Introducing
New Faculty &
Administrative Staff
August 18, 2011
Susan Koch

- Chancellor, UIS; Vice President, University of Illinois
- Ed.D., 1989, University of Northern Iowa, Curriculum and Instruction/Health Education

- Research/professional interests: Health education, with a focus on international health, conflict resolution and human rights.
- Personal interests: Golfing, pheasant hunting, playing piano, canning, and spending time with four children and seven grandchildren.

Ronald D. McNeil

- Dean, College of Business and Management
- Introducing new faculty appointees

Featuring the College of Business & Management

Alicia Iriberri

- Assistant Professor, Management Information Systems
- Ph.D., 2009, Claremont Graduate University, Information Systems & Technology

- Research/professional interests: Virtual community success; business intelligence and data warehousing; design, development, and evaluation of interactive information systems.
- Personal interests: Writing, traveling, and family.
Li-Lin Liu

- Assistant Professor, Accountancy
- Ph.D., 2007, Florida International University, Accounting

Research/professional interests: Internal control and auditing, corporate governance, financial accounting, healthcare accounting.

Personal interests: Reading, watching movies, listening to music, sports, sampling fine cuisine of different countries.

Ben Walsh

- Assistant Professor, Management
- M.A., 2008, University of Connecticut, Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Research/professional interests: Teaching interests include organizational behavior and human resources management. Research interests include workplace mistreatment, organizational climate, training effectiveness, applicant reactions.

Personal interests: Spending time with my wife, Abby, playing basketball and tennis, enjoying the outdoors, watching movies.

Larry D. Stonecipher

- Dean, College of Education and Human Services
- Introducing new faculty appointees

Featuring the College of Education & Human Services
Victoria Childs

- Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
- M. Ed., 1991, Governors State University, Mathematics

Research/professional interests: Organizational (education) behavior and leadership, teaching/learning styles, mathematics instruction/intervention, and science instruction.

Personal interests: Aviation (licensed pilot), music (especially playing the piano), and photography.

Brian Kahn

- Assistant Professor, Teacher Education
- Ed.D., 1999, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Teacher Education

Research/professional interests: Holocaust education (curriculum and best practices), middle school (curriculum and best practices).

Personal interests: Cooking, gardening, raising my 6 year-old grandson.

Ann McCaughan

- Assistant Professor, Human Development Counseling
- Ph.D., 2010, Idaho State University, Counselor Education & Counseling

Research/professional interests: Gatekeeping; technology in counseling and counselor education; counselor traits.

Personal interests: Cycling, hiking, reading, photography, traveling.
Kay McChesney

- Assistant Professor, Social Work
- Ph.D., 1987, University of Southern California, Sociology

Research/professional interests: Homeless families and housing policy in the US; homeless street children and their families and development policy in Ethiopia.

Personal interests: Choral conducting, soprano, church organ; hiking, native plants gardening.

Ann Melvin

- Assistant Professor, Human Services
- M.S., 2007, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Rehabilitation Counseling

Research/professional interests: Addiction studies and co-occurring disorders.

Personal interests: Enjoy spending time with family and outdoor activities.

James Ermatinger

- Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
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Featuring the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Nan Akins

- Instructor, Communication
- M.A., 2004, University of Illinois Springfield, Communication

Research/professional interests: Reducing the fear associated with public speaking, nonverbal communication, and written communication including resumes and cover letters.

Personal interests: Spending time with family/friends, gardening and outside work, renovating houses and reading.

Meagan Cass

- Assistant Professor, English
- Ph.D., 2010, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, English

Research/professional interests: Creative writing, contemporary literature, feminist theory, university literary magazines, literary ghost stories, and sports literature.

Personal interests: Like to play ice hockey and soccer; love to cook.

Michael Douma

- Post-Doc, Liberal & Integrative Studies
- M.A., 2006, Florida State University, History

Research/professional interests: History of education, immigration, culture, Netherlands (European and American history).

Personal interests: Hiking, cycling, running, reading, coffee, traveling Europe, book collecting.
Ross Garmil
- Clinical Instructor, Experiential & Service Learning
- Ed.M., 1998, Boston University, Policy, Planning & Administration
- Research/professional interests: Improving access to education, with a focus on adult learners seeking to return after an absence from formal studies.
- Personal interests: Former stand-up comic and humor writer whose publications include MAD magazine.

