Convocation 2013

Introducing new faculty & administrative appointees

University of Illinois Springfield
Susan Koch

- Chancellor
- Convocation remarks

Lynn Pardie

- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost
- Introducing new administrative appointees

Marc Klingshirn

- Director, Capital Scholars Honors Program*
- Ph.D., 2005, University of Alabama; Inorganic Chemistry

*pending Board of Trustees’ approval

Marc Klingshirn

- **Research/professional interests:** Development of green laboratory educational materials for the high school and college curricula and green chemistry applications to materials science.
- **Personal interests:** Gardening, running, spending time with friends and family, and researching the history of lighthouses.

Hanfu Mi

- Dean, College of Education & Human Services
- Ph.D., 1988, University of South Carolina; Reading Education

Hanfu Mi

- **Research/professional interests:** Language acquisition and literacy development with an emphasis on sociocultural and linguistic factors, accreditation.
- **Personal interests:** A collector of fountain-pens, coins, and stamps; a traveler; and, above all, an enthusiastic reader.
David Racine

- Executive Director, Center for State Policy & Leadership*
- Ph.D., 2001, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Center for Public Administration & Policy

*pending Board of Trustees’ approval

Research/professional interests: Evidence-based public policy and practice, management, organizational design.

Personal interests: Food production, epistemology, how people learn.

J. Mark Wrighton

- Dean, College of Public Affairs & Administration
- Ph.D., 1997, University of Iowa; Political Science

Research/professional interests: Congressional Elections and Process, Presidency, Political Behavior, Political Scandal.

Personal interests: College football, science fiction, tennis, racquetball.

Ronald McNeil

- Dean, College of Business & Management
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Featuring the College of Business & Management
Ed Etter

- Assistant Professor, Accountancy
- Ph.D., 1992, Ohio State University; Accounting

Research/professional interests: Accounting Education, International Accounting, and Fraud Examination.

Personal interests: Enjoy travel, reading, camping and spending time with family.

François Giraud-Carrier

- Assistant Professor, Management Information Systems
- Ph.D. expected 2013, University of Utah; Operations Management

Research/professional interests: Sustainable operations, supply chain management, management information systems.

Personal interests: Reading, writing, hiking, and spending time with the kids.

Shipra Gupta

- Assistant Professor, Marketing
- Ph.D. expected 2013, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Marketing

Research/professional interests: Marketing, consumer behavior, retailing, fashion marketing, sustainability, public policy issues, cross-cultural or international marketing.

Personal interests: Traveling, watching movies, cooking Indian specialties, painting, and spending time with my family.
D’Lisa McKee

• Assistant Professor, Management
• Ph.D. expected 2013, Mississippi State University; Management (Organizational Behavior)

D’Lisa McKee

• Research/professional interests: Organizational Behavior/Human Resource Management with a focus on ethics, deviance, and normative behavior.
• Personal interests: Photography, travel, live music.

Carolee Rigsbee

• Assistant Professor, Management
• Ph.D. expected 2013, University of Texas at San Antonio; Business Administration in Organization and Management Studies

Carolee Rigsbee

• Research/professional interests: Strategic management in a supply chain context.
• Personal interests: Enjoying family time, gardening, riding horses.

Joyce Shotick

• Director, Peoria Center
• Ph.D., 1996, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Consumption Economics

Joyce Shotick

• Research/professional interests: Millennial college students, transfer students, and consumer issues.
• Personal interests: Swimming, scuba diving, and skiing.
Hanfu Mi
• Dean, College of Education & Human Services
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Featuring the College of Education & Human Services

Ronda J. Brown
• Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
• Ed.D., 2012, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Education (Elementary and Early Childhood Education)

Ronda J. Brown
• Research/professional interests: My research involves studying career switchers going into teaching and interviewing Illinois authors for the Illinois Reading Council Journal.
• Personal interests: Outside of teaching, I love to work out, travel, and spend time with my family.

David Stoesz
• Professor, Social Work
• Ph.D., 1980, University of Maryland; Social Work – Public Policy

David Stoesz
• Research/professional interests: Social Policy, Innovations in Social Programs, research on Economic Inequality.
• Personal interests: Downhill skiing, whitewater kayaking, weaving, making furniture, cooking.
Elissa Thomann Mitchell

• Assistant Professor, Human Services
• Ph.D., 2013, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Human Development and Family Studies

Research/professional interests: The wellbeing of at-risk children, youth, and families; relationships and social support networks; programs or interventions for vulnerable populations.

Personal interests: Reading, spending time with friends and family, cooking, traveling, waterskiing.

Traci Van Prooyen

• Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
• Ed.D., 2013, Illinois State University; Curriculum and Instruction

Research/professional interests: Teacher Education and Dispositions of Teachers.

Personal interests: Spending time with my children and family, reading, calligraphy, singing, quilting.

J. Graham Thompson

• Visiting Clinical Instructor, Human Development Counseling
• M.A., 1975; Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Research/professional interests: My main interest is couple and family therapy, and passing those skills on to young therapists.

Personal interests: I wear the “Thompson blue” kilt and play the bagpipes, annoying the local cows.
James Ermatinger
- Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
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Deborah Baudler
- Assistant Professor, Clinical Laboratory Science
- M.S., 2006, University of North Dakota – Grand Forks; Clinical Laboratory Science
- Research/professional interests: Medical Technologist for 34 years, specialist in Blood Bank Certification, strong interest in teaching tomorrow’s laboratory professionals.
- Personal Interests: Love to travel, gardening, and I’m a Huge Green Bay Packer’s Fan.

