

EEJ College of Education & Human Services New Faculty 2016 | CEHS

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Sarah Yoho Leopold

Assistant Professor | Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Terminal Degree: PhD, The Ohio State University

Area of Research: Speech perception in the normal- and impaired-hearing populations

Outside Interests: Dr. Leopold enjoys traveling, reading, good food, and spending time with her husband, Jordan, and their retired racing greyhound.



Renee Polanco Lucero

Assistant Professor | Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education

Terminal Degree: PhD, California State University, Los Angeles and University of California, Los Angeles (Joint Program)

Area of Research: Implementing listening and spoken language services in the school setting, working with culturally and linguistically diverse families

Outside Interests: Dr. Lucero likes spending time with her family, going for walks, baking, and reading.



Shawn D. Whiteman

Associate Professor | Family, Consumer, and Human Development

Terminal Degree: PhD, The Pennsylvania State University

Area of Research: Family relationship processes and adolescents' health and well-being, sibling socialization of health risk behaviors

Outside Interests: Dr. Whiteman enjoys spending time with his family and recreational activities including golf and basketball.



Aryn M. Dotterer

Assistant Professor | Family, Consumer, and Human Development

Terminal Degree: PhD, The Pennsylvania State University

Area of Research: The development of and changes in school engagement and academic achievement among ethnic minority and low income youth from childhood through adolescence, with an emphasis on parenting and family-school linkages

Outside Interests: Dr. Dotterer enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and walking/hiking.



David G. Schramm

Assistant Professor | Family, Consumer, and Human Development

Terminal Degree: PhD, Auburn University

Area of Research: Relationship, marriage, and parenting education

Outside Interests: Dr. Schramm loves to spend time with his wife and four kids traveling and exploring the outdoors.

Joshua R. Novak

Assistant Professor | Family, Consumer, and Human Development

Terminal Degree: PhD, Brigham Young University

Area of Research: The intersection between couple relationships and health behaviors, specifically with how couple processes might attenuate negative health outcomes. Also, the processes within therapy that can lead to positive therapy outcomes utilizing an attachment-based lens and incorporating neuroscientific principles

Outside Interests: Dr. Novak enjoys any outdoor activity, spending time with his wife and puppy, movies, and creating/testing new recipes in the kitchen.



Breanne K. Litts

Assistant Professor | Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences

Terminal Degree: PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Area of Research: Learning through making, designing, and producing in makerspaces, mobile augmented-reality applications, and game-based learning environments

Outside Interests: Dr. Litts loves adventure of all types, especially traveling to new places and trying new foods.

She also enjoys hiking, rock climbing, welding, kayaking, and playing most sports/games. She has an exceptional affinity for a good cup of coffee.



Matthew Vierimaa

Assistant Professor | Kinesiology and Health Science

Terminal Degree: PhD, Queen's University

Area of Research: Using a wide range of methods, understanding how social and contextual factors impact youth's performance, participation, and personal development in sport

Outside Interests: Dr. Vierimaa enjoys cooking, playing many difference sports, and spending quality time with his wife, son, and pet Australian Shepherd.



David A. E. Bolton

Assistant Professor | Kinesiology and Health Science

Terminal Degree: PhD, University of Alberta

Area of Research: The neural control of balance (i.e. How does the brain keep us from falling?)

Outside Interests: Dr. Bolton enjoys hiking, Van Halen, tennis, beach volleyball, and BBC radio 4.



Christopher J. Dakin

Assistant Professor | Kinesiology and Health Science

Terminal Degree: PhD, University of British Columbia

Area of Research: Understanding how sensory information and the body's mechanics come together to produce movement

Outside Interests: Dr. Dakin enjoys adventures with his family, travelling, hiking, sports, and learning.



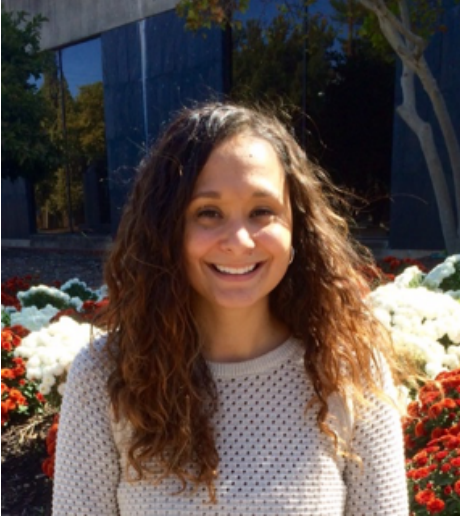
Shane W. Bench

Assistant Professor | Psychology

Terminal Degree: PhD, Texas A&M University

Area of Research: The functions of emotions and the intersection of emotion and cognition

Outside Interests: Dr. Bench enjoys time with family and friends, music, movies, and the outdoors.



Maryellen McClain Verdoes

Assistant Professor

Psychology

Terminal Degree: PhD, Indiana University

Area of Research: Evidence-based assessment and intervention in schools, cultural and linguistic diversity in schools, neurodevelopmental disabilities

Outside Interests: Dr. McClain Verdoes enjoys spending time with her husband, running, cycling, hiking, and traveling.



Anne L. Larson

Assistant Professor | Special Education and Rehabilitation

Terminal Degree: PhD, University of Minnesota

Area of Research: Supporting high-quality interactions between caregivers and young children to improve language and early literacy skills in at-risk populations

Outside Interests: Dr. Larson likes being outdoors - hiking, biking, and camping with family and friends - and spending time playing and reading with her son.



Kaitlin Bundock

Assistant Professor | Special Education and Rehabilitation

Terminal Degree: PhD, University of Utah

Area of Research: Effective instruction and intervention for students struggling with mathematics, as well as positive behavior interventions and supports

Outside Interests: Dr. Bundock enjoys spending time with her partner, playing with her dog, listening to podcasts, reading, practicing yoga, and swimming.



Sarah E. Pinkelman

Assistant Professor | Special Education and Rehabilitation

Terminal Degree: PhD, University of Oregon

Area of Research: Application of behavior analysis to schools

Outside Interests: Dr. Pinkelman enjoys spending time with her husband, exploring the outdoors, running, and yoga.



Karen D. Hager Martinez

Assistant Professor | Special Education and Rehabilitation

Terminal Degree: PhD, Utah State University

Area of Research: Student teacher supervision and feedback; use of technology in teacher preparation, including remote teacher observation

Outside Interests: Dr. Hager Martinez enjoys hiking, camping, gardening, and knitting.



Trenton J. Landon

Assistant Professor | Special Education and Rehabilitation

Terminal Degree: PhD, Michigan State University

Area of Research: Counselor development and clinical supervision; issues of social justice, equity, and community inclusion for persons with disabilities

Outside Interests: Dr. Landon is a sports fan, and in particular a college football fanatic. