Tiffany A. Sippial is Director of Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of History at Auburn University. Dr. Sippial earned her Ph.D. in Latin American History with distinction from the University of New Mexico. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses covering Latin American history and historiography during the colonial and modern periods. Dr. Sippial’s research focuses on the experience of women in Latin America as part of a broader commitment to the study of the operation of power in Latin American society. Dr. Sippial’s first book, *Prostitution, Modernity, and the Making of the Cuban Republic, 1840-1920* (UNC, 2013), received the 2013-2014 Alfred B. Thomas Award for the best book on a Latin American subject from the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies. Her latest project is titled *Celia Sánchez Manduley: The Creation of Cuba’s New Woman*, and it examines the life, meaning, and mythology of Cuban revolutionary, Celia Sánchez Manduley.

## University of Florida



**Tom Kelleher** – Dr. Tom Kelleher is Chair of the Department of Advertising and Professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida. Dr. Kelleher's research interests are strategic communication, public relations, digital and social media, media ethics, and teaching and learning with online media. He has been part of the faculty at the University of Hawaii and served as Chair of the School of Communications from 2010 to 2013. Dr. Kelleher also served on the faculty at the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Kelleher has designed and taught 22 different courses at three flagship state universities (Florida, North Carolina, Hawaii), and his work has been published in numerous journals, including the *Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, and *Journal of Public Relations Research*, among others. His first book, *Public Relations Online: Lasting Concepts for Changing Media*, was the first scholarly textbook in public relations to focus on the implications of social media technologies for theory and practice.



**Kevin R. Orr** – Kevin R. Orr is Director of the School of Music and Professor at the University of Florida. Orr's creative agenda as a concert pianist and educator has taken him to major music institutions and festivals across North America, Europe, and East Asia. A Steinway Artist, his recital programs and discography span the works of past and living composers. In addition to serving as Director of the UF School of Music, Orr's administrative roles include serving as Director of the University of Florida International Piano Festival and the Chinese-American International Piano Festival in Chengdu, China. Collaborations have paired Orr with such internationally acclaimed artists as Karl Leister (clarinet, Berlin Philharmonic) and James Thompson (trumpet, Montreal Symphony). His performances of both new and standard classical repertoire have been heard on public radio throughout the United States.



**Mary A. Watt** – Dr. Mary A. Watt is Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Florida. Dr. Watt earned her Ph.D. in Italian Studies and J.D. from the University of Toronto, Canada. Her research focuses on medieval and early modern Italian literature and culture, with a particular focus on Dante's *Divine Comedy*. Recently, Dr. Watt has been collaborating with colleagues to integrate humanities and STEM content into the medieval and early modern curriculum. In addition to serving as Associate Dean, other areas of responsibility include Graduate Affairs, International Studies, and the Diversity Liaison Program. Dr. Watt served as Chair of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures from 2010 to 2015. Dr. Watt's work has been supported by the Rothman Endowment for the Humanities, the Municipality of Ravenna, Italy, and the University of Oslo's Norwegian Institute in Rome. She is the author of the *Cross that Dante Bears: Pilgrimage, Crusade, and the Cruciform Church in the Divine Comedy* (University Press of Florida, 2005) and *Dante, Columbus and the Prophetic Tradition: Spiritual Imperialism in the Italian Imagination* (Routledge, 2017).

## University of Georgia



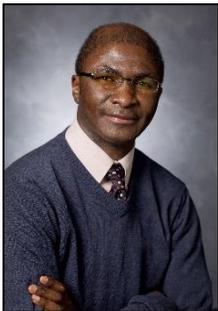
**Phaedra Corso** – Dr. Phaedra Corso is Director of the Economic Evaluation Research Group in the College of Public Health at the University of Georgia. Dr. Corso also serves as Associate Director for the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research and UGA Foundation Professor of Human Health. She is known 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 1991-2006, 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.



**Spencer Johnston** – Dr. Spencer Johnston is Head of the Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery and the James and Marjorie Waggoner Professor at the University of Georgia. Dr. Johnston’s research interests include the treatment of osteoarthritis, particularly with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. He graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1986, and was a faculty member at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech University from 1990-2003. He entered private surgical practice in 2003 and returned to academic veterinary medicine by joining the faculty at UGA in 2007. Dr. Johnston is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. He is Co-Editor of the surgery textbook *Veterinary Surgery: Small Animal*, and co-author of the fifth edition of *Brinker, Piermattei, and Flo’s Handbook of Small Animal Orthopedics and Fracture Repair*.



