

## Faculty

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**Cody L. Arenz** (1999)

*Associate Professor of Biology*

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*Associate Professor of Chemistry*

B.S., 1995, College of William and Mary; Ph.D., 2001, Cornell University.

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*Assistant Professor of Music*

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*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

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*Professor of Biology*

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*Professor of Social Work*

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*Associate Professor of Nursing and Director of Traditional BSN Program*

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*Assistant Professor of Spanish*

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**Juan Jose Castano-Marquez** (2019)

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B.S.W., 1999, Creighton University; M.S.W., 2002, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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*Professor of English*

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*Professor of Modern Languages*

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*Associate Professor of Biology*

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*Professor of Sociology*

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*Associate Professor of Communication*

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*Professor of Music*

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*Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance*

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*Visiting Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre*

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*Visiting Instructor of Criminal Justice*

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(1994)

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*Instructor of Spanish*

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*Visiting Distinguished Professor of Education*

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*Associate Professor of History*

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