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Faith Agostinone

Professor Education

2002

EdD, Oklahoma State University

Alison Arendt

Associate Professor; Director of Social Work

Social Work

2014

MSW, Aurora University

Susan Baird

Assistant Professor

Nursing - GWC

2020

DNP, Chatham University

Bridgitte Barclay

Associate Professor; Chair of English

English 2011

PhD, University of Texas at Arlington

Jack Barshinger

University Professor

Education 2014

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Elissa Belcher

Assistant Professor

Nursing 2018

MSN, University of Phoenix

Marianne Benedek

Lecturer

Social Work

2020

MSW, Loyola University Chicago

Richard Boniak

Associate Professor; Assistant Academic Dean - GWC; Assistant Chair of

Biology

Environmental and General Science

2010

PhD, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Kristen Brendel

Associate Professor

Social Work

2011

PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Christina Bruhn

Associate Professor; Co-Director of Assessment

Social Work

2009

PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Gerald Butters

Professor

History

1999

PhD, University of Kansas

Andrew Carr

Assistant Professor; Chair of Undergraduate Business and Finance;

Graduate Business Director

Business and Finance

2016

MBA, University of Chicago

Chih-Chiun Chen

Assistant Professor

Biology 2016

PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Christina Cicero

Assistant Professor

Nursing 2021

MSN, Chamberlain University

Juan Colon Santana

Assistant Professor

Physics 2016

PhD, University of Nebraska

Margaret Conneely

Assistant Professor

Accounting 2021

MST, Northern Illinois University

Eugenie Cook

Assistant Professor

Nursing - GWC

2018

MSN, Olivet Nazarene University

Matthew Dabros

Assistant Professor; Chair Public Policy and Administration; MPA

Director

Political Science and Public Policy

2016

PhD, Purdue University

Samantha Dahlberg

Senior Lecturer

Mathematics

2021

PhD, Michigan State University

Jane Davis

Professor; Chair of Human Animal Studies

Biology

2006

DVM,MS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jennifer Davis

Assistant Professor

Nursing

2017

MSN, Northern Illinois University

Laura Donavon

Visiting Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Addictions and Forensics

Graduate Social Work

MSW, Aurora University

Christopher Donnelly

Assistant Professor Biology - GWC

2021

DC, National University of Health Sciences

Patrick Dunn

Associate Professor

English 2006

PhD, Northern Illinois University

Sue Durkin

Assistant Professor

Nursing 2019

DNP, Lewis University

Therrin Eber

Theatre Technical Director/Senior Lecturer

Theatre 2020

MFA, The University of Alabama

Sara Elliott

Associate Professor

English 2002

PhD, Northern Illinois University

Julie Ellis

Assistant Professor

Nursing 2018

MSN, Benedictine University

Libby Escobedo

Associate Professor

Art History 2007

PhD, Bryn Mawr College

Carlos Estrada

Assistant Professor Exercise Science

2019

PhD, Oklahoma State University

Kara Fenne

Assistant Professor

Nursing 2016

MSN, Clarke University

Melinda Finch

Assistant Professor

Nursing

MSN, Loyola University, New Orleans

Valerie Flynn

Professor; Co-Director of Assessment

Psychology

1989

PhD, Northern Illinois University

Carolyn Foor

Lecturer

Business and Communication

2021

MA, Northern Illinois University

Kimberly Fowler

Assistant Professor

Nursing - GWC

2017

MSN, Olivet Nazarene University

Renae Franiuk

Professor

Psychology

2005

PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Lisa Fredenburgh

Parolini Distinguished Associate Professor of Music; Director of Choral;