**Maritza Soto Keen** – Dr. Maritza Soto Keen is a Senior Public Service Associate in the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development at the University of Georgia. Dr. Keen co-leads the institute’s nonprofit practice, and provides facilitation and training for communities and nonprofit organizations, focusing on leadership development, organizational governance, diversity and cultural competency, strategic planning, and organizational and program assessment. Her clients include postsecondary institutions, nonprofit organizations, and local and regional hospitals. Dr. Keen has served as Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator in several strategic planning efforts across the UGA campus, including the Augusta University/UGA Medical Partnership (Athens), Grady College of Journalism, Office of the Dean, and Office of Institutional Diversity, among others. From 1985-2002, she served as Executive Director of the Latin American Association, advocating for Latino issues on the local and national levels. In that role, Dr. Keen provided leadership to two capital campaigns generating more than \$13.5 million.



**David Okech** – Dr. David Okech is Director of the Master of Social Work Program (MSW) and Associate Professor at the University of Georgia School of Social Work. Previously, Dr. Okech served as Director of Global Engagement in the school for three years. He earned his B.A. from the University of Nairobi, MSW from the University of New Hampshire and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. Dr. Okech’s research areas include the intersectionality of poverty, globalization, human rights, and human trafficking. He is presently leading an interdisciplinary team of faculty from UGA and the University of Ghana in designing, implementing, and testing evidence-based intervention and reintegration programs for female victims of trafficking in West Africa. Dr. Okech’s other research and teaching interests include asset building for children in lower-income lower asset households; advanced multivariate analysis and modeling; international social work; and policies and programs targeted at lower-income lower asset households.

## University of Kentucky



**M. Cristina Alcalde** – Dr. M. Cristina Alcalde is the Marie Rich Endowed Professor in Gender and Women’s Studies at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Alcalde earned her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Louisville, M.A. in Latin American Studies and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Indiana University. Since joining the Kentucky faculty in 2007, she has served as Director of Graduate Studies (2009-2011 and 2014-2017) in Gender and Women’s Studies, Co-Director of Wired Residential College (2011-2015), and on multiple departmental, college, and university committees. Dr. Alcalde is currently on the Executive Board of the *Dissertation Grant in Women’s Studies*. Dr. Alcalde’s research focuses on migration, exclusion, and gender violence, and she has served as an expert witness on domestic violence asylum cases. Her work has been published in *Latino Studies*, *Chicana/Latina Studies*, *Men and Masculinities*, and *the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.



**Sandra Bastin** – Dr. Sandra Bastin is Chair of the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Bastin works to create innovative student learning experiences, creative research and scholarly opportunities, and excellence in extension programming and outreach. She also provides leadership, technical expertise, program development, research and grant writing support in the areas of nutrition, diet, and health; food safety; food preservation; and entrepreneurial food manufacturing for cooperative extension agents and Kentuckians. Dr. Bastin’s research and educational interests include food systems from farm to table, working with Kentucky farmer’s markets and encouraging youth and adults to prepare safe, nutritious meals. Internationally, she helps set up feeding centers in Paraguay, Guatemala, and Mexico through both church and government entities.

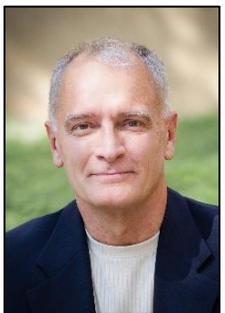


**Margaret J. Mohr-Schroeder** – Dr. Margaret J. Mohr-Schroeder is Co-Chair of the Secondary Undergraduate STEM Education Program and Associate Professor of STEM Education - Mathematics Education at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Mohr-Schroeder earned her B.S. in Education and M.S. in Mathematics from Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, KS), and Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction – Mathematics Education from Texas A&M University. Her research interests include transdisciplinary STEM, informal learning environments, professional development using Networked Improvement Communities, and broadening participation of underrepresented populations. Dr. Mohr-Schroeder joined the UK faculty in 2006 and has been involved in more than \$17 million of National Science Foundation (NSF) and state funding, helping to expand research in STEM education. One of her current grants was recently recognized by the NSF as a Top 5 model for broadening participation.



