



COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY

Bloom

Faculty Resource Guide

Applied Psychology/Psychology:

- **Dr. Rebecca Hoss:** Associate Professor, Chair of the Arts and Sciences Division, and Program Director of 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

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

Areas of expertise: Physical, social and cognitive development in childhood and adolescence; Human development.

Art:

- **Jeffrey Spencer:** Assistant Professor, Art Dept. Head, 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, Math & 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. Phyllis Higley:** Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Plant pathology; Bioterrorism; Biosecurity; Distance education.

- **Dr. Thomas Freeman:** Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Molecular physiology; Bacterial genetics; Plant-pathogen interactions; Forest ecology; Liver disease; Immunology of tolerance and protein biochemistry.

Business Administration:

- **Dr. Donna M. Ehrlich,** Director of Business Administration, Associate Professor of Business

Areas of expertise: Supply chain management; Emerging technologies; Complex adaptive systems; Social networking; Project management; Qualitative research; Women in management & leadership; Women in business.

- **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, Marketing & Management

Areas of expertise: Business networking groups (such as BNI & other lead passing groups); Financial services marketing; Small business marketing.

Business Information Systems:

- **Narcissus Shambare:** Assistant Professor, 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.

Business Leadership:

- **Dr. Sue Schlichtemeier-Nutzman:** Director of Business Leadership Program

Areas of expertise: Team-building; Marketing across generations; Strategic planning; Business planning and leadership.

Chemistry:

- **Dr. Ganesh Naik:** Assistant Professor

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.

Education:

- **Dr. Merryellen Towey Schulz:** Associate Professor, director of teacher education, program director

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 and the CSM Latina Summer Academy.

- **Dr. Melanie Felton:** Associate Professor

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. Deanna Acklie:** Associate Professor, Director of Special 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.

English:

- **Dr. Bette-B Bauer:** Associate Professor, English Program Director

Areas of expertise: Women's spirituality; American literature; Relationship between spirituality and landscape; Teaching online courses.

- **Dr. Mark Scott:** Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Modern American poetry (from 1855 to 1970); Elizabethan Literature (1525-1625: i.e., Shakespeare); Teaching of composition, literature, and creative writing; Transition of students from high school to college; Study of grammar: Is it helpful in learning how to write; Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson and William James; Poetry and prose of Robert Frost.

Forensic Science:

- **Nicole Wall:** Instructor biological & forensic science

Areas of Expertise: Forensic anthropology; Biological anthropology; Forensic palynology; Ph.D. focus on climate & its effects on the human decomposition process (such as mummification) and other forensic settings.

General Studies:

- **Michael Gendler:** Associate Professor, 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.

Health Education:

- **Dr. Peggy Hawkins, R.N.:** Professor of Nursing

Areas of expertise: Nursing education; Testing; Regulatory and work place issues; Service learning; *Study Guide for Psychiatric Nursing.*

- **Dr. Lois Linden, R.N.:** Division Chair of Health Education; Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Clinical simulations with high fidelity simulators; Teaching and learning concepts and strategies; Leadership and management; Quality improvement; Pain management; Ethical decision making and decision acceleration process; Standards/scope of practice for health professionals.

Mathematics:

- **Louis J. Feron, Jr., Lt. Colonel (retired), USAF:** Instructor

Areas of expertise: Computer science; Statistics; Basic mathematics; Geometry applications.

Nursing:

- **Anna Fuder-Boehm:** Instructor, co-sponsor for Student Nurses Association

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.*

- **Barb Carnes:** Instructor

Areas of expertise: Clinical simulation and technology in the classroom; Incorporating simulators/clickers and initiating math competency into course work.

Kathleen A. Clark: Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Medical-surgical nursing; Health promotion in the elderly.

- **Tasha Conley:** Instructor

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.

- **Marcy Echternacht, APRN-CNS, B.C.:** Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Psychiatric nursing theory; Instructional strategy in the development of psychiatric nursing skills; Appointed to the Nebraska State Board of Nursing in January 2002 – currently serves as President of the Board of Nursing.

- **Kelly Eggers:** Assistant Instructor

Areas of expertise: Practical Nursing Program.
- **Christi Glesmann:** Instructor

Areas of expertise: Trends & issues in nursing; Pediatric nursing clinical.
- **Heather Herbst, R.N., MSN:** Instructor

Areas of expertise: Cardiology & post-intensive care nursing; Acute rehabilitation; Case management; Home care.
- **Diane Hughes:** Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Director of the Practical Nurse Program.
- **Terena M. Kring:** Instructor, Family Nurse Practitioner.

Areas of expertise: Cardiac disease in postmenopausal women.
- **Susan Liston:** Instructor

Areas of expertise: Women's health in nursing across the lifespan; Thirteen years nursing experience in labor and delivery.
- **Grace Elizabeth Miller:** Assistant Professor

Areas of expertise: Medical-surgical nursing; Mental health nursing; Pharmacology and health assessment; Gerontology that encompass physical and psycho-social cultural considerations; Creativity and healing.
- **Dr. M.J. Petersen:** Assistant Professor, Director of Undergraduate Nursing Programs

Areas of expertise: Technology in higher education such as audience performance systems, computerized simulations & podcasts; Medical surgical nursing; Health care quality.
- **Pamela Roland:** Instructor, Nursing Lab Coordinator

Areas of expertise: Clinical pediatrics; Trends & professional issues.
- **Sharon R. Redding:** Associate Professor

Areas of expertise: Ceremonies in nursing and strategies for successful clinical experiences for students; Cross-cultural experiences in health care; Domestic violence/child abuse.
- **Mary Kay Smid, R.N., MSN, CNE:** Associate Professor

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.

- **Virginia Tufano:** Assistant Professor

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.

- **Kathy Willrett:** Associate Professor

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.

- **Kathleen Zajic:** Assistant Professor

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:

- **Cristy Daniel:** Assistant Professor, 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

Areas of expertise: Healthcare ethics; Clinical and therapeutic reasoning; Health promotion; Service learning and education; Occupational therapy practice framework; Research – traumatic brain injury.

- **Dr. Callie Watson:** Associate Professor, 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.

Organizational Leadership:

- **Dr. Tammy Moerer:** Assistant Professor; Director of the Master in Organizational Leadership Program

Areas of expertise: Women and leadership; Social networking; Women and networking inhibitors; Entrepreneurship; Mentoring; Qualitative methodology for conducting research; Marketing; Public relations; Business communications; Advertising.

Paralegal Studies:

- **Sally B. Bisson, J.D.:** Associate Professor, 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.

- **Catherine Dunn Whittinghill:** Associate Professor, Assistant Dean of Paralegal Studies

Areas of expertise: Introductory law courses; Legal research and writing; Experiencing the liberal arts program; Paralegal profession and paralegal education.

Theology:

- **Dr. Mary Kay Dobrovolny, RSM:** Assistant Professor of Theology, Director of Campus Ministry

Areas of expertise: Biblical studies; Community organizing; New Testament and Christian spirituality.

- **Dr. Judy Eby, RSM:** Assistant Professor, Theology Program Director

Areas of expertise: Contemporary religious life; New membership in religious communities; English Reformation.

- **Dr. Aline M-J Paris, RSM:** Associate Professor, College Liturgist, Director of the CORE Curriculum

Areas of expertise: Sunday scriptures; Sacraments/liturgy and biblical foundations of immigration; Old Testament; Christian spirituality.

- **Dr. Jennifer Reed-Bouley:** Associate Professor, Service-Learning 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.

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