

Full-Time Faculty

The date shown in parentheses represents the year in which the faculty member joined the College Faculty.

JERRY A. ALEWINE, Dean of Nursing & Health Science; Associate Professor of Respiratory Therapy (2017)

A.S., Piedmont Technical College, 1996

B.A., University of South Carolina, 1985

M.Ed., American InterContinental University, 2007

Ed.D., Argosy University, 2012

ALYSSA ANSTEY, Instructor of Music (2020)

B.A., Newberry College, 2016

M.M., University of South Carolina, 2019

ABDELNASER AL-HASAN, Associate Professor of Mathematics (2012)

B.A., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 1992

M.S., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 1994

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 1998

JAMES CLAY BARTON, Assistant Professor of Education; Department Chair (2023)

B.S., Lander University, 2006

M.Ed., Abilene Christian University, 2010

LINDSY BOATENG, Associate Professor of Biology; Department Chair Biology (2018)

B.S., University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, 2005

M.S., University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, 2009

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2015

ERNEST BRIDGES, Assistant Professor of Business (2023)

B.S., Francis Marion University, 2014

M.B.A., Southern New Hampshire University, 2019

HENRY BUI, Assistant Professor of Accounting (2023)

B.S., National Economics University, Hanoi, Vietnam, 2016

M.B.A., Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 2020

Ph.D. Candidate in Accounting, University of Scranton

VALARIE BURNETT, Associate Professor of Biology (2011)

B.S., University of South Carolina, 1998

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2004

MANDY L. BUTLER, Associate Professor of Theatre and Speech (2012)

B.A., Georgia College & State University, 2003

M.F.A., Virginia Commonwealth University 2011

CARRIE CAUDILL, Associate Professor of Psychology (2017)

B.A., Columbia International University, 2003

Ed.S., University of South Carolina, 2005

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2012

BRET A. CLARK, Dean of the Division of Math, Sciences, and Pre-Professional Studies; Professor of Biology (1995)

B.S., Furman University, 1988

Ph.D., Medical College of Georgia, 1995

GREGORY K. COLE, Professor of Spanish (2002)

B.A., University of Toledo, 1985

M.A., Miami University of Ohio, 1987

Ph.D., University of Kentucky, 1993

TRACY L. COOK, Director of Health Science; Assistant Professor of Respiratory Therapy (2021)

A.A.S., Midlands Technical College, 2010

B.A., Columbia College, 1998

M.S., Northern University, 2019

AL De LACHICA, Assistant Professor of Communications (2008)

B.J., University of Texas-Austin, 1990

M.A., University of Texas-Austin, 1992

REBEKAH DIXON, Assistant Professor of Sports Management (2004)

B.S., Western Carolina University, 2000

M.S., Winthrop University, 2003

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B.S., Lander University, 2001

M.B.A., Clemson University, 2003

Ph.D., Clemson University, 2018

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B.S., University of South Carolina, 1985

M.A.C.C., University of Georgia, 1989

Ph.D., Old Dominion University, 2010

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A.A.S., Niagara County Community College, 1980

B.S.N., State University of New York, 1987

M.S.N., State University of New York, 2000

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B.A., Abilene Christian University, 1989

B.A., Western Oregon University, 1997

M.A., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1999

Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2004

CYNTHIA HAYNES ESHLEMAN, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice (2018)

B.S., Appalachian State University, 1999

J.D., NC Central University School of Law, 2002

M.S., West Chester University, 2005

JENNIFER FEINER, Instructor of Mathematics (2023)

B.S., William Patterson University, 2008

M.S., Montclair State University, 2011

SUSAN FERNANDEZ, Dean of Education; Associate Professor of Education (2022)

B.A., Clemson University, 1978

M.Ed., Clemson University, 1979

Ed.D., Union Institute & University, 2011

MATTHEW FULLER, Professor of Theatre (2005)

B.A., Wake Forest University, 2001

M.F.A. Design, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2005

PAT GAGLIANO, Professor of Theatre/Speech; Department Chair Arts (1994)
B.A., University of South Florida, 1985
M.F.A., Florida State University, 1991

