

# Nebraska Wesleyan University

Catalog 2021-2022

## Faculty

### 2021-2022 Full-time Faculty:

**Cody L. Arenz** (1999)

*Professor of Biology*

B.S., Oklahoma State University; Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Pamela A. Arnold-Johnson** (2007)

*Associate Professor of Chemistry*

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**Kelly Bauer** (2015)

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

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*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

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**Dale M. Benham** (1989)

*Professor of Biology*

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**Melisa M. Borchardt** (2000)

*Professor of Social Work*

B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University; M.S.W., University of Denver.

**Kevin P. Bower** (2005)

*Associate Professor of History*

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**Jerald S. Bricker** (2003)

*Associate Professor of Biology*

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**Beth E. Burbach** (2019)

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

B.S.N., D'Youville College; M.S.N., University of Rochester; Ph.D., University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Jaime Cano** (2020)

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B.A., M.A., Texas A&M International University; Ph.D., University of Houston.

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

*Assistant Professor of Digital Media*

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**Kara A. Cavel** (2010)

*Associate Professor of Social Work*

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**Gina Chambers (2013)**

*Assistant Professor of Health and Human Performance*

B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University; M.Ed., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Jay Scott Chipman (1994)**

*Professor of Communication and Theatre Arts*

A.A., Mid-Plains Community College-Nebraska; B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University; M.A., Louisiana State University; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh.

**Kelly A. Clancy (2015)**

*Associate Professor of Political Science*

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*Assistant Professor of Nursing*

B.S.N., M.S.N., University of Nebraska Medical Center; Ph.D., Walden University.

**Nathaniel Cunningham (2010)**

*Associate Professor of Physics*

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**Rick Cypert (1987)**

*Professor of English*

B.S., McMurry College; M.A., Iowa State University; Ph.D., Texas Christian University.

**Rebecca Czaja-Stevens (2018)**

*Assistant Professor of Social Work*

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**Carey Deeds (2016)**

*Assistant Professor of Nursing*

A.A., New Mexico Military Institute; B.S., M.S.N., BryanLGH College of Health Sciences.

**Ellen B. Dubas (1984)**

*Senior Associate Professor of Anthropology*

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**Rachel Dykstra (2021)**

*Assistant Professor of Health and Human Performance*

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*Assistant Professor of Nursing*

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*Assistant Professor of Education*

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**Nathanael L. P. Fackler (1998)**

*Professor of Chemistry*

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**Robert W. Fairchild (1975)**

*Professor of Physics*

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*Associate Professor of Nursing*

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*Assistant Professor of Elementary Education*

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**Elizabeth Freeman (2019)**

*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

B.S., Austin Peay State University; M.A., Ph.D., East Tennessee State University.

**Montserrat Fuente Camacho (2021)**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish*

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**Jo Ann M. Fuess (1990)**

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**L. Sue Gabriel (2014)**

*Associate Professor of Nursing*

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*Associate Professor of Biology*

B.S., M.S., Middle Tennessee State University; Ph.D., Miami University.

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*Professor of Sociology*

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**David R. Gracie (2004)**

*Associate Professor of Art*

B.F.A., University of Hartford; M.F.A., Northwestern University.

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*Visiting Assistant Professor of Acting and Directing*

M.F.A., University of Pittsburgh.

**Greg Hardt (2021)**

*Assistant Professor of Business*

B.B.A., Marian University; Ph.D. (ABD), Georgia State University.

**Patricia A. Hawk (1997)**

*Associate Professor of Communication*

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**Patrick M. Hayden-Roy (1989)**

*Professor of History*

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**Rachel Hayes (2017)**

*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

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**C. Gerise Herndon (1993)**

*Professor of English*

B.A., Drury College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin.

**Mary Hickman (2015)**

*Assistant Professor of English*

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**Jana J. Holzmeier (1999)**

*Professor of Music*

B.M.E., Truman State University; M.M., Indiana University; D.M.A., University of Texas at Austin.

**Reiko Huffman (2021)**

*Assistant Professor of Theatre Design*

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*Professor of Sociology*

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*Professor of Biology*

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*Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science*

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*Visiting Assistant Professor of Art History*

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*Assistant Professor of Social Work*

B.S.W., Dana College; M.S.W., M.P.A., University of Nebraska at Omaha; D.S.W., University of St. Thomas.

**Larry E. Jones** (1976)

*Professor of Music*

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**Ryan Kathman** (2017)

*Assistant Professor of Theatre*

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**Sarah A. Kelen** (1999)

*Professor of English*

B.A., University of California-Berkeley; M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., 1996, Columbia University.

