



## Faculty Resource Guide

### Applied Psychology/Psychology:

- **Dr. Rebecca Hoss:** Associate Professor of Human Services and Psychology, Program Director of Human Services and Psychology
  - Areas of expertise: The development of face perception in infants and children; Development and maintenance of gender and attractiveness stereotypes.
- **Dr. James Burger:** Professor of Human Services and Psychology
  - Areas of expertise: Licensed Clinical Psychologist providing therapy and assessments to a diverse population that includes Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos and Caucasians; Treatment specialties include anxiety disorders, mood disorders, oppositional-defiant disorders with adolescents, and gender identity disorders.
- **Dr. Molly Wernli:** Assistant Professor of Human Services and Psychology
  - Areas of expertise: Physical, social and cognitive development in childhood and adolescence; Human development.

### Art:

- **Jeffrey Spencer:** Assistant Professor of Art, Director of Hillmer Art Gallery
  - Areas of expertise: Numerous one and two person shows regionally and nationally, with works included in several public collections; Awarded the prestigious National Endowment for the Arts Grant in painting.

### Biology:

- **Dr. Brena Mauk:** Assistant Professor of Biology, Science Program Chair
  - Areas of expertise: Antibiotic resistance and metabolic processes of bacteria isolated from contaminated environments. Recent presentations include effects of mineral availability on microbial populations and the creation of meaningful laboratory experiences on a limited budget.
- **Dr. Jeffrey Keyte:** Assistant Professor of Biology, Director of Cadaver Lab
  - Areas of expertise: research related to human biology – specifically Anatomy and Physiology, Gross Anatomy and Pathophysiology.
- **Dr. Anthony Limato, III:** Assistant Professor of Biology
  - Areas of expertise: Chiropractic, physical therapy, nutrition, acupuncture, anatomy & physiology, pathophysiology, research related to biofuels and green energy.
- **Dr. Phyllis Higley:** Assistant Professor of Biology, Division Chair of Arts and Sciences
  - Areas of expertise: Plant pathology; Bioterrorism; Biosecurity; Distance education.

## **Business Leadership:**

- **Dr. Syed Jamal Haider:** Assistant Professor of Business Leadership, Business Leadership Program Chair
  - Areas of expertise: Addressing organizational development issues. Dr. Haider offers a diverse academic and corporate background working for multinationals standardizing project management practices, implementing competency based leadership programs, and addressing performance management, group dynamics, process improvement, and customer satisfaction issues. His research interest is strategic leadership and organizational behavior.

## **Chemistry:**

- **Dr. Ganesh Naik:** Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Chemistry Program Chair
  - Areas of expertise: Understanding the structure activity relationships of antioxidants and preventing oxidative stress in the body by using nutraceuticals; Developing green energy resources for sustainable development of humankind.
- **Dr. Jeremy Karr:** Assistant Professor of Chemistry
  - Areas of expertise: General chemistry; Analytical chemistry; Chemical education - emphasis on the development of curriculum for the health professions with a focus on nursing chemistry.

## **CSM Business:**

- **Narcissus Shambare:** Assistant Professor of Business Information Systems, Professional Studies Division Chair, Program Director
  - Areas of expertise: Technology, strategic management and business education; Internet bandwidth analysis and strategic marketing; Integration of theory and practice in the classroom; Conflict resolution and politics in project management; Internet banking.
- **Dr. Karla Mason Bergen:** Assistant Professor of Communication & Women's Studies Coordinator
  - Areas of expertise: How women communicatively construct unconventional identities; Lesbian families; Commuter marriages; Commuter wife as an identity.
- **Steve Brewer:** Instructor of Marketing & Management
  - Areas of expertise: Business networking groups (such as BNI & other lead passing groups); Financial services marketing; Small business marketing.

## **Education:**

- **Dr. Merryellen Towey Schulz:** Associate Professor of Education, Director of Teacher Education
  - Areas of expertise: Instructional technology, multicultural education, meeting the educational needs of underserved populations and integration of service learning at all levels of education; Women in science & engineering; Gender gap in the areas of math & science; Supervises Operation SMART.
- **Dr. Deanna Acklie:** Associate Professor of Education
  - Areas of expertise: Special education theory and multicultural education; Classroom management and service learning; Incorporating music and movement and literacy development; Impact of service learning and documenting the development of a special education program in Orange Walk, Belize; Consultation on childhood development issues and parenting.

- **Dr. Melanie Felton:** Associate Professor of Education
  - Areas of expertise: Early childhood teaching methods - fostering a love of learning in young children; Enhancing creativity and play, conceptual development of mathematical and scientific thinking; Observation and assessment in early childhood; Language development and emergent literacy; Applying developmentally appropriate practices to adult learning experiences; communicative behaviors within family groups; Parent-teacher communication strategies.
- **Dr. Danielle Ladwig:** Assistant Professor of Education
  - Areas of expertise: Secondary Education – English and Language Arts, Classroom Management, Assessment, Instructional Leadership, and Collaboration through Professional Learning Communities.
- **Dr. Jennifer Rose-Woodward:** Associate Professor of Education
  - Areas of expertise: Oral and written communication skills in higher education; Digital literacy and multiple literacy skills; Curriculum mapping

### **English:**

- **Dr. Bette-B Bauer:** Professor of English, English Program Director
  - Areas of expertise: Women's spirituality; American literature; Relationship between spirituality and landscape; Teaching online courses.

