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Full-Time Faculty 2021-2022

Faith Agostinone

Professor
 Education
 2002

EdD, Oklahoma State University

Alison Arendt

Associate Professor; Director of Social Work
Social Work
2014
MSW, Aurora University

Jacqueline Babb

Assistant Professor; Director of Graduate Studies
Digital Marketing
2017
MS, Northwestern University, IL

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

Juan Colon Santana

Assistant Professor
Physics
2016
PhD, University of Nebraska

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

Donald Danner

Assistant Professor
Accounting
2013
MBA, University of Missouri

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

David Dial

Associate Professor; Chair of Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice
2012
MA, United States Naval Postgraduate School

Laura Donavon

Visiting Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Addictions and Forensics
Graduate Social Work
2011

MSW, Aurora University

Patrick Dunn

Associate Professor
English
2006
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Sue Durkin

Assistant Professor
Nursing
2019
DNP, Lewis University

Sara Elliott

Associate Professor
English
2002
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Therrin Eber

Theatre Technical Director/Senior Lecturer
Theatre
2020
MFA, The University of Alabama

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

Joan Fedota

Assistant Professor; Assistant Dean of Social Work - GWC
Social Work
2014
EdD, National Louis University

Kara Fenne

Assistant Professor
Nursing
2016
MSN, Clarke University

Jonathan Fernand

Assistant Professor
Applied Behavior Analysis
2018
PhD, University of Florida

Melinda Finch

Assistant Professor
Nursing

2019
MSN, Loyola University, New Orleans

Valerie Flynn

Professor; Co-Director of Assessment
Psychology
1989
PhD, 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

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Assistant Professor
Exercise Science
2019
PhD, University of New Mexico

Lisa Fredenburgh

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

Pamela Garriott

Visiting Assistant Professor; Chair of Special Education
Special Education
2016
PhD, Indiana University

Alyssa Gentile

Assistant Professor
Nursing
2020
MSN, Walden University

Sara Gerend

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

Gregory Goalwin

Assistant Professor; Chair of Sociology
Sociology
2018
PhD, University of California-Santa Barbara

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Assistant Professor
Social Work
2016
DSW, Aurora University

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Assistant Professor
Marketing
2019
MBA, Northwestern University

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Assistant Professor
Undergraduate Social Work
2015
MSW, Aurora University

Shawn Green
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

Donovan Gwinner
Associate Professor
English
2004
PhD, University of Arizona

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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

Jennifer Hayden
Assistant Professor
Nursing
2018
MSN, Aurora University

Elbert Hearon
Assistant Professor
Business Analytics
2018
MS, DePaul University

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Visiting Assistant Professor
Physical Education
2005
MAT, Aurora 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

Farah Ishaq
Assistant Professor
Sport Management
2020
PhD, University of Kansas

Willie Jackson
Assistant Professor
Social Work
2020
PhD, Loyola - Chicago

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

Stacy Joyce

Associate Professor

Theatre

2014

MFA, Columbia University

Wotaka Kajjumba

Visiting Assistant Professor

Computer Science

2019

MS, Bellevue University

James Kao

Assistant Professor

Art

2013

MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Jennifer Kennedy

Assistant Professor

Nursing - GWC

2017

MSN, Northern Illinois University

Douglas Kieso

Professor

Criminal Justice

2001

PhD, University of California-Irvine

Kenneth King

Associate Professor; Chair of Elementary Education

Education

2019

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Matthew Kneller

Associate Professor; Director of General Education; Chair of General

Education

Communication

2003

EdD, Northern Illinois University

Ralph Kober

Assistant Professor; Director of MA Programs

Education

2016

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

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Assistant Professor

Computer Science

2017

PhD, Illinois Institute of Technology

Caleb Lewis

Assistant Professor

Economics

2018

PhD, Northern Illinois University

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Assistant Professor

Social Work

2016

DSW, Aurora 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

Lara Mann

Assistant Professor

Autism Studies

2020

PhD, University of Kansas

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

Timothy Moran

Professor
Accounting
2003
EdD, Northern Illinois University

John Myers
Assistant Professor
Biology - GWC
2017
DC, National College of Chiropractic

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Assistant Professor
Sport Management
2020
EdD, Creighton University

Margaret Obermann
Assistant Professor
Nursing – GWC
2019
MSN, Northern Illinois University

Cristian Pastorello
Associate Professor
Music/Theory and Keyboard
2011
DMA, The University of Connecticut

Chetna Patel
Professor; Smith Distinguished Chair of Science and Mathematics; Chair of Physical Sciences to John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School
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

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Assistant Professor
Sport Management
2019
PhD, University of South Carolina

Todd Roach
Assistant Professor
Biology
2017
DC, National University of Health Sciences

Alma Rodriguez Estrada
Associate Professor
Biology
2013
PhD, Pennsylvania State University

Meaghan Rowe-Johnson
Assistant Professor
Psychology
2018
PhD, University of Iowa

David Rudek
Professor; Chair of Psychology
Psychology
2007
PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Jessica Scurte
Assistant Professor
Graphic Design
2018
MA, University of Phoenix

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

Terry Shapiro
Associate Professor
Psychology
2009
PhD, University of Iowa

Sharon Sillitti
Assistant Professor
Nursing
2017
MSN, Aurora 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

Deborah Stevens-Marchigiani
Professor; Chair of Initial Licensure Elementary Education, Early
Childhood Education, and Special Education ESL/Bilingual
Education
2001
PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Barbara Strassberg
University Professor
Sociology
1991
PhD, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

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Visiting Assistant Professor
Education-Principal Endorsement
2016
MEL, Aurora University

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Associate Dean of Nursing
Nursing
2020
PhD, Northern Illinois University

Jerald Thomas
Professor
Education
2003
EdD, Northern Illinois University

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Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Child Welfare Specialization
Social Work
2019
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Jessica Vivirito
Professor; Chair of EdD Program
Education
2008
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Stephen Walker
Associate Professor
Applied Behavioral Analysis
2013
PhD, University of Florida

Mark Walter
Associate Professor
Philosophy
2006
PhD, DePaul University

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Assistant Professor
Social Work - GWC
2020
PhD, Loyola University - Chicago

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
2011
EdD, Northern Illinois University

Sebastian Wyman
Associate Professor
Mathematics
2013
PhD, University of Florida

Stephanie Yelton
Assistant Professor
Nursing
2018
MSN, Benedictine University

Scott Zinzer
Assistant Professor
Mathematics

2017
PhD, Arizona State University

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

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

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

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
2008
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, Marquette University

Kenneth A. Olenik

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

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/Interdisciplinary 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

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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

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

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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