**Jeffery Talbert** – Dr. Jeffery Talbert is Director of the Institute for Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy and Professor in the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. Dr. Talbert also serves as Associate Director for the Center for Clinical and Translational Science, and Associate Director for the Institute for Biomedical Informatics. He earned B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science at Texas A&M University. Dr. Talbert joined the UK faculty in 1995 as Assistant Professor in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, and moved to the College of Pharmacy in 2007 where he coordinates the doctoral program in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy. Dr. Talbert’s research specialization is health services research focused at the intersection of evidence-based policy and health care outcomes. Other areas of interest include pharmaceutical policy, Medicaid policy and public health informatics.

## Louisiana State University



**James L. Byo** – Dr. James L. Byo is Director of the School of Music and the Carl Prince Matthies Professor of Music Education at Louisiana State University. Dr. Byo’s research, which appears in major journals and texts, resides on both sides of the conductor’s podium—in teacher/conductor effectiveness and performer rhythm reading and aural discrimination. He has presented his research in numerous states as well as England, Spain, Japan, Austria, and Panama. For eight seasons, Dr. Byo performed professionally with the Youngstown and Wooster Symphony Orchestras. Dr. Byo has served as Editor of *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*; Chair of the research division of the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles; editorial committee member of the *Journal of Research in Music Education*; program evaluator for the National String Project Consortium; and executive committee member of the Society for Research in Music Education, an arm of the National Association for Music Education.



**Elena Castro** – Dr. Elena Castro is Director of Women’s and Gender Studies and Professor at Louisiana State University. Dr. Castro’s research focuses on modern Iberian literature and on gender and sexualities studies. Her respected work has made her a member of the editorial board or associate editor of international academic journals, and has led to her appointment as secretary of the major international association in her field. Dr. Castro regularly serves as an external evaluator for tenure and promotion cases, and on the U.S. Fulbright National Student Screening Committee. At LSU, Dr. Castro has held numerous administrative positions at the department, college, and university levels. Within the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, she has served multiple terms as an undergraduate and graduate advisor, increasing enrollment in both roles. At the college level, Dr. Castro has been named Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Women’s and Gender Studies, the largest interdisciplinary program at LSU. At the university level, she has been appointed to the Department of French Studies Review Panel.



**Craig M. Harvey** – Dr. Craig M. Harvey is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Engineering at Louisiana State University. Previously, Dr. Harvey served as Program Director for Industrial Engineering and Interim Department Chair for Construction Management and Industrial Engineering. He teaches and conducts research in the area of industrial and human factors engineering. Dr. Harvey’s research has ranged from investigations into engineering design process, medical product usability, health care productivity, construction safety, and control room management. He has worked on projects with the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Air Force, and NASA, among others. Before joining the academic community, Dr. Harvey was the manager of business process reengineering for the Student Loan Marketing Association where he was responsible for the reengineering involved in implementation of a \$55 million document imaging project.



**Sean Lane** – Dr. Sean Lane is Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences at Louisiana State University. Dr. Lane’s research is in the area of learning and memory, and his work has implications for applied settings, including the courtroom and classroom. Early in his career, he developed a new doctoral program in Applied Experimental Psychology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and later led a major redevelopment of the Cognitive and Brain Sciences (CBS) doctoral program at LSU. Both projects involved identifying important changes occurring in the scientific field and the career landscape of graduates, and aligning the strategic direction of the program with those developments. As Associate Dean, his work focuses on collaborating with faculty to develop innovative curriculum; helping create more effective faculty-based marketing of programs; recruiting a diverse student body; and identifying ways to more efficiently deliver graduate school services.

