Media Procedure

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College of Arts and Sciences

Name: Dr. Jackson Ayres
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Department: Language and Arts
Primary areas of expertise: Modern & contemporary British literature; British modernism; film; comics and graphic literature; popular culture; cultural studies
Degrees: PhD: University of Kansas; Kansas State University; University of Arkansas

Name: Dr. Jose Rodolfo Valdez Barillas
Title: Assistant Professor of Biology
Department: Life Sciences
Primary areas of expertise: Ecology, Aquatic Ecology, Plant ecological interactions
Degrees: B.S. Biology; M.S. Rangeland Ecosystem Science; Ph.D. Rangeland Ecology
Name: Dr. Bryan Bayles

Title: Research Assistant Professor of Public Health

Department: Life Sciences

Primary areas of expertise: Health Equity; Chronic Disease Prevention (nutrition, diabetes, and mental health); Health Literacy; Medical Anthropology; Global Health

Degrees: PhD: University of Missouri-Columbia MPH: University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston MA: University of Texas-Austin BA: Davidson College, NC

Foreign language: conversant in Spanish: Tojolab'al Maya

Name: Dr. Daniel Braaten

Title: Associate Professor of Political Science

Department: Social Sciences

Primary areas of expertise: American Politics, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Politics, Immigration, Human Rights, Refugees/Asylum, Environmental Politics, International Institutions

Degrees: 2003 B.S. in Political Science from North Dakota State University; 2005 M.A. in Political Science from University of Nebraska-Lincoln; 2012 PhD in Political Science from University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Name: Dr. Dolph Briscoe

Title: Lecturer of History

Department: CHP

Primary areas of expertise: Texas History; Political History; History of the U.S. Presidency; History of the Civil Rights Movement; Twentieth Century U.S. History

Degrees: Ph.D., History, The University of Texas at Austin M.A., History, Baylor University B.A., History, Baylor University
Foreign language: Intermediate Spanish

Name: Dr. William Bush
Title: Professor
Department: Communication, History, and Philosophy
Primary areas of expertise: Modern U.S. history, children and youth, juvenile justice, history of mental health policy and services
Degrees: Ph.D., American Studies; M.A., History; B.A., History

Name: Dr. Vicky Elias
Title: Assistant Professor
Department: Social Sciences
Primary areas of expertise: Gender (particularly how the media portrays gender in older Americans, including children’s media); Marriage and Family (particularly changes associated with female empowerment i.e., changing gender and power structures within marriage and the effects of changing “marriages” on other aspects of society); Human Sexuality (particularly the effects of changing sexual identities on identity, role, and status)
Degrees: Ph.D. Sociology, Oklahoma State University; M.S. Sociology, Oklahoma State University; B.A. Psychology, Oklahoma State University Certificate in Women’s Studies, Oklahoma State University

Name: Dr. Fernando Calderon Gutierrez
Title: Postdoctoral Research Associate
Department: Life Sciences
Primary areas of expertise: Underwater cave fauna; Cave environments; Subterranean estuaries; Marine ecology; Flower Gardens Banks National Marine Sanctuary; Species delimitation; Evolution; Invertebrates

Degrees: Ph. D. Marine biology (Texas A&M University at Texas - TAMUG); M. S. Marine and Coastal Sciences (Autonomous University of Baja California Sur - UABCS, Mexico); BS. Marine biology (Autonomous University of Baja California Sur - UABCS, Mexico)

Foreign language: Spanish

Name: Dr. Ho Huynh
Title: Associate Professor
Department: Psychology (Life Sciences)

Primary areas of expertise: Doctor-patient relationships; Body-mind relationships and health; anti-vaccination attitudes; humility/being humble; college student success (particularly for minority students)

Degrees: Ph.D. - University of California, Riverside; MA - University of California, Riverside; BS - University of Arizona

Foreign language: Vietnamese

Name: Dr. Katherine Gillen
Title: Associate Professor and Chair
Department: Language and Arts

Primary areas of expertise: Shakespeare, Medieval and Renaissance English Literature, Drama, Critical Race and Gender Studies

Degrees: Ph.D., English Literature, 2012; M.A., Literature, 2005; B.A., English and Sociology, 2002

Name: Dr. Amy M. Porter
Title: Professor
Department: Communication, History, and Philosophy

Primary areas of expertise: Spanish borderlands history, Women in colonial America

Degrees: Ph.D. in History; M.A. in History; B.A. in History and Spanish

Name: Dr. G. Robert Shelton

Title: Instructional Assistant Professor

Department: Mathematical, Physical, & Engineering Sciences

Primary areas of expertise: Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Computational Chemistry, Chemistry Education, Science Education

Degrees: Ph.D. Chemistry (University of Florida); M.S. & B.S. (Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville)

Name: Dr. Davida Smyth

Title: Associate Professor

Department: Life Sciences

Primary areas of expertise: Wastewater Based Epidemiology; Airborne transmission of microbes; Microbial Ecology and Genomics; Antibiotic Resistance in Urban Ecosystems; Antimicrobials in the Built Environment; Food-Energy-Water Nexus; Science Education and Civic Engagement; Student Reading Skills in STEM; Sustainable Science

Degrees: PhD Microbiology, University of Dublin, Trinity College, BA MOD Microbiology, University of Dublin, Trinity College
Name: Dr. Edward Westermann
Title: Professor of History
Department: Communication, History, & Philosophy
Primary areas of expertise: Holocaust, Nazi Germany, Genocide, Military History, Airpower History
Degrees: Ph.D., M.A.S., M.A., B.S.