Brytton Bjorngaard
- Assistant Professor, Art
- M.F.A., 2010, Iowa State University; Graphic Design
- Personal interests: Photography, traveling, sewing, baking, hula hooping.
Liang Kong

- **Assistant Professor, Mathematical Sciences**
- Ph.D., 2013, Auburn University; Applied Mathematics

- **Research/professional interests**: Differential Equations, Dynamical Systems, and Mathematical Biology.
- **Personal interests**: Swimming, tennis, and I am an Auburn football fan.

Elham S. Khorasani

- **Assistant Professor, Computer Science**
- Ph.D., 2012, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Computer Science

- **Personal interests**: Hiking, movies, books.

Tiffani Saunders

- **Assistant Professor, Sociology/Anthropology**
- Ph.D. expected 2013, Indiana University; Sociology

- **Research/professional interests**: I have broad research and teaching interests in family, mental health, research methods, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.
- **Personal interests**: Playing violin, teaching Jazzercise, reading, arts and crafts, and spending time with my son.
Jill Horne

- Instructor, Mathematical Sciences
- M.S., 2012, Illinois State University; Mathematics

**Research/professional interests:** I am passionate about providing meaningful mathematics lessons to my students that spur their curiosity and build the classroom community.

**Personal interests:** I enjoy cooking, playing board games with my family, exercising, and entertaining my dog, Newton.

Frank Fuchs

- Visiting Instructor, Computer Science
- B.A., 1999, University of Illinois Springfield; Business Management

**Research/professional interests:** I am especially interested in encouraging students to pursue a successful career using digital forensics and cyber security techniques.

**Personal interests:** My personal interest is helping my family and children develop their careers and life interests.

Thomas Sidener

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

**Research/professional interests:** Mobile application development (Android and IOS), database development and optimization, and software engineering.

**Personal interests:** I enjoy playing board games, playing the guitar and drums, and writing poetry.
Citlalin Xochime

- Instructor, English
- Ph.D. expected 2013, New Mexico State University; Rhetoric and Professional Communication

Research/professional interests: Rhetorical/Professional Communication, English (with emphasis in Technical Communication), Writing Center Scholarship, New Media, Multimedia/Multimodal Design and Theory, Technical Writing.

Personal interests: Presented papers on theorizing the writing center, genres in writing center consultation, and rhetorical strategies.

Kevin Currie-Knight

- Post-doc, Liberal & Integrative Studies/Liberty Studies
- Ph.D. expected 2013, University of Delaware; Education, (Specialization of Curriculum Inquiry)

Research/professional interests: Philosophy, politics, and history of education.

Personal interests: Exercise, jazz music, and non-academic reading.

Matthew McCaffrey

- Post-doc, Liberal & Integrative Studies/Liberty Studies
- Ph.D. expected 2013, University of Angers; Economics

Research/professional interests: Entrepreneurship, risk and uncertainty, moral hazard, and the history of Economic Thought.

Personal interests: Military history, Chinese philosophy.
Megan Styles

- Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies
- Ph.D., 2011, University of Washington; Anthropology

Research/professional interests: Sustainable development, agriculture, environmental justice, Africa.

Personal interests: Running, traveling, backpacking, camping, hiking.

Mario Cardozo

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies
- Ph.D., 2013, University of Texas at Austin; Geography

Research/professional interests: Human-environment interactions, environmental remote sensing, conservation, smallholder livelihoods.

Personal interests: Swimming, films, music, backgammon.

David Racine

- Executive Director, Center for State Policy & Leadership*
- Introducing a new administrative appointee

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Featuring the Center for State Policy & Leadership
Cody Pope

• Director, Office of Electronic Media

• M.A., 2012, University of Illinois Springfield; Communication

Research/professional interests: Social Media, Marketing, and Communication Technologies.

Personal interests: Member of Delta Church in Springfield, watching Blues hockey and Cardinals baseball.

Susan Koch

• Chancellor

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Featuring the Chancellor's Division

Laura Alexander

• Senior Director, Human Resources

• M.B.A., 2003, Plymouth State University

Research/professional interests: 23 years higher education Human Resources Administration experience; computer science.

Personal interests: Running, horseback riding, lawn/garden, movies, spending time with my daughter, horse and two dogs.
Jeffrey Lorber

- Vice Chancellor, Development; and Sr. Vice President, UI Foundation
- Ed.D., 2001, University of Tennessee; Educational Administration and Policy Studies

Research/professional interests: Advancement, including fundraising, alumni relations, marketing, and communications.

Personal interests: Running, yard work, reading subjects such as U.S. military history and presidential biographies.

Tim Barnett

- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
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Fernando Planas

- Director of Admissions*
- B.A., 1991, University of Illinois Chicago; Psychology and Sociology

Research/professional interests: Researching emerging trends in enrollment management and best practices in college admissions and student recruitment.

Personal interests: I enjoy reading about history, science, and non-fiction. I also enjoy classic films.

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Lynn Pardie

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

Hong Yang

- Visiting Faculty Scholar
- M.A., 1995, Heilongjiang University; English