## University of Mississippi



**Michèle Alexandre** – Michèle Alexandre is Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Intellectual Life and Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi. Alexandre is also the Leonard B. Melvin, Jr., Lecturer. She was the first African-American female valedictorian at Colgate University and earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School. Alexandre’s teaching and scholarly areas include constitutional law, international law, civil rights law, disability law, critical race theory, human rights, and gender. She has published numerous articles on issues in these areas. Alexandre was named one of *Ebony Magazine’s* Top 100 most influential African-Americans of 2013 and one of the 50 “Most Influential Minority Law Professors 50 Years of Age or Younger” by *Lanymers of Color* magazine. She has also received Fulbright and Watson Fellowships. Alexandre works on issues of sustainability and economic independence for small farmers in Mississippi’s Delta and other areas of the rural South.



**Ryan Niemeyer** – Dr. Ryan Niemeyer is Interim Chair of the Department of Leadership and Counselor Education and Associate Professor of K-12 Educational Leadership at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Niemeyer also serves as Director of the Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program. He earned his B.S. in Sports Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Education in Educational Administration degree and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Ole Miss. Dr. Niemeyer’s main areas of expertise and research are school administration and education policy. Dr. Niemeyer was awarded the School of Education’s Exemplary Service Award in 2016 for his work as Director of the Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program. He is a member of the Education Law Association and the Southern Political Science Association. Dr. Niemeyer is also an active Rotarian and currently serves as Club President for the Oxford – Ole Miss Rotary Club.



**Brice P. Noonan** – Dr. Brice P. Noonan is Chair of the Faculty Senate and Associate Professor in the Biology Department at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Noonan earned his B.S. in Zoology from the University of Florida and Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is an evolutionary biologist whose research follows a lifelong passion for exploring the natural world, with an emphasis on reptiles and amphibians. Dr. Noonan joined the Ole Miss faculty in 2008, where he continued a National Science Foundation-funded research program that focuses on the forces driving speciation in the tropics, spending many months collecting specimens and data from the jungles of the Guiana Shield of South America. During his time in Oxford, Dr. Noonan has graduated three Ph.D. students, three M.S. students, and currently has five Ph.D. candidates in his lab. His service to Ole Miss includes leading numerous study abroad courses and serving on several search and university standing committees. Having served as a departmental representative to the Faculty Senate for seven years, Dr. Noonan was elected Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2016-2017 and was recently reelected to a second term.



**Molly Pasco-Pranger** – Dr. Molly Pasco-Pranger is Chair of the Department of Classics and Associate Professor at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Pasco-Pranger earned her A.B. in Latin from Oberlin College and Ph.D. in Classical Studies from the University of Michigan. Her research centers on Latin literature and Roman social history, with a special interest in the study of Roman gender. Other interests include Hellenistic poetry, women, and gender. Dr. Pasco-Pranger has published a book entitled *Founding the Year: Ovid’s Fasti and the Poetics of the Roman Calendar* (Brill, 2006), which centers on a long poem on the Roman ritual year and its relation to inscribed Roman calendars. Her articles have examined other aspects of Ovid’s Fasti, as well as poems by the Roman love elegists and by Catullus. In two of her most recent articles, Dr. Pasco-Pranger has turned her attention to the earliest period of Roman literature and the figure of Cato the elder. She is currently Chair of the Summer Scholarships Committee of Eta Sigma Phi and a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Admissions Committee.

## Mississippi State University



**Kari Babski-Reeves** – Dr. Kari Babski-Reeves is Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Students for the Bagley College of Engineering and Professor in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Mississippi State University. She earned her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from Mississippi State. Dr. Babski-Reeves has served in a number of leadership positions in addition to her current position, including Chair of the Institutional Review Board since August 2013, member of the Faculty Research Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Research, and on the college and university curricula committees, among others. Dr. Babski-Reeves’ research efforts are focused in the areas of human factors, ergonomics, and safety. Specifically, her research interests include industrial ergonomics, work-related musculoskeletal disorder prevention and control, occupational biomechanics, psychosocial risk factors, work physiology, occupational safety and health, total body fatigue, localized muscle fatigue, and thermography applications in ergonomics.



**L. Wes Burger, Jr.** – Dr. L. Wes Burger, Jr., is Associate Director of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, the Dale Arner Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology, and Grisham Master Teacher in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture at Mississippi State University. Dr. Burger is also Associate Director of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. During the past 30 years, his research has focused on measuring environmental benefits and services produced by conservation practices in working agricultural and forested landscapes. In his current role, Dr. Burger works to define, develop and administer a broadly-based research program of national significance in agriculture and natural resources through grants and contracts administration, management of intellectual property and fostering of research partnerships with industry, agency and stakeholders groups. He is a 2013 graduate of the Food Systems Leadership Institute and the 2016 recipient of the Ralph E. Powe Research Excellence Award.