**Heba Khalil** (2021)

*Assistant Professor of Sociology/Criminology*

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**Viktor Khanzhyn** (2017)

*Assistant Professor of Economics*

B.F.A., M.F.A., Petro Mohyla Mykolayiv State University; M.A., Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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*Assistant Professor of Instrumental Activities*

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*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

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*Associate Professor of Theatre*

B.F.A., Nebraska Wesleyan University; M.F.A., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Rita M. Lester** (1998)

*Professor of Religion*

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**Charlotte Liggett (2014)**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Nursing*

B.S.N., Goshen College; M.S.N., Wayne State University; M.B.A., Bowling Green State University.

**Dana Livingston (2017)**

*Professor of Modern Languages*

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**Tamra Llewellyn (2013)**

*Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance*

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**Lisa A. Lockman (1990)**

*Professor of Art*

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*Assistant Professor of Biology*

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*Assistant Professor of Education*

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**Sandra K. Mathews (1996)**

*Professor of History*

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*Assistant Professor of Social Work*

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*Associate Professor of Biology*

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*Assistant Professor of Mathematics*

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*Professor of Biology*

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*Associate Professor of Economics*

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*Assistant Professor of Education*

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**Sara Jane Miles** (2006)

*Professor of French*

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*Associate Professor of Accounting*

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*Associate Professor of Psychology*

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*Professor of Social Work*

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**Sara Moore** (2018)

*Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice*

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*Assistant Professor of Health and Human Performance*

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*Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry*

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*Associate Professor of Sociology*

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*Professor of Psychology*

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**Adrienne Prokupek-Pickett** (2010)

*Associate Professor of Biology*

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**Jonathan D. Redding (2017)**

*Assistant Professor of Religion*

B.A., Wingate University; M.Div., Wake Forest University School of Divinity; Ph.D., Vanderbilt University.

**Ray Romero (2017)**

*Assistant Professor of Business*

B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln; M.B.A., City University of Seattle, Washington; Ed.D., Creighton University.

**Jodi M. Ryter (2003)**

*Professor of Chemistry*

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**Claudio Schapsis (2020)**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Business-Marketing*

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**Justin J. Skirry (2006)**

*Professor of Philosophy*

B.A., M.A., San Francisco State; Ph.D., Purdue University.

**Nathaniel C. Smith (2019)**

*Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science*

B.A., University of Nebraska-Lincoln; M.A., Kansas State University; M.A., Michigan State University.

**Amy Spears (2014)**

*Assistant Professor of Music*

B.M.E., Auburn University; M.M., University of Alabama; Ph.D., Arizona State University.

**John D. Spilker (2011)**

*Associate Professor of Music*

B.A., Brigham Young University; M.M., Ph.D., Florida State University.

**P. Scott Stanfield (1989)**

*Professor of English*

B.A., Grinnell College; M.A., Ph.D., Northwestern University.

**Mark Stutz (2011)**

*Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance*

B.S., Lock Haven University; M.S.Ed., University of Kansas; Ph.D., Kansas State University.

**Christopher L. Swift (2001)**

*Associate Professor of Business Administration*

B.S., M.B.A., Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Tami Thompson (2015)**

*Associate Professor of Business Administration*

B.S., Iowa State University; M.B.A., Bellevue University; 2010, Capella University.

**Bradford Tice (2009)**

*Associate Professor of English*

B.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville; M.A., University of Colorado-Boulder; Ph.D., University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**David A. Treichel (1994)**

*Professor of Chemistry*

B.A., Carleton College; M.S., Ph.D., Northwestern University.

**Tom Trenney (2020)**

*Assistant Professor of Music and Choir*

M.M., Eastman School of Music.

**Rebecca Wagner Voight (1989)**

*Associate Professor of Nursing*

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*Assistant Professor of Biochemistry*

B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University; Ph.D., University of Michigan.

**David F. Whitt (1991)**

*Professor of Communication*

B.S., Wayne State College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Lisa Atwood Wilkinson (2002)**

*Professor of Philosophy*

B.A., M.A., M.A., Ph.D., University of South Florida.

**Steven M. Wills (2010)**

*Associate Professor of History*

B.A., University of Puget Sound; M.A., Ph.D., Columbia University.

**Antwan Wilson (2018)**

*Distinguished Visiting Professor of Education*

B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University; M.A., Friends University

**Samantha J. Wilson (2016)**

*Assistant Professor of Health and Human Performance*

B.A., Buena Vista University; M.S., North Dakota State University; Ed.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Meghan K. Winchell (2004)**

*Professor of History*

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*Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology*

B.A., M.S., Ph.D., University of California Irvine.

**Susan Wortmann (2009)**

*Associate Professor of Sociology*

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*Assistant Professor of Japanese*

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