CONVOCATION
2015

Introducing New Faculty & Administrative Appointees

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
SPRINGFIELD
Susan Koch
• Chancellor
• Convocation remarks

Lynn Pardie
• Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost
• Introducing a new administrative appointee

David Racine
• Acting Dean, College of Public Affairs & Administration
• Ph.D., 2001, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Center for Public Administration & Policy
• Research/professional interests:
  Evidence-based public policy and practice, management, and organizational design
• Personal interests:
  Food production, epistemology, and how people learn

Ronald McNeil
• Dean, College of Business & Management
• Introducing new faculty appointees

Featuring the College of Business & Management
Roya Gholami

- Associate Professor, Management Information Systems
- Ph.D., 2006, National University of Singapore; Management Information Systems

Research/professional interests:
IT value (economic, environmental, societal), IT for development, and healthcare information systems

Personal interests:
Hiking, reading, singing Persian folk songs, international relations

Carol Jessup

- Associate Professor, Accountancy*
- Ph.D., 1997, St. Louis University; Management

Research/professional interests:
Prepare pedagogical cases in real-world fraud situations, state and local governmental accounting topics, audit topics

Personal interests:
Relaxing at the movies, playing with pets, enjoying music

Frank Nation

- Assistant Professor, Accountancy*
- Ph.D., 2013, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; Business Administration/Accountancy

Research/professional interests:
Behavioral accounting, including research in auditing and fraud

Personal interests:
Outdoor activities, including hunting and fishing

*Pending Board of Trustees approval
Sudeep Sharma

- Assistant Professor, Management
- Ph.D., 2015, Washington University in St. Louis; Organizational Behavior

**Research/professional interests:**
Negotiation, personality and individual differences, emotions in the workplace, power and status, and psychometrics

**Personal Interests:**
Traveling, reading, and spending time with family

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Hanfu Mi

- Dean, College of Education & Human Services

**Introducing new faculty appointees**

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Tiffany Nielson

- Assistant Professor, Human Development Counseling
- Ph.D., 2015, Idaho State University; Counselor Education and Counseling

**Research/professional interests:**
Couple and family counseling, play therapy, child sexual abuse, trauma, and spirituality in counseling

**Personal Interests:**
Music, traveling, camping, hiking, and cooking
Kathy Massey

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership
- Ed.D., 2008, Illinois State University

Research/professional interests:
Educational technology, student achievement, online learning, and the administrative role

Personal Interests:
Reading, gardening, traveling, and playing golf

Peggy Mayfield

- Visiting Instructor, Human Services
- Ph.D. expected 2015, Capella University; Public Service Leadership

Research/professional interests:
Resilience, trauma-informed care, neuroscience-informed practice

Personal Interests:
Painting, bird watching, walks in nature

Carol Rankin

- Visiting Associate Professor, Human Services
- D. Rehab., 1999, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; Rehabilitation Counseling

Research/professional interests:
Alcohol and substance abuse/dependence issues; motivational interviewing skills; dual diagnosis (mental health and substance abuse/dependence)

Personal Interests:
Physical activity, traveling, reading, watching quirky movies
James Ermatinger

- Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Introducing new faculty appointees

Sherine Antoun

- Assistant Professor, Computer Science
- Ph.D., 2013, University of Wollongong, Australia; Computer Science
- Research/professional interests:
  How to make navigation/localization in disaster scenes where dust render cameras, lasers ineffective a safe/manageable risk task
- Personal Interests:
  Robotics, action/sci-fi movies, classical music, ballet, sailing

Ping Guo

- Assistant Professor, Computer Science
- Ph.D., 2014, University of Wyoming; Computer Science
- Research/professional interests:
  Scientific and high-performance computing, parallel and distributed systems, big-data, and cloud computing
- Personal Interests:
  Reading, traveling, cooking, and listening to music
Yanhui Guo
• Assistant Professor, Computer Science
• Ph.D., 2010, Utah State University; Computer Science

Research/professional interests:
Image processing, pattern recognition, computer-aided detection/diagnosis, computer-assisted surgery, and neutrosophic theory

Personal Interests:
Soccer, badminton, and ping-pong

Carlee Hawkins
• Assistant Professor, Psychology
• Ph.D., 2013, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Social Psychology

Research/professional interests:
Understanding and reducing the impact of unwanted bias on social and political judgment and behavior

Personal Interests:
Cycling, traveling, gardening, walking my dog Finn

Stephanie Hedge
• Assistant Professor, English & Modern Languages
• Ph.D., 2013, Ball State University; English, Rhetoric and Composition

Research/professional interests:
Rhetoric and composition, with specialization in digital literacies and social media, digital research, and digital pedagogies

Personal Interests:
Watching Survivor, drinking wine, and cheering for Toronto sports teams
Devin Hunter

- Assistant Professor, History*
- Ph.D., 2015, Loyola University Chicago; U.S. History and Public History

* Pending Board of Trustees approval

Devin Hunter

- Research/professional interests: Public history and modern United States history
- Personal Interests: Good food and drink; sports and fitness

William Wilson

- Assistant Professor, Clinical Laboratory Science
- M.S., 2003, University of Illinois Springfield; Management Information Systems

William Wilson

- Research/professional interests: Healthcare, chemistry
- Personal Interests: Triathlon, running

William Cox

- Visiting Instructor, Computer Science
- M.S., 2013, University of Illinois Springfield; Management Information Systems

William Cox

- Research/professional interests: Teaching computer science
- Personal Interests: My family and golf
Frank Fuchs