**Will Evans, Jr.** – Dr. Marion Willard (Will) Evans, Jr., is Head of the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion and Professor at Mississippi State University. Dr. Evans earned his Bachelor of General Studies from Indiana University, M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, and Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Logan University. He serves on the Graduate Enrollment Advisory Council for the Mississippi State and Vice-Chair for Family and Consumer Science’s review team in Extension. He is also Mississippi State’s representative for Champions for a Healthy South, which aims to improve health outcomes in the states comprising the Southeastern Conference. Prior to joining the Mississippi State faculty, Dr. Evans served in leadership roles for the Texas Public Health Association, Oregon Public Health Association, and American Public Health Association. His work has appeared in numerous publications, including *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*, *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, and *The Journal of Primary Prevention*, among others.



**Leslie Hossfeld** – Dr. Leslie Hossfeld is Head of the Department of Sociology and Professor at Mississippi State University. Dr. Hossfeld has extensive experience examining rural poverty and economic restructuring. She has made two presentations to the United States Congress and one to the North Carolina Legislature on job loss and rural economic decline. Dr. Hossfeld’s current research focuses on local food systems development and food access in Mississippi. She was recently elected to serve as President of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Society. Prior to joining the faculty at Mississippi State, Dr. Hossfeld worked extensively on economic recovery projects for rural North Carolina counties. She is co-founder and President of the Southeastern North Carolina Food Systems Program Feast Down East, managing several million dollars in grant funds to support this initiative. Due to her expertise in rural economic development, North Carolina Congressman Bob Etheridge appointed her to serve on the USDA Rural Growth and Opportunity Board of Advisors.

## University of Missouri



**Joan Hermsen** – Dr. Joan Hermsen is Chair of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Missouri. Dr. Hermsen is currently working on a mixed methods project on the social consequences of late motherhood. Her prior research focused on gender inequality in U.S. labor markets and attitudes about gender inequality. In addition, Dr. Hermsen has done extensive applied survey design and analysis work on a range of topics, including food insecurity, crime victimization, conservation attitudes, and the financial wellbeing of pastors. Dr. Hermsen teaches courses on social inequalities and research methods at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has received the Kemper Award for outstanding teaching, the Stakeholder Achievement Award for her contributions to the freshman experience, and the Project United Faculty Achievement Award for campus efforts to foster diversity and inclusion. Dr. Hermsen is the Co-Director of the Population, Education and Health Center at Mizzou and serves on the campus Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Task Force.



**Rhonda Reger** – Dr. Rhonda Reger is Chair of the Department of Management and the M. Watkins Distinguished Professor of Management at the University of Missouri. Dr. Reger’s current research focuses on strategies to foster high growth and technology entrepreneurship. Her award-winning research on competitive dynamics, social approval assets, and organizational identity has appeared in leading scholarly journals, including the *Academy of Management Journal*, *Academy of Management Review*, and *Strategic Management Journal*, among others. Dr. Reger has taught entrepreneurship, strategy and related courses to thousands of students at all levels, including students enrolled in joint engineering and business programs. She has worked with many large technology organizations, including the Intel Corporation, Dow Chemical and the National Institutes of Health, as well as startups and small to medium sized businesses.



**Stephanie Reid-Arndt** – Dr. Stephanie Reid-Arndt is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Health Professions (SHP) at the University of Missouri. In her current role, Dr. Reid-Arndt is responsible for supporting faculty affairs, curriculum and degree programs, and student services (advising, career services) within the SHP. Additionally, she takes on specific initiatives as needed; this has included developing a new degree program proposal, leading long-term strategic planning efforts for SHP, and working with faculty and students to support and promote initiatives to enhance inclusivity within the SHP. As one of 11 rehabilitation psychologists certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology in the state of Missouri, Dr. Reid-Arndt conducts research on cognitive and psychological factors affecting community participation among rehabilitation populations (e.g., persons with brain injury). She has an appointment on the Neurological/Behavioral Health Subcommittee of the Defense Health Board, a U.S. Department of Defense Advisory Committee.