Shane Harris
- Assistant Professor, Visual Arts
- M.F.A., 2007, Indiana University, Fine Arts
- Research/professional interests: Ceramics, sculpture, mold-making, digital photography, exploring new materials and processes.
- Personal interests: Gardening, carpentry, cooking, travel, spending time with family, and collecting M & M dispensers.

Stephen Johnson
- Assistant Professor, Chemistry
- Ph.D., 2009, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Pharmacology
- Research/professional interests: As a toxinologist, I want to understand the structure-function relationship of the neuroactive components in venom for possible drug development.
- Personal interests: Spending time with my seven children and doing field collection of venomous animals for study.
Elizabeth Jones

- Instructor, English
- M.A., 1995, George Mason University, English

Research/professional interests: Environmental rhetoric, composition pedagogy, Native American literature and rhetoric, and utopian narratives. Writing and editing in the equestrian community.

Personal interests: Outdoor activities, music (euphonium player and singer), gardening, and horses.

Holly Kent

- Assistant Professor, History
- Ph.D., 2010, Lehigh University, History

Research/professional interests: History of women in the U.S., particularly women’s involvement in politics/activism, women’s work as writers/readers, history of fashion/beauty culture.

Personal interests: Traveling, spending as much time as possible in bookstores and thrift shops.

Geoffrey Lea

- Post-Doc, Liberal & Integrative Studies
- Ph.D., 2010, George Mason University, Economics

Research/professional interests: Austrian economics, political economy, public choice, property rights, history of economic thought.

Personal interests: Coaching rugby, mixology, gastronomy.
Roger McNamara
- Instructor, English
- Ph.D., 2010, Loyola University, English

Research/professional interests: Research on South Asian writing, Postcolonial theory, and Marxism. Enjoy teaching Postcolonial, Victorian, and Southeast Asian literature.

Personal interests: Fan of science fiction, graphic novels, and anime. Recently been playing Go.

Kim Murray
- Instructor, Clinical Laboratory Science
- M.S., (expected 2011), University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Biomedical Sciences

Research/professional interests: Improving engagement and student performance with online study aids.

Personal interests: Active member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Tricia Oman
- Visiting Assistant Professor, English
- Ph.D., 2010, University of Oregon, English

Research/professional interests: Representations of space, place, and region (especially the Midwest) in twentieth-century American literature and film.

Personal interests: Spending time with my husband Eric and my dog Clar, hiking, baking, watching scary movies.
Richard Pamenter
- Instructor, Biology
- Ph.D., 1981, University of Arizona, Physiology
- Research/professional interests: Endocrine regulation of bone physiology.
- Personal interests: Walking my dog, observing seasonal changes in the flora and fauna of Illinois.

Julie Perino
- Instructor, English
- M.A., English, 2009, University of Illinois Springfield
- Research/professional interests: Composition and rhetoric pedagogy and theories, film and genre studies, and creative writing.
- Personal interests: Writing, biking, swimming, yoga, dog walking, reading, knitting, hiking, and learning to use technologies.

Anibal Maximillano Sanchez
- Instructor, Modern Languages
- M.A., 2006, University of Cincinnati, Spanish Literature
- Research/professional interests: Intersections between 20th century continental philosophy and Latin American literature from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.
- Personal interests: Music, cinema, and playing guitar.
Tiffani Saunders

- Instructor, Sociology & Anthropology
- M.A., 2006, Indiana University, Sociology

Research/professional interests: Sub-fields of family, mental health and illness, law/courts, and teaching and learning.

Personal interests: Playing violin, teaching Jazzercise, anything crafty, and spending time with my family.

Joshua Smith

- Instructor, Computer Science
- M.S., 2009, University of Illinois Springfield, Computer Science

Research/professional interests: Computer programming, Beowulf clusters, web site design, mobile computing.

Personal interests: Drag racing, boating, bowling, and travel.

Ann Strahle

- Assistant Professor, Communication
- M.A., 2010, Indiana University School of Journalism, Journalism

Research/professional interests: Communication law, 1st Amendment theory, media ethics, and broadcasting.

