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College of Arts and Sciences

Name: Dr. Jackson Ayres

Title: Assistant Professor of English

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)

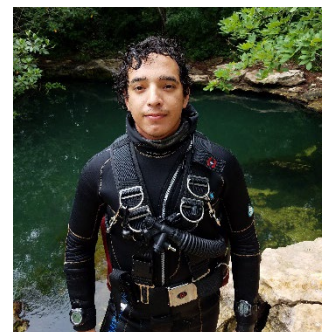
Degrees: Ph.D. Sociology, Oklahoma State University; M.S. Sociology, Oklahoma State University; B.A. Psychology, Oklahoma State University Certificate in Women's Studies, Oklahoma State University



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)

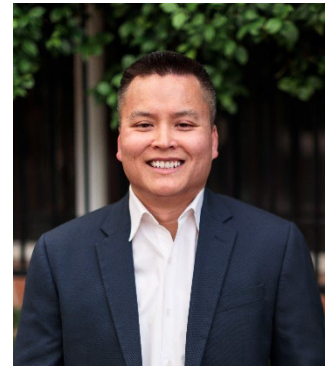
Foreign language: Spanish

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

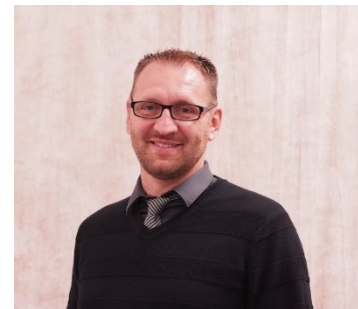
Title: Associate Professor of Marketing

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

Primary areas of expertise: Capital Markets, Energy Markets, Energy Prices, Effect of Shift in Energy Prices on Economy, Capital Markets, Bond Markets

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



College of Education and Human Development

Name: Dr. Berenice de la Cruz

Title: Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator

Department: Counseling, Health and Kinesiology

Primary areas of expertise: Applied Behavior Analysis, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Developmental Disabilities, Caregiver Training, Public Policy Advocacy and Disability, Serving Spanish-Speaking Families



Degrees: Ph.D. August 2009, The University of Texas at Austin (UT), Major: Special Education, Specialization: Autism and Developmental Disabilities; M.A. July 2004, The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), Major: Clinical Psychology; B.S. May 2002, UTEP, Cum Laude, University Honors Degree, & Departmental Honors, Major: Psychology, Minor: Statistics

Foreign language: Spanish

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

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. Elisabeth Krimbill

Title: Assistant Professor

Department: Educator and Leadership Preparation

Primary areas of expertise: Public School Law and Ethics; School Leadership

Degrees: EdD in Education Leadership from the University of Texas at San Antonio; MEd in Education Leadership from Lamar University; MEd in Elementary Education



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



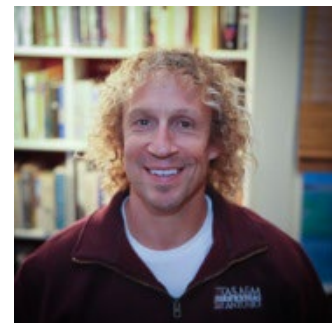
Name: Dr. Scott Peters

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

Department: Counseling

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



Staff

Name: Aurora Medina

Title: Assistant Director, Ready To Work

Department: Mays Center

Primary areas of expertise: Ready To Work; Texas Two-Step Program

Degrees: MBA Management Texas A&M San Antonio; BA International Relations St Mary's University San Antonio