Name: Dr. Megan Wise de Valdez
Title: Associate Professor
Department: Life Sciences
Primary areas of expertise: Parasitology, Biology of Disease Vectors, Genetics, Invertebrate Zoology
Degrees: Ph.D.; M.S.; B.S.

College of Business

Name: Dr. Gilbert C. Barrera, Jr.
Title: Clinical Assistant Professor
Department: Accounting & Finance
Primary areas of expertise: JD, CPA, Licensed to Practice Law And Accounting In Texas, prosecuted just over 100 jury trials combined in Travis County and Bexar County, Accounting, federal income tax, law, jury trials, criminal procedure, evidence law, business litigation, tax litigation
Degrees: B.A. English; B.B.A. Accounting; M.P.A. Federal Taxation; J.D.
Name: Dr. Kevin Barton
Title: Instructional Associate Professor
Department: Computing and Cyber Security
Primary areas of expertise: Cybersecurity, information security management
Degrees: Ph.D. in Information Science; B.B.A.; Master of Information Systems and Security

Name: Dr. Arne Baruca
Title: Associate Professor of Marketing
Department: Management and Marketing
Primary areas of expertise: Marketing - Branding, Sport Marketing, International Marketing
Degrees: Ph.D. - University of Texas-Pan American (now UTRGV); M.SC. BA - University of Maribor, Slovenia; B.Sc. - University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Foreign language: Italian, Slovene, Croatian

Name: Dr. Dennis Elam
Title: Associate Professor
Department: Accounting & Finance
Degrees: B.B.A.; M.B.A.; Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin
Name: Dr. Weixing Ford
Title: Assistant Professor of Marketing
Department: Management and Marketing
Primary areas of expertise: Marketing, Consumer Behavior, Economics, Personal Finance and Investment
Degrees: Washington University in St. Louis, MS; University of Houston, PhD
Foreign language: Chinese

Name: Dr. Daniel Glaser
Title: Professor
Department: Management and Marketing
Primary areas of expertise: Supply Chain Management, TQM, Lean Management, Purchasing Management, International Management with an emphasis on Latin America and Romania
Degrees: Ph.D. in Management, Texas A&M University- Commerce, University of North Texas

Name: Dr. Berenice de la Cruz
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Department: Counseling, Health and Kinesiology
Name: Dr. Theresa Garfield
Title: Interim Project Director of P.P.O.H.A. Grant and Professor
Department: Educator and Leadership Preparation
Primary areas of expertise: Advocacy, special education law, teacher preparation, efficacy, assistive technology, emotional/behavioral disorders, social justice, equity for diverse students


Foreign language: Spanish

Name: Dr. Elisabeth Krimbill
Title: Assistant Professor
Department: Educator and Leadership Preparation
Primary areas of expertise: Public School Law and Ethics; School Leadership

Degrees: Ed.D., Educational Leadership; M.A., Special Education; B.A., Elementary Education and English; Northcentral University (18 Post-doctoral hours); The University of Texas at San Antonio; Our Lady of the Lake University
Name: Dr. Sukho Lee
Title: Professor and Associate Chair
Department: Counseling, Health & Kinesiology
Primary areas of expertise: Exercise Physiology
Degrees: Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin, Seoul National University

Name: Dr. Scott Peters
Title: Associate Professor
Department: Counseling, Health & Kinesiology
Primary areas of expertise: Substance Use Disorders, Serious Mental Illness, Crisis Intervention, Homelessness, Intimate Partner Violence, Supervision
Degrees: Ph.D., Counselor Education & Supervision; M.A., Counseling; B.A., Special Education; University of Texas at San Antonio; Northeastern Illinois University

Name: Dr. John Smith
Title: Professor
Department: Counseling, Health & Kinesiology
Primary areas of expertise: Tracking and monitoring physical activity in various populations
Degrees: Ph.D. Kinesiology; M.S. Kinesiology; B.S. Physical Education; Texas Woman’s University; Texas A&M University-Kingsville; University of Texas at San Antonio
Name: Dr. Christine Wong
Title: Assistant Professor
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Primary areas of expertise: Role of religion and spirituality in mental health
Degrees: PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision (2016) - University of Texas at San Antonio; MA in Community Counseling (2013) - University of Texas at San Antonio; BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (2010) - University of Texas at San Antonio

Name: Dr. Hsiao-ping Wu
Title: Associate Professor
Department: Educator and Leadership Preparation
Primary areas of expertise: Second language acquisition, ESL teaching pedagogy, Applied linguistics, Computer-mediated communication, Linguistic analysis, Research methods
Degrees: Ph.D., Program of Culture, Literacy and Language; M.A., Bicultural-Bilingual Studies- English as a second language concentration, B.A. - Shih-Chien University, Taipei, Taiwan, Department of Applied Foreign Languages; The University of Texas at San Antonio, Shih-Chien University

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