### **General Studies:**

- **Michael Gendler:** Associate Professor of History, History and Political Science Program Director
  - Areas of expertise: Liberal arts education & the pursuit of happiness; Alexis de Tocqueville & his writing on America & the truth about democracy; The relationship between Nazi ideology and radical Islamic terrorism; Teaching Nazi Germany; Television and American culture; Terrorists and America; World War II and its legacy; Conceptualization of evil in American history and culture; The sixties; Psychology of the Holocaust.

### **Mathematics:**

- **Dr. Mark Sand,** Professor of Mathematics, Mathematics Program Director
  - Areas of expertise: Algebra, Statistics, Calculus, Differential Equations, Mathematical Games, and Physics. His current areas of interest are the history of math and science, and current and future sources of energy.
- **Dr. Jing Chang,** Assistant Professor of Mathematics
  - Areas of expertise: Calculus, Real Analysis, Statistics, Algebra, and Physics. Her research interests are linear regression and resistant dimension reduction.

### **Music:**

- **Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett:** Associate Professor of Music, Program Director Fine Arts
  - Areas of expertise: choral music, choral conducting, organ, music history, and music theory. Burnett's publications, presentations, and research focus on liturgical music, particularly hymns and service music by women, and composition.

### **Division of Health Professions:**

- **Dr. Janet Philipp:** Professor of Nursing and Division Chair of Health Professions
  - Areas of expertise: Vulnerable populations including the homeless and indigent in Washington D.C., Native Americans in the Southwest, and indigenous people in Brazil.

## Nursing:

- **Anna Fuder-Boehm:** Assistant Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Psychiatric nursing, including clinical teaching; Effectiveness of the pre-clinical conference as a part of the learning process; *Student Nurses' Opinions of Mental Illness in Relation to Their Clinical Setting.*
- **Heather Briggs:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Geriatrics, physical rehabilitation, post intensive care, home health administration, home health nursing, home health infusion, case management and acute long term care.
- **Tasha Conley:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Developed evidence-based practice guidelines for labor inductions based on research on elective inductions and the correlation to the increase in cesarean section rates; Developed a teaching program to educate OB nurses on current trends in the treatment of three obstetrical emergencies: postpartum hemorrhage, amniotic fluid embolisms, and shoulder dystocia.
- **Nicole Dyer:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Dyer has taught clinical in the entry level nursing courses, as well as clinical and theory in the complex nursing course of the ASN program here at College of Saint Mary. Her background is critical care and cardiac nursing, where she worked before becoming an Instructor. Dyer received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Nebraska Medical Center. She completed her Master of Science in Nursing from University of Nebraska Medical Center as well, with a specialty in Adult Health Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She joined as faculty at College of Saint Mary in 2010.
- **Marcy Echternacht, APRN-CNS, B.C.:** Assistant Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: psychiatric nursing theory and clinical courses, and nursing concepts courses. Her most recent publication, "A Regulatory Model for Transitioning Newly Licensed Nurses to Practice" is found in *Journal of Nursing Regulation*, (2010) 1, (2): 18-25. Echternacht served on the Nebraska State Board of Nursing from January 2002 through December 2009.
- **Christi Glesmann:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Trends & issues in nursing; Pediatric nursing clinical.
- **Kristin Geist:** Assistant Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: pediatric nursing, Hematology/Oncology and Certified Diabetes Educator
- **Tracey Green:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Medical-surgical/pediatric experience along with a wealth of experience in maternal child nursing. Clinical instructor for the ASN program, Faculty Advisor for the Student Nurses Association (SNA).
- **Jamie Hilderbrand:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Rural healthcare with a wide variety of patients, labor and delivery, post-partum, Pre-operative/Post-operative, emergency room, Acute care, and medical/surgical.
- **Roxanne Kardell: Assistant Instructor of Nursing**
  - Areas of expertise: Lab coordinator here at CSM, Post Intensive Care staff nurse.
- **Jennifer Kolker:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Post-intensive care, cardiac intensive care, and surgical care across the continuum.