Chair of Music

Music 2010

DMA, University of Arizona

Lani Gardner

Assistant Professor

Athletic Training

2021

DAT, Indiana State University

Sara Gerend

Associate Professor

English 2008

PhD, University of California-Santa Barbara

Michele Gill

Assistant Professor

Business - GWC

2021

MBA, Aurora University

Gregory Goalwin

Assistant Professor; Chair of Sociology

Sociology 2018

PhD, University of California-Santa Barbara

Janice Gont

Assistant Professor Business - GWC

2021

MBA, Aurora University

Cornelius F. Gorman III

Assistant Professor

Social Work

2016

DSW, Aurora University

Elizabeth Grabowski

Assistant Professor

Marketing

2019

MBA, Northwestern University

Kendra Graham

Assistant Professor

Undergraduate Social Work

2015

MSW, Aurora University

Shawn Green

Haase Distinguished Professor of Marketing

Marketing

1991

PhD, Union Institute

Janice Gries

Assistant Dean

Nursing - GWC

2013

DNP, University of Illinois at Chicago

Gopal Gupta

Associate Professor, Joe Dunham Distinguished Professorship in Ethics

Ethics

2021

PhD, University of Oxford

Donovan Gwinner

Associate Professor

English

2004

PhD, University of Arizona

Stacie Haen-Darden

Lecturer

Criminal Justice

2021

PhD, University of the Cumberlands

Marissa Happ

Associate Professor; Coordinator MSW Health Care Specializations

Social Work

2013

MSW, Aurora University

Ashley Harris

Assistant Professor; Clinical Education Coordinator

Athletic Training

2017

PhD, Oklahoma State University

Meredith Harvey

Associate Professor

English - GWC

2010

PhD, Idaho State University

Denise L. Hatcher

Professor; Chair of Foreign Languages

Spanish

2002

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Mariem Hathout

Lecturer

Health Science

2021

MD, Mohammed V University Medical School

Jennifer Hayden

Assistant Professor

Nursing

2018

MSN, Aurora University

Elbert Hearon

Assistant Professor

Business Analytics

2018

MS, DePaul University

Steven Henry

Lecturer

Computer Science

2021

MBA, Northwestern University

Keith Herrmann

Visiting Assistant Professor

Physical Education

2005

MAT, Aurora University

Lindsey Hill

Senior Lecturer

Mathematics

2021

PhD, Purdue University

Daniel Hipp

Professor

English

1999

PhD, Vanderbilt University

Julie Hipp

Associate Professor; Director of Faculty Development

English 2011

PhD, Vanderbilt University

Denise Hobbs

Assistant Professor

Education

2015

EdD, Loyola University Chicago

Edward Howerton

Associate Professor

Education

2015

EdD, Aurora University

Willie Jackson

Assistant Professor

Social Work

PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Charmaine Jake-Matthews

Lecturer Psychology 2021

DFT, Amridge University

Meghan Jarpe

Assistant Professor Graduate Social Work

2019

MSW, University of Pittsburgh

Ami Johanson

Assistant Professor

Chemistry 2018

PhD, Northwestern University

Kristen Johnson

Assistant Professor; Chair of Therapeutic Recreation and Autism Studies

Therapeutic Recreation

2017

MS, Aurora University

Sara Johnson

Associate Professor; Assistant Chair of Psychology

Psychology - GWC

2013

PhD, Northern Illinois University

James Kao

Assistant Professor

Art 2013

MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Renae Kaspar

Assistant Professor Nursing - GWC

2021

DNP, Capella University

Ruby Kaur

Assistant Professor Health Science

2021

EdD Aurora University

Kelly Kellen

Assistant Professor

Marketing

MBA, Lake Forest Graduate School of Management

Kenneth King

Associate Professor; Chair of Elementary Education

Education 2010

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Matthew Kneller

Associate Professor; Director of General Education; Chair of General

Education Communication

2003

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Jennifer L. Kohnke

Associate Professor

Education 2008

EdD, Roosevelt University

Brandon Kooi

Professor Criminal Justice

2006

PhD, Michigan State University

Michelle Korir

Assistant Professor

Biology 2020

PhD, Michigan State University

Thomas Kunstbeck

