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Education

2003

EdD, Oklahoma State University

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Associate Professor; Director of Graduate Studies for the School of Social Work, Coordinator of Military and Veteran Social Work Track Social Work

2014

MSW, Aurora University

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Senior Lecturer

Mathematics

2023

EdD, Aurora University

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Professor; Director of the Core Curriculum

English and Environmental Studies

2011

PhD, University of Texas at Arlington

Megan Beard

Assistant Professor; Director of the Master of Science in Athletic Training Program
Athletic Training
2002
PhD, University of Toledo

Michael Belbis

Assistant Professor
Exercise Science
2023
PhD, Purdue University

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Assistant Professor
Social Work
2020
DSW, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2022
MSN, Drexel University

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Associate Professor
Biology and Environmental Science
2010
PhD, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

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Associate Professor
Social Work
2011
PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Christina Bruhn

Professor
Social Work
2009
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

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Professor
History
1999
PhD, University of Kansas

Andrew Carr

Associate Professor
Business and Finance
2016
MBA, University of Chicago

Chih-Chiun Chen

Associate Professor; Kenneth C Corkum Distinguished Professorship in Life Science, Pre-Medical Professionals Advisor
Health Science
2016
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Christina Cicero

Assistant Professor; Chair of Undergraduate Nursing Program
Nursing
2022
MSN, Chamberlain University

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Assistant Professor
Education
2022
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Juan Colon Santana

Associate Professor; Coordinator of Physical Sciences
Physics
2016
PhD, University of Nebraska

Heather Crapo

Assistant Professor
Chemistry
2024
DA, SUNY Binghamton

Jane Davis

Professor
Biology
2006
DVM,MS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2023
MSN, Purdue University

Laura Donavon

Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Addictions and Forensics Graduate Social Work
2015
MSW, Aurora University

Trevor Dotson

Senior Lecturer; Interim Chair and Technical Director of Theatre
Theatre
2023
MFA, University of Nevada Las Vegas

Patrick Dunn

Associate Professor; Chair of English
English
2006
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Paul Eberhart

Lecturer
Human-Animal Studies
2024
MA, Miami University

Sara Elliott

Associate Professor
English
2002
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Julie Ellis

Associate Professor
Nursing
2018
MSN, Benedictine University

Libby Escobedo

Professor; Coordinator of Undergraduate Research Program
Art History
2007
PhD, Bryn Mawr College

Carlos Estrada

Assistant Professor; Chair of Exercise Science; Coordinator of Health and Wellness
Exercise Science
2019
PhD, Oklahoma State University

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Lecturer; Coordinator Experiential Learning Dunham School of Business
Business and Communication
2021
MA, Northern Illinois University

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Assistant Professor; Coordinator of RN-BSN Program
Nursing
2024
DNP, Oak Point University

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Professor
Psychology
2005
PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Parolini Distinguished Associate Professor of Music; Director of Choral Music
Music
2010
DMA, University of Arizona

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Associate Professor
English
2008
PhD, University of California-Santa Barbara

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Associate Professor
Sociology
2018
PhD, University of California-Santa Barbara

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Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Special Education and Elementary Education, Chair of Initial Licensure
Special Education
2021
PhD, Concordia University

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Assistant Professor

Marketing
2019
MBA, Northwestern University

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Haase Distinguished Professor of Marketing
Marketing
1991
PhD, Union Institute

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Assistant Dean
Nursing - GWC
2013
DNP, University of Illinois at Chicago

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Associate Professor, Joe Dunham Distinguished Professorship in Ethics
Ethics
2021
PhD, University of Oxford

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Associate Professor
English
2004
PhD, University of Arizona

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Associate Professor; Coordinator of Gerontology and Healthcare Track
Social Work
2013
DSW, Aurora University

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Lecturer
Mathematics
2023
MS, University of Kerala

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Associate Professor
English
2010
PhD, Idaho State University

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Professor; Chair of Foreign Languages
Spanish
1996
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Senior Lecturer
Health Science
2021
MD, Mohammed V University Medical School

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Associate Professor; Director of Graduate Programs for Dunham School of Business
Business Analytics
2018
MS, DePaul University

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Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Physical Education
Physical Education
2005
MAT, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor
Mathematics
2021
PhD, Purdue University

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Professor
English
1999
PhD, Vanderbilt University

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Associate Professor; Director of Faculty Development
English
2011
PhD, Vanderbilt University