- **Colette Kroeten:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Surgery, specifically preoperative, postoperative, perioperative and main operating room. Inside the operating room, Colette was considered specialized in spine surgery, but still worked in all areas.
- **Dr. Lois Linden:** Associate Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Educational pedagogies, clinical simulations, research design and qualitative data analysis. Her professional interests include leadership and management characteristics and skills and quality improvement in healthcare organizations.
- **Susan Liston:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Women's health in nursing across the lifespan; Thirteen years nursing experience in labor and delivery.
- **Dr. M.J. Petersen:** Associate Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Technology in higher education such as audience performance systems, computerized simulations & podcasts; Medical surgical nursing; Health care quality.
- **Rita Million:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Population-based public health nursing with an emphasis on assessment of community's needs; promoting evidence-based practice and the development of knowledge through research; research interest of family caregivers; psychiatric clinical in an outpatient clinical setting.
- **Dr. Mary Kay Smid, R.N., MSN, CNE:** Associate Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Maternal child nursing; Legal ethical issues in nursing care and ethical issues in health care; Service learning and community education of families; Clinical focus is pediatric care at Children's Hospital; Certified Nursing Educator.
- **Dr. Virginia Tufano:** Assistant Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Home health nursing and cultural competence in nursing; Long-term and acute care settings in nursing; Implemented a qualitative research study on personal characteristics of nursing faculty; Pediatric nursing.
- **Kari Wade:** Instructor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Wade specializes in nursing research and pediatric clinical care, participated on four national research teams studying infant, toddler, and family behavior and health.
- **Dr. Kathy Willrett:** Associate Professor of Nursing
  - Areas of expertise: Maternal-child nursing, specifically in pediatrics; Developed a clinical simulation regarding asthma in children; Teaching needs for women cancer survivors related to follow-up care.
- **Dr. Kathleen Zajic:** Associate Professor of Nursing, Program Director of Undergraduate Nursing Programs
  - Areas of expertise: Service learning and community partnerships; Public health advocacy and health promotion; Public health issues affecting communities and society as a whole.

## **Occupational Therapy:**

- **Dr. Callie Watson:** Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, Program Director of Occupational Therapy Program
  - Areas of expertise: Service learning; Writing with APA formatting; Occupational therapy in mental health and geriatrics; Occupational therapy advocacy; Health promotion, management & leadership.
- **Cristy Daniel:** Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator
  - Areas of expertise: Kinesiology; Motor learning theories; Adult life span and activity analysis; Presented on designing successful fieldwork experiences for students and integrating self-directed learning into fieldwork
- **Dr. Kristin B. Haas:** Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy
  - Areas of expertise: Healthcare ethics; Clinical and therapeutic reasoning; Health promotion; Service learning and education; Occupational therapy practice framework; Research – traumatic brain injury.
- **Maureen Hoppe:** Fieldwork Coordinator and Instructor of Occupational Therapy
  - Areas of expertise:
- **Melissa Kimmerling:** Instructor of Occupational Therapy
  - Areas of expertise: Physical Agent Modalities and Kinesiotaping as well as clinical experience in Acute Care, Acute Rehabilitation, and Skilled Nursing.
- **Mary Smith:** Instructor of Occupational therapy
  - Areas of expertise: adult and elderly lifespan, management and leadership, introduction to occupational therapy, occupational performance capacity, assessment and performance lab, and selected studies. She has over 10 years of clinical experience with an emphasis on inpatient adult acute rehabilitation.
- **Dr. Christy Walloch:** Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy
  - Areas of expertise:

## **Organizational Leadership:**

- **Dr. Susan Joslin:** Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership; Director of the Master in Organizational Leadership Program
  - Areas of expertise: Teaching strategic leadership and communication.

## **Paralegal Studies:**

- **Sally B. Bisson, J.D.:** Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies, Director of Paralegal Studies Program
  - Areas of expertise: Law office administration and technology; Family law; Litigation; Cyber-law; Real estate law; Serves as a reviewer for several major legal publishers.

## **Spanish:**

- **Dr. Diana Baldini-Brown:** Interim Associate Professor of Spanish
  - Areas of expertise: The poetry of Margalit Matitiah, a poet from Israel that uses the Ladino language of Spain as it was written and spoken in 1492. Dr. Brown has translated much of her poetry into English, and made several presentations in Europe, Latin America and the United States.

## **Theology:**

- **Dr. Aline M-J Paris, RSM:** Associate Professor of Theology, (FYS) First Year Seminar and ELA (Experiencing the Liberal Arts) Program Director
  - Areas of expertise: Sunday scriptures; Sacraments/liturgy and biblical foundations of immigration; Old Testament; Christian spirituality.
- **Dr. Jennifer Reed-Bouley:** Associate Professor of Theology, Theology Program Director
  - Areas of expertise: Theological reflection and social analysis as key components of service-learning; Impact of employment on students' responses to service-learning; Role of religious symbols in social actions; Spirituality and ethics; Catholic social teaching.
- **Dr. Eric Kyle:** Assistant Professor of Theology, Program Director for Service Learning
  - Areas of expertise: Spiritual formation and human transformation; histories of Christian spirituality; contemplative practices and pedagogies; the intersections of science and spirituality; spirituality and peace-building; spiritualities of immanence (i.e., finding God in all)

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