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M.S., Uppsala University, 1996
Ph.D., Uppsala University, 2000

JERRY GATCH, Associate Professor of Music (2014)
B.M.E., University of South Carolina, 1985
M. M., University of South Carolina, 1987
D.M.A., University of South Carolina, 2005
Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2017

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B.M.E, Winthrop University, 2007
M.M., Winthrop University, 2009
D.M.A., University of South Carolina, 2020

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B.A., Purdue University, 2007
B.S.N., Loyola University Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, 2014
M.S.N., F.N.P., Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Sciences, 2018

DAVID HARPOOL, Professor of Business and Organizational Development & Leadership; Director of Newberry College Speech & Debate (2021)
B.S., Missouri State University, 1983
J.D., School of Law, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1989
Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 1992

JULIA HAYES, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science (2022)
B.S., University of Florida, 2009
M.S., Johns Hopkins University, 2014

MARK HENNION, Director of the Writing Center; Assistant Professor of English (2024)
A.A., Harrisburg Area Community College, 2010
B.A., Columbia University, 2014
M.F.A., University of Oregon, 2020

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B.S., Baylor University, 1993
M.S., Baylor University, 1995
Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, 2004

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B.A., Tulane University, 2014
M.A., University of Amsterdam, 2016
Ph.D., University of Edinburgh, 2022

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B.A., Agnes Scott College, 1997
M.A.T., Agnes Scott College, 1998
Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2011

CHARLES N. HORN, Professor of Biology (1986)

B.S., George Mason University, 1976

M.S., Ohio State University, 1980

Ph.D., University of Alabama, 1985

ANDREW HUTTO, Instructor of English (2023, 2024)

B.A., University of Louisville, 2019

M.A., Southern Illinois University, 2022

LORRAINE KIBLER, Assistant Professor of Education (2024)

B.S., Ithaca College, 1987

M.S., SUNY, 1991

Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University, 2012

MATTHEW KIDDER, Assistant Professor of Business Administration (2020)

B.S., American University, 2003

Ph.D., University of California Irvine, 2016

STEVEN LAMBERT, Associate Professor of Chemistry; Department Chair Chemistry (2013)

B.S., Mars Hill, 1983

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 1990

DENNIS LAMBRIES, Associate Professor of Political Science (2016)

B.A., Chapman University, 1980

M.A., University of South Carolina, 1981

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2009

LEN LAWSON, Assistant Professor of English (2021)

B.S., Winthrop University, 2002

M.A., National University, 2007

Ph.D., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2021

JOHN A. LESAINE, Associate Professor of Physical Education; Associate Dean for Student Athlete Success (2012, 2023)

B.S., Newberry College, 2007

M.Ed., Valdosta State University, 2009

Ed.D., United States Sports Academy, 2015

M.S., Capella University, 2017

PATRICIA "DANIELLE" LEWIS, Assistant Professor of Sociology (2016, 2022)

B.A., University of South Carolina, 2006

M.A., University of South Carolina, 2009

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2015

JENNY LINDLER, Director of Nursing; Assistant Professor of Nursing (2017, 2022)

B.S., Newberry College, 2011

M.S.N., South University, 2016

D.N.P., American Sentinel University, 2020

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B.S.N., Medical University of South Carolina, 2005

M.S.N., Medical University of South Carolina, 2007

D.N.P., Medical University of South Carolina, 2020

SARAH MASTERSON, Associate Professor of Music (2014)

B.A., DePauw University, 2006

M.M., University of Connecticut, 2008

D.M.A., University of Connecticut, 2011

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B.A., Marshall University, 1984

M.A., Marshall University, 1986

Ph.D., University of Tennessee, 1999

BARRY MCGINNIS, Professor of Music (2002)

B.S., Towson State University, 1991

M.M., East Carolina University, 1993

D.M.A., University of Georgia, 2002

ELYSSA MERSDORF, Instructor of Speech (2024)

A.A., American Academy of Dramatic Arts, 2007

B.A., San Francisco State University, 2017

M.F.A., Virginia Commonwealth University, 2020

WARREN S. MOORE, III, Professor of English (2003)