Assistant Professor

Nursing 2019

MSN, Western Governor's University

David Lash

Assistant Professor Computer Science

2017

PhD, Illinois Institute of Technology

Martin Lave

Assistant Professor Parks and Recreation

2021

MBA, Aurora University

Caleb Lewis

Assistant Professor

Economics 2018

PhD, Northern Illinois University

Ariana Carlson Maggio

Assistant Professor; Chair of Undergraduate Social Work

Social Work 2020

MSW, Aurora University

Georgine Maisch

Assistant Professor; Simulation Lab Coordinator

Nursing 2015

MSN, Kaplan University

William Martin

Assistant Professor

Biology 2016 PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

John McCormack

Assistant Professor

Religion

2016

PhD, University of Notre Dame

Kyle McElhoney

Associate Professor

Chemistry

2014

PhD, Tufts University

Felix Medina-Gonzalez

Senior Lecturer

ESL/Bilingual

2021

EdD, Aurora University

Shaun Neitzel

Assistant Professor

Sport Management

2020

EdD, Creighton University

Tiffany Nelson

Assistant Professor

Social Work

2021

DSW, Aurora University

Margaret Obermann

Assistant Professor

Nursing - GWC

2019

MSN, Northern Illinois University

Joseph Oleck

Lecturer

Social Work

2021

MSW, Dominican University

Marguerite Page

Lecturer

Communication

2021

PhD, Southern Illinois University

Meredith Paskert

Assistant Professor

Exercise Science

2021

PhD, Kent State University

Cristian Pastorello

Associate Professor

Music/Theory and Keyboard

2011

DMA, The University of Connecticut

Chetna Patel

Professor; Smith Distinguished Chair of Biology and Physical Science

Chemistry

1996

PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Melissa Pertl

Assistant Professor

Nursing

2015

MSN, Lewis University

Mark Petersen

Assistant Professor; Adm/Director of Dunham Scholars

Public Policy and Administration

2017

PhD, Purdue University

James Petkus

Assistant 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

Assistant Professor

Education

2014

PhD, The University of Alabama

Mark Plummer

Associate Professor

Music

2009 DA, University of Northern Colorado

Regina Rahn

Associate Professor; Chair of Mathematics

Mathematics

2011

PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Alma Rodriguez Estrada

Associate Professor

Biology 2013

PhD, Pennsylvania State University

David Rudek

Professor; Chair of Psychology

Psychology

2007

PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Stacy Searle-Gulli

Associate Professor; Chair of Theatre

Theatre 2014

MFA, The University of Alabama

Wendy Seerup

Assistant Professor

Undergraduate Social Work - GWC

2017

MSW, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Eva Serrano

Associate Professor; Emeritus Dean of Latino/a Initiatives

Foreign Languages

2019

EdD, 2009, Northern Illinois University

Jay Shahed

Senior Lecturer

Health Science

2021

MBA, Robert Morris College

Terry Shapiro

Associate Professor

Psychology

2009

PhD, University of Iowa

Sharon Sillitti

Assistant Professor

Nursing

2017

MSN, Aurora University

Valerie Simpson

Assistant Professor

Nursing - GWC

2021

MS, Northern Illinois University

Mark Soderstrom

Associate Professor; Chair of History

History

2011

PhD, Ohio State University

Aubrey B. Southall

Assistant Professor; Chair of Secondary Education and ESL/Bilingual

Education

2016

PhD, Georgia State University

Caroline St. Clair

Professor

Computer and Data Science

2021

PhD, DePaul University

Deborah Stevens-Marchigiani

Professor; Chair of Initial Licensure Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, and Special Education ESL/Bilingual

Education

2001

PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Tracey Stilley

Assistant Professor

Nursing

2021

MSN, St. Xavier University

David B. Taylor

Visiting Assistant Professor

Education-Principal Endorsement

2016

MEL, Aurora University

Jerald Thomas

Professor

Education

2003

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Laura Vargas

Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Child Welfare Specialization