Personal interests: Love playing and traveling with my two boys and family. Huge news junkie.
Lucas Vespa
- Instructor, Computer Science
- M.S., 2008, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Lucas Vespa
- Research/professional interests: Network security and quality of service.
- Personal interests: Classical guitar, rock climbing.

Pinky S. Wassenberg
- Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration
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Featuring the College of Public Affairs & Administration

Lenore Killam
- Clinical Instructor, Public Health
- M.A., 1987, University of Illinois Springfield, Environmental Studies

Lenore Killam
- Research/professional interests: Risk assessment, management and communication, emergency preparedness and response, occupational safety and health, community education.
- Personal interests: Fourth degree black belt and Aikido instructor; Cathedral Choir member, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
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 his way through funky parts of the university with a thirst for adventure, while still possessing time to make a friendship.

Andrew Predmore
- Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies
- Ph.D., 2009, Virginia Tech, Forest policy and human dimensions of natural resources

Research/professional interests:
Environmental planning: specifically, how individual values, group behaviors, and institutional variables influence planning outcomes.

Personal interests: Play tennis competitively and enjoy spending time with family.

Gary Reinbold
- Assistant Professor, Public Administration
- Ph.D., 2010, Harvard University, Public Policy

Research/professional interests:
Social policy analysis – integrating empirical and legal methods to analyze policies and laws affecting children’s well-being, domestically and internationally.

Personal interests: Acoustic music, classical literature, classic television, hiking, golf.
Ken Runkle

- Lecturer, Public Health
- M.A., 1989, University of Illinois Springfield, Environmental Health Services & Education

Research/professional interests:
International environmental public health, chemical safety in educational settings, environmental and occupational public health.

Personal interests: Athletics, Sherlock Holmes, helping the homeless and indigent, coin collecting, a fan of Chicago Cubs.

Jane B. Treadwell

- University Librarian and Dean, Library Instructional Services
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Jan Waterhouse

- Director, Library Information Systems & Technical Services
- M.A., 2003, University of Iowa

Research/professional interests:
Technology, productivity, system/application integration, web design, assessment.

Personal interests: Dog training, running, cycling, swimming, volunteer work.
Nancy Weichert

- Visiting Assistant Professor / Instructional Services Librarian
- M.L.S., 2006, Dominican University, Library & Information Science

- Research/professional interests: Online learning, instructional technology, information literacy, and emerging technologies.
- Personal interests: Growing food, enjoying the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

David Racine

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

- Featuring the Center for State Policy & Leadership

Rance Carpenter

- Director, Graduate Public Service Internship Program (GPSI)
- M.P.A., 1980, University of Illinois Springfield

- Research/professional interests: Gerontology and public administration.
- Personal interests: Family, reading, running, golf, crossword puzzles, and sudoku.
Susan Koch

- Chancellor
- Introducing new administrative appointees

Featuring the Chancellor's Division

Lynn Pardie

- Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost
- Ph.D., 1991, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Psychology

- Research/professional interests: Stress-illness relationships, sex-bias in psychological research, and sexual orientation issues.
- Personal interests: Water gardening, reading.

Kimberly Pate

- Director, Intercollegiate Athletics
- M.B.A., 2008, Western Carolina University

- Research/professional interests: Intercollegiate athletics, NCAA committee representation; member, NACWAA, DII ADA, Omicron Delta Kappa.
- Personal interests: Outdoor recreation, sports, dog training & upland bird hunting, spending time with family and friends.
Tim Barnett
- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Introducing new administrative appointee

Jim Korte
- Interim Dean of Students
- M.Ed., 1978, Loyola University
- Research/professional interests: Student success, student advocacy and assistance.
- Personal interests: Boy Scouts, woodworking, spending time with family and my lovely and enthusiastic poodle, Trixie.

Lynn Pardie
- Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost
- Introducing Faculty Scholar

Featuring the Division of Student Affairs

Featuring the Division of Academic Affairs
Ping Huang

- Visiting Faculty Scholar
- Ph.D., 2010, Central China Normal University, English language and literature

Ping Huang

- Research/professional interests: Linguistics, pragmatics, and institutional discourse analysis.
- Personal interests: Chinese chess, singing, walking.