B.A., Excelsior College, 1987

M.A., University of Kentucky, 1992

Ph.D., Ball State University, 2002

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B.A., Florida Atlantic University, 1990

M.S., Lander University, 1997

M.Ed., Grand Canyon University, 2007

Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University, 2004

WANDA NEESE, Instructor of Music (1988)

B.M., Columbia College, 1988

M.M., Columbia College, 1993

TYLER NUNGESSER, Assistant Professor of Chemistry (2023)

B.S., Christopher Newport University, 2015

Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2021

APRIL PADGETT, Instructor of Psychology (2023)

B.A., Newberry College, 2014

M.S., Southern New Hampshire University, 2017

Ph.D., Capella University, pending

SID PARRISH, Jr., Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness; Associate Professor of Chemistry (2006)

B.S., Furman University, 1995

Ph.D., University of Florida, 2001

JODIE PEELER, Professor of Communications; Department Chair Communications (2001)

B.S., Lander University, 1995

M.A., University of South Carolina, 1998

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2001

SARA PETERS, Associate Professor of Psychology (2012)

B.A., University of South Carolina, 2006

M.A., University of South Carolina, 2010

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2013

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B.S., Winthrop University, 1985

M.Ed., University of South Carolina, 1994

Masters+ 30, University of South Carolina, 1998

J. TRACY POWER, Associate Professor of History; Director of Newberry College Archives (2014)

B.A., Emory University, 1980

M.A., University of South Carolina, 1984

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 1993

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B.S., Presbyterian College, 1996

M.Ed., Bob Jones University, 2002

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B.A., Emory University, 1989

M.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1991

Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1996

ROMY RAJAN, Assistant Professor of English (2024)

B.A., Hindu College, University of Delhi, 2010

M.A., University of Delhi, 2012

M.Phil., University of Delhi, 2014

Ph.D., University of Florida, 2021

PAULA RIDDLE, Associate Professor of Art (2005)

B.A., Lander University, 1986

M.A.T., University of South Carolina, 1988

DAVID SANTIAGO, Instructor of Bands (2018)

B.M.E., University of South Carolina, 1985

M.M.E., University of Southern Mississippi, 1986

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B.A., University of South Carolina, 1975

M.A., University of Denver, 1976

Ph.D., Columbia International University, 2023

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B.S., Florida State University, 1997

M.S., University of Central Florida, 1999

Ph.D., University of Central Florida, 2006

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B.F.A., Marshall University, 1994

M.M., University of Northern Colorado, 1997

D.M.A., University of Wisconsin, 2005

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B.S.B.A., University of South Carolina, 2000

M.B.A., Webster University, 2004

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B.F.A., Syracuse University, 1988
M.I.D., North Carolina State University, 1996

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B.A., Lynchburg College, 2009
M.A., Sweet Briar College, 2010
Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth, 2017

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B.S., Ball State University, 2000
M.Ed., American College of Education, 2010

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B.A., Padagogische Hochschule Flensburg, 1986
M.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1988
Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 1992

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B.S., Elon University, 2000
M.S.Ed., Old Dominion University, 2004

JODY THOMPSON, Assistant Professor of Psychology; Department Chair Social Sciences (2019)
B.A., The University of Alabama, 2008
M.S., Jacksonville State University, 2010
Ph.D., Central Michigan University, 2017

CY WAINWRIGHT, Assistant Professor of Sports Management (2021)
B.S., Newberry College, 2009
M.S., St. Cloud State University, 2011

CHRISTINA L. WENDLAND, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; Associate Professor of Religion (2007)
B.S., The Ohio State University, 1992
M.Div., Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 1997
Ph.D., Luther Seminary, 2007
M.S., Newberry College, 2022

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B.A., University of South Carolina, 2005
M.Div., Interdenominational Theological Center, 2010
Ph.D., Union Institute and University, 2019

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B.A., Newberry College, 1987
M.S., Western Kentucky University, 1988
Ph.D., Touro University International, 2006

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M.S., Drexel University, 2008
Ed.D., Argosy University, 2015

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A.A., Phillips College, 1991
B.A., University of South Carolina-Columbia, 2012
M.P.A., University of South Carolina-Columbia, 2014
J.D., Creighton University School of Law, 2017