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Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Early Childhood Special Educ ESL/
Bilingual
Education
2015
EdD, Loyola University Chicago

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Associate Professor; Director of Graduate Education for the School of
Education
Education
2014
EdD, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor
Social Work
2020
PhD, Loyola University Chicago

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Assistant Professor
Graduate Social Work
2019
PhD, University of Chicago

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Visiting Senior Lecturer; Production Manager & Director of Theatre
Theatre
2024
MFA, University of Missouri - Kansas City

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Associate Professor
Chemistry
2018
PhD, Northwestern University

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Associate Professor; Chair of Therapeutic Recreation and Autism
Studies
Therapeutic Recreation
2017
MS, Aurora University

Sandra Johnson

Assistant Professor
Nursing
2023
MSN, Purdue University

Sara Johnson

Associate Professor
Psychology
2013
PhD, Northern Illinois University

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Associate Professor
Art
2013
MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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Assistant Professor; Chair of Health Science and Pre-Medical
Professional Program
Health Science
2021
EdD Aurora University

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Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Online Programs for Dunham School
of Business
Marketing
2021
MBA, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management

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Professor
Education
2019
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Professor
Communication
2003
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Associate Professor
Education
2008
EdD, Roosevelt University

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Professor
Criminal Justice
2007
PhD, Michigan State University

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Assistant Professor; Director of Graduate Nursing Program

Nursing
2022
DNP, University of Kentucky - Lexington

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Assistant Professor
Biology
2020
PhD, Michigan State University

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2019
MSN, Western Governor's University

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Associate Professor
Computer Science
2017
PhD, Illinois Institute of Technology

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Associate Professor; Chair of Dunham School of Business
Economics and Finance
2018
PhD, Northern Illinois University

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Lecturer
Psychology
2024
MA, Argosy University

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2024
DNP, Regis University

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Social Work
2020
MSW, Aurora University

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Lecturer
Business
2024
MBA, Rice University

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Athletic Training
2024
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Nursing
2024
PhD, Midwestern University

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Religion & History
2016
PhD, University of Notre Dame

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Lecturer
Sport Management
2023
MS, Western Illinois University

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Senior Lecturer; Coordinator of ESL Program Endorsement
ESL/Bilingual
2021
EdD, Aurora University

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Senior Lecturer; Chair of Pre-Speech Language Pathology
Pre-Speech Language Pathology
2024
PhD, Nova Southeastern University

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Assistant Professor; Chair of Sport Management
Sport Management
2020
EdD, Creighton University

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Lecturer
Social Work
2024
MSW, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2019
MSN, Northern Illinois University

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Professor; Marvel E. Davis Distinguished Professorship in Music, Chair of Music
Music/Theory and Keyboard
2011
DMA, The University of Connecticut

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Professor; Keith and Elizabeth Smith Chair in Science and Mathematics,
Chair of Physical Sciences and Biology
Chemistry
1996
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

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Human-Animal Studies
2024
MS, Western Illinois University

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Social Work

2024
PhD, Jackson State University

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Associate Professor; Judith B. Dunham Distinguished Professorship in Nursing
Nursing
2015
MSN, Lewis University

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Political Science and Public Policy
2017
PhD, Purdue University

James Petkus
Associate Professor
Computer Science and Mathematics
2016
MS, Northern Illinois University

Donald W. Phelps
Professor
Social Work
2001
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Austin Pickup
Associate Professor; Co-Chair of EdD Program
Education
2014
PhD, The University of Alabama

Mark Plummer
Associate Professor
Music
2009
DA, University of Northern Colorado

Andrew Prall
Professor
English
2024
PhD, University of Colorado Denver

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Assistant Professor
Graphic Design
2023
MFA, University of Notre Dame

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2023
MSN, Olivet Nazarene University

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Associate Professor; Chair of Mathematics
Mathematics
2011
PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Assistant Professor
Computer Science
2022
MS, Illinois Institute Tech

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Assistant Professor
Social Work
2024
MA, University of Chicago

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Professor
Biology
2013
PhD, Pennsylvania State University

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Psychology
2007
PhD, Loyola University Chicago

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Assistant Professor; Chair of Undergraduate Social Work
Social Work
2024
MSW, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor
Undergraduate Social Work - GWC
2017
MSW, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Associate Professor; Emerita Dean of Latino/a Initiatives, Coordinator of Latino/a Studies
Foreign Languages
2019
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Jay Shahed
Senior Lecturer
Health Science
2021
MBA, Robert Morris College