- Instructor, Computer Science
- B.A., 1999, Sangamon State University; Business Management
- Research/professional interests: Encouraging students to pursue a successful career using digital forensics and cyber security techniques
- Personal Interests: Helping my family and children develop their careers and life interests

Helena Hall

- Instructor, English & Modern Languages
- Ph.D. expected 2015, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education (SLATE)
- Research/professional interests: Writing across the curriculum and second language literacy; second language writing development, assessment, and instruction
- Personal Interests: Travel, photography, and baking

David Holland

- Clinical Instructor, Biology
- Educational Specialist, 1995, Michigan State University; Curriculum, Teaching, & Educational Policy; M.A., 1988, Central Michigan University; Teaching
- Personal Interests: Birding, biking, kayaking, traveling, grandparenting; science and religion interactions
Tracy Schatteman

- Clinical Instructor, Biology
- Ph.D. expected 2015, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine; Pharmacology

Tracy Schatteman

- Research/Professional interests: Neurophysiological research, including aging, trauma in sensory systems, and how that relates to animal behavior
- Personal Interests: Cooking and baking, and outdoor activities such as camping and skiing

Thomas Sidener

- Instructor, Computer Science
- M.S., 2006, University of Illinois Springfield; Computer Science (Network Programming)

Thomas Sidener

- Research/Professional interests: Mobile application development (Android and iOS), database development and optimization, and software engineering
- Personal Interests: Playing board games, playing the guitar and drums, and writing poetry

David Racine

- Acting Dean, College of Public Affairs & Administration
- Ph.D., 2001, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Center for Public Administration & Policy

Featuring the College of Public Affairs & Administration
Cheng-Chia “Brian” Chen

• Assistant Professor, Public Health
• Ph.D., 2015, Indiana University; Health Behavior

Cheng-Chia “Brian” Chen

• Research/professional interests:
  Obesity research using multi-dimensional and systems approach, and health policy analyses
• Personal Interests:
  Playing sports, traveling, and exploring new places

Egbe Egiebor

• Assistant Professor, Public Health*
• Ph.D., 2011, University of Maryland; Toxicology

Egbe Egiebor

• Research/professional interests:
  Effects of chemicals like organics, inorganics, and emerging contaminants of concern on humans and the environment
• Personal Interests:
  Reading, people watching, traveling, and kayaking

Kristen Osiecki

• Assistant Professor, Public Health
• Ph.D., 2013, University of Illinois Chicago; Environmental & Occupational Health

Kristen Osiecki

• Research/professional interests:
  Utilizing GIS methods to investigate how environmental burden and disadvantage contribute to negative health outcomes in urban areas
• Personal Interests:
  Spending time with family, cooking, reading, and binge watching TV shows
Annuradha “Anette” Sikka

• Assistant Professor, Legal Studies
• L.L.D., 2014, University of Ottawa, Canada; J.D., 2001, Dalhousie University, Canada

Research/professional interests: Human rights, migration, gender and security
Personal Interests: Animal rescue and welfare

Tessica Dooley

• Visiting Instructor, Legal Studies
• J.D., 2005, University of Arkansas

Research/professional interests: U.S. health policy, ERISA, the impact of the Affordable Care Act on business, and Medicaid expansion
Personal Interests: Mentoring youth, spending time with my husband and family, dog rescue, and dance

Betsy Goulet

• Clinical Assistant Professor, Public Administration
• D.P.A., 2014, University of Illinois Springfield

Research/professional interests: Child protection/advocacy issues, systems response to child maltreatment, mandated reporting, public sector & nonprofit collaboration
Personal Interests: Spending time with grandchildren, composing music/singing
Troy Lepper

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies
- Ph.D., 2008, Colorado State University; Sociology

- Research/Professional interests:
  Intersection between human and natural environments in reference to water use and sustainable development

- Personal Interests:
  Grooving through funky parts of the universe with a thirst for adventure, while still possessing time to make a friendship

John Phillips

- Visiting Professor, Public Administration
- D.P.A, 2010, University of Illinois Springfield

- Research/Professional interests:
  The influence of religion on the adoption of scientific management in Britain and the United States

- Personal Interests:
  Classical music, piano, organ; history of baroque and classical performance practice

Magic Wade

- Lecturer, Political Science
- Ph.D. expected 2015, University of Minnesota; Political Science

- Research/Professional interests:
  Public policy, state and local politics, labor unions

- Personal Interests:
  Hiking, backpacking, travel, pub trivia, wine, food, and Shiba inus
Susan Koch

- Chancellor
- Introducing new administrative appointees from the Chancellor’s Division and the Division of Student Affairs

Featuring the Chancellor’s Division

Ryan Croke

- Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs
- M.A., 2007, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Communication

- Research/professional interests:
  Public affairs including local, state and federal government relations; marketing and communication
- Personal Interests:
  Fatherhood, current events, running, swimming, and American Sign Language

Clarice Ford

- Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

- Research/professional interests:
  First generation students, African American males, and educational leadership in higher education
- Personal Interests:
  Reading, writing, and helping people attain greatness in their lives
Lynn Pardie

- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost
- Introducing our Visiting Faculty Scholar

Featuring the Division of Academic Affairs

Wenpeng Guo

- Visiting Faculty Scholar
- M.A., 2005, University of Heilongjiang, School of Western Studies

Wenpeng Guo

- Research/professional interests:
  Theories and teaching methods for Chinese to English oral interpreting, English phonetics and rhetoric, cognitive linguistics, and psycholinguistics

- Personal interests:
  Reading, music, and family