Social Work

2019

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Giulia Visconti

Lecturer

Social Work

2021

MSW, Aurora University

Mark Walter

Associate Professor

Philosophy

2006

PhD, DePaul University

Kelsey Walters

Lecturer

Mathematics

2021

BS, Wheaton College

Steven Webber

Lecturer

Business

2021

MS, Indiana Wesleyan University

Christopher Wells

Associate Professor; Chair of Sport Management and Parks and

Recreation Leadership Parks and Recreation

2008

MS, Aurora University

Lynn White

Kieso Distinguished Professor of Accounting

Accounting

2018

PhD, University of Illinois, Chicago

Stephanie Whitus

Professor

Criminal Justice

2007

PhD, Sam Houston State University

Pamela Wicks

Associate Professor

Communication

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Lisa Woods

Assistant Professor

Education

2021

EdD, Aurora University

Sebastian Wyman

Associate Professor

Mathematics

2013

PhD, University of Florida

Stephanie Yelton

Assistant Professor

Nursing

2018

MSN, Benedictine University

David Young

Assistant Professor

Criminal Justice

2021

MA, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Haley Zimmerman

Assistant Professor, Clinical Education Coordinator of Athletic Training

Athletic Training

2021

MS, Northern Illinois University

Scott Zinzer

Assistant Professor

Mathematics

2017

PhD, Arizona State University

Faculty/Dean Emeriti

Sandra Alcorn

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

Joan K. Arteberry

Professor Emeritus of Nursing and Communication; Professor of Nursing and Communication, 1979-2002

Nursing and Communication

2002

PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Rayonia A. Babel

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

Willam 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

Crvstal 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

Gary D. Jewel

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

Maryanne Locklin

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

Nursing

2006

DNS, Rush University

Barbara Lockwood

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

John J. Melles

Professor Emeritus of Physics; Professor of Physics and Engineering

Science, 1974-2006

Physics

2006

PhD, University of Missouri

Mary A. Harper Miller

Dean Emeritus, School of Nursing; Dean, School of Nursing; Professor of

Nursing, 1996-2001

Nursing

2001

PhD, University of Colorado

John Morrison

Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Professor of Social Work, 1987-2008 Social Work

DSW, Hunter College, City University of New York

Carolyn Mull

Professor Emeritus of Nursing; Professor of Nursing, 1987-2003

Nursing

2003

PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Kay Nelson

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

English

2003

PhD, University of Chicago

Linda Olbinski

Dean Emeritus - GWC; Dean, School of Professional Studies - GWC,

2002-2010; Director of Continuing Education, 2010-2012

GWC 2012

PhD, Marguette University

Kenneth A. Olenik

Professor Emeritus of Sociology; Associate Professor of Sociology,

1966-1996

Sociology

1996

MDiv, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Susan L. Palmer

Professor Emeritus of History; Professor of History; Curator of Jenks

Collection, 1973-2010

History

2010

PhD, Northern Illinois University

Charlotte G. Peichl

Associate Professor Emeritus of Music; Associate Professor of Music,

1974-1994

Music

1994

MM, Northwestern University

Marianne Piet

Associate Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Associate Professor of

Social Work, 1996-2006

Social Work

2007

DSW, Loyola University Chicago

Ronald Ramer

Associate Professor Emeritus; Associate Professor of Philosophy/

Interdisciplinary Studies, 1991-2010

Philosophy/Interdiscipinary Studies

2010

PhD, Syracuse University

Susan Ross

Professor Emeritus of Social Work; Professor of Social Work, 1995-2010

Social Work

2010

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Michael Sawdey

Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts; Professor of Fine Arts, 1985-2011

Fine Arts

2011

PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sonja Scarseth

Associate Professor Emeritus, University Library: Catalog Librarian,

Phillips Library, (Associate Professor), 1964-1998

University Library

1998

MLS, University of Michigan

Harold Schrage

Professor Emeritus of Social Work; BSW Program Director, 1987-1991;

Field Coordinator of Field Placement, 1991-1992

Social Work

1994

PhD, University of Minnesota

Deanna Sommers

Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing; Associate Professor of

Nursing, 2006-2016

Nursing

2016

MSN, Wayne State University

Hanni U. Taylor

Professor Emeritus of English; Professor of English, 1978-2006

English

2006

PhD, Northern Illinois University

John G. Vanko

Associate Professor Emeritus of Education; Associate Professor of

Education, 1996-2008

Education

2008

EdD, Loyola University Chicago

Richard F. Westphal

Professor Emeritus of English; Professor of English, 1971-2010

English

2010

DA, Illinois State University

Rita Yerkes

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

Experiential Leadership

2008

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Craig A. Zimmerman

Professor Emeritus of Biology; Professor of Biology, 1975-2000

Biology

2000

PhD, University of Michigan