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Associate Professor
Psychology
2009
PhD, University of Iowa

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Professor; Chair of History, Philosophy, & Religion
History
2011
PhD, Ohio State University

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Associate Professor; Coordinator of Secondary Education
Education

2016
PhD, Georgia State University

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Professor; Chair of Computer and Data Science
Computer and Data Science
2022
PhD, DePaul University

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Lecturer
Business and Healthcare Administration
2024
MBA, Purdue University

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Assistant Professor
Nursing
2023
MSN, Western Governors University

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Accounting
2024
PhD, Cardinal Stritch University

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Cybersecurity
2023
PhD, Virginia International University

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Criminal Justice
2023
JD, George Mason University

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Nursing
2022
MSN, Lewis University

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Nursing
2023
MSN, Lewis University

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Social Work
2022
MSSW, Loyola University - Chicago

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Senior Lecturer; Coordinator of Child Welfare Track
Social Work
2019
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Lecturer

Social Work
2021
DSW, Aurora University

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Associate Professor
Philosophy
2006
PhD, DePaul University

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Professor; Coordinator of Parks and Recreation Leadership
Parks and Recreation
2011
EdD, Aurora University

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Professor of Accounting, Don & Donna Kieso Distinguished
Professorship in Accountancy
Accounting
2018
PhD, University of Illinois, Chicago

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Professor; Director of Graduate & Online Programs for Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice
2007
PhD, Sam Houston State University

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Professor; Chair of Communication and Graphic Design
Communication
2011
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Lisa Woods

Assistant Professor
Education
2021
EdD, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor; University Chaplain
Religion
2022
PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary

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Visiting Assistant Professor
Literacy and Learning Education
2024
EdD, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor, Clinical Education Coordinator of Athletic Training
Athletic Training
2021
EdD, University of Dayton

Faculty/Dean Emeriti

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Dean Emeritus - GWC; Dean of the School of Social Work and Professor
of Social Work, 1986-2003
GWC

2003
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

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Professor Emeritus of Nursing and Communication; Professor of Nursing and Communication, 1979-2002
Nursing and Communication
2002
PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Associate Professor Emeritus, Phillips Library; Reference Librarian, Phillips Library, (Associate Professor), 1971-2000
University Library
2001
MA, Northern Illinois University

Ronald Banaszak

Professor Emeritus of Education; Professor of Education, 2000-2013
Education
2013
PhD, Indiana University

Ronald G. Benson

Dean Emeritus, John and Judy Dunham School of Business and Professional Studies; Dean, John and Judy Dunham School of Business and Professional Studies, Professor of Management, 1999-2001
John and Judy Dunham School of Business and Professional Studies
2001
PhD, University of Iowa

Roald O. Berg

Associate Professor Emeritus; Associate Professor of Mathematics and Education, 1967-1999;
Mathematics
1999
MEd, University of Florida

Henry Boer

Professor Emeritus of Education; Professor of Education, 2001-2016;
Education
2016
PhD, Southern Illinois University

Sara E. Bonkowski

Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Professor of Social Work, 1986-2001
Social Work
2001
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Deborah Brotcke

Professor Emeritus of Education; Professor of Education, 1992-2016
Education
2016
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Raymond S. Christiansen

Associate Professor Emeritus, University Library; Head of Media Services, Phillips Library; Associate Professor, 1977-2003
University Library
2003
MSEd, Northern Illinois University

Laurel Church

Professor Emeritus of Communication; Poetry Artist in Residence, Professor of Communication, 1985-2003
Communication
2001
PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Carol D. Crane

Professor Emeritus of Biology; Associate Professor of Biology, 1968-1971, 1978-2006
Biology
2006
MA, University of North Carolina

Robert A. Dillon

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics; Associate Professor of Mathematics, 1977-2006
Mathematics
2006
MA, Ball State University

William B. Duncan

Senior Vice President Emeritus - GWC; Vice President and Chief Academic Officer – GWC; Assistant Professor of Recreation Administration, 1970-2011
GWC
2011
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Carol R. Dunn

Vice President for Enrollment Emeritus; Vice President for Enrollment, 2000-2009; Director of Adult and Continuing Education, 1982-1985
Enrollment
2009
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Marvin Edwards

Professor Emeritus of Education; Professor of Education, 2002-2017
Education
2017
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Joan Fee