**Hani Salim** – Dr. Hani Salim is Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Missouri College of Engineering. Dr. Salim’s research interests are in the areas of advanced composite materials for structural applications; numerical modeling of the blast environment and structural response to blast loads; hybrid materials and applications; and full-scale structural modeling and testing of building components and bridges. Currently, Dr. Salim is actively developing new technologies and methods for the retrofit and strengthening of building components to resist explosions. Dr. Salim is the recipient of several teaching awards and recognitions, including four prestigious teaching awards: the Outstanding Teacher in the College of Engineering, the MU Award for Excellence in Teaching, the College of Engineering Excellence in Teaching Award — twice — and the Kemper Teaching Fellowship Award, the most highly regarded teaching award at MU.

## University of South Carolina



**Claudia Benitez-Nelson** – Dr. Claudia Benitez-Nelson is a College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor in the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Benitez-Nelson earned her Ph.D. in Oceanography from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute/Massachusetts Institute of Technology Joint Program in 1999. She is a diverse scientist, with expertise ranging from radiochemistry to harmful algal bloom toxins and is highly regarded for her cross-disciplinary research. Dr. Benitez-Nelson’s many research honors include the Early Career Award in Oceanography from the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in 1996, and Fulbright and Marie Curie Fellowships in 2008. She is also an esteemed teacher and mentor, having received the National Faculty of the Year Award from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in 2005 and the Sulzman Award for Excellence in Education and Mentoring from the Biogeosciences Section of the AGU in 2014. In 2016, Dr. Benitez-Nelson was named South Carolina’s recipient of the SEC Faculty Achievement Award.



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## University of Tennessee



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**Todd M. Moore** – Dr. Todd M. Moore is Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Moore’s current role includes addressing issues pertinent to graduate training at the college level, diversity and inclusion related to graduate education, and advocating for graduate students. Previously, he was Director of Clinical Training for the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Tennessee from 2012 to 2016. Dr. Moore’s research aims to understand the processes that lead people to engage in intimate partner violence (IPV) and substance misuse. His work has examined the impact of an intensive outpatient treatment for alcohol dependence on IPV, and the association between substance use and IPV among men and women arrested for domestic violence. Dr. Moore also examined the day-to-day or temporal connection between substance use and violence in dating relationships. His work has resulted in more than 75 peer-reviewed publications, and he currently serves as an Associate Editor for the American Psychological Association’s flagship journal on violence, *Psychology of Violence*.



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## Texas A&M University



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**Michael A. de Miranda** – Dr. Michael A. de Miranda is Head of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture, the Claude H. Everett, Jr., Endowed Chair and Professor at Texas A&M University. Dr. de Miranda’s current responsibilities are to provide leadership across the department in support of the faculty, staff, and students. His research focuses on the development of young STEM educators for the future of the profession, specifically in learning, cognition, and instruction in engineering and technology education. Dr. de Miranda’s research also studies the cognitive process and complex classroom interventions associated with achieving scientific and technological literacy through engineering content. The focus is centered on measuring and understanding how students “connect the STEM dots.” Dr. de Miranda’s awards as Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator are in excess of \$10 million from the National Science Foundation.



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## Vanderbilt University



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***Jeremy Wilson*** – Jeremy Wilson is Chair of the Department of Brass and Percussion and Associate Professor of Trombone at Vanderbilt University. Wilson is widely known among trombonists for winning his first-ever audition to become a member of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and its sister organization, the orchestra of the Vienna State Opera. At the time, he was the orchestras' only American full-time member, splitting his time between second trombone, first trombone, euphonium, and bass trumpet. During his tenure in Vienna (2007-2012), Wilson performed hundreds of orchestral concerts at home and in 28 countries around the globe under the batons of the world's leading conductors. Wilson's artistry is documented on numerous recordings, and his versatility extends to solo and chamber music performances as well. The

winner of numerous awards, he has played with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Saito Kinen Orchestra at the special invitation of Maestro Seiji Ozawa. In addition to his full-time position at Vanderbilt, Wilson has been a featured guest artist and given master classes and lectures throughout the United States.