Professor Emeritus of Education; Professor of Education; Chair EdD Program, 2003-2016
Education
2016
PhD, University of Chicago

David Frost

Professor Emeritus of Business; Associate Professor of Business, 2006-2016
Business
2016
MBA, Harvard University

Donald A. Fuller

Professor Emeritus of English; Professor of English, 1963-1999
English
1999
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Mary Glenn

Associate Professor Emeritus, School of Nursing; Associate Professor of Nursing, 1984-2004

Nursing
2004
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

John Gudenas

Professor Emeritus of Computer Science; Professor of Computer Science, 1991-2010
Computer Science
2010
PhD, Illinois Institute of Technology

Crystal R. Janaskie

Professor Emerita of Economics and Business; Assistant Dean, Director of Academic Advisement and Associate Professor of Economics and Business, 1959-1977
Economics and Business
1977
MBA, University of Chicago

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Dean Emeritus, College of Education; Director, Graduate Programs, 1994-1996; Dean, College of Education 1996-2003; Executive Director, Institute for Collaboration, 2003-2005; Part-Time Instructor, 2005-2012
Education
2012
MS, Illinois State University

Christina Krause

Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology; Associate Professor of Psychology, 1996-2016
Psychology
2016
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Steven R. Lay

Professor Emeritus of Mathematics; Professor of Mathematics, 1971-1990
Mathematics
1990
PhD, University of California-Los Angeles

J. Kenneth Leask

Professor Emeritus of Psychology; Professor of Psychology, 1966-2001
Psychology
2001
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Associate Professor and Director Emeritus, School of Nursing; Director, School of Nursing; Associate Professor of Nursing, 1995-2006
Nursing
2006
DNS, Rush University

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Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing; Associate Professor of Nursing, 2003-2016
Nursing
2016
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Stephen P. Lowery

Professor Emeritus of Art; Professor of Art, 1986-2013
Art

2013
MFA, Tulane University

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Professor Emeritus of Physics; Professor of Physics and Engineering Science, 1974-2006
Physics
2006
PhD, University of Missouri

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Dean Emeritus, School of Nursing; Dean, School of Nursing; Professor of Nursing, 1996-2001
Nursing
2001
PhD, University of Colorado

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Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Professor of Social Work, 1987-2008
Social Work
2008
DSW, Hunter College, City University of New York

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Professor Emeritus of Nursing; Professor of Nursing, 1987-2003
Nursing
2003
PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

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Associate Professor Emeritus of English; Associate Professor of English and Communication, 1991-2003
English
2003
PhD, University of Chicago

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Dean Emeritus - GWC; Dean, School of Professional Studies - GWC, 2002-2010; Director of Continuing Education, 2010-2012
GWC
2012
PhD, Marquette University

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Professor Emeritus of Sociology; Associate Professor of Sociology, 1966-1996
Sociology
1996
MDiv, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

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Professor Emeritus of History; Professor of History; Curator of Jenks Collection, 1973-2010
History
2010
PhD, Northern Illinois University

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Associate Professor Emeritus of Music; Associate Professor of Music, 1974-1994
Music
1994
MM, Northwestern University

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Associate Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Associate Professor of Social Work, 1996-2006
Social Work
2007
DSW, Loyola University Chicago

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Associate Professor Emeritus; Associate Professor of Philosophy/ Interdisciplinary Studies, 1991-2010
Philosophy/Interdisciplinary Studies
2010
PhD, Syracuse University

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Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Professor of Social Work, 1995-2010
Social Work
2010
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts; Professor of Fine Arts, 1985-2011
Fine Arts
2011
PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Associate Professor Emeritus, University Library; Catalog Librarian, Phillips Library, (Associate Professor), 1964-1998
University Library
1998
MLS, University of Michigan

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Professor Emeritus of Social Work; BSW Program Director, 1987-1991; Field Coordinator of Field Placement, 1991-1992
Social Work
1994
PhD, University of Minnesota

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Nursing
2016
MSN, Wayne State University

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Professor Emeritus of English; Professor of English, 1978-2006
English
2006
PhD, Northern Illinois University

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Education
2008
EdD, Loyola University Chicago

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English
2010

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Dean Emeritus, School of Experiential Leadership; Dean, School of Experiential Leadership; Professor of Leisure Studies, 1987-2008
Experiential Leadership
2008
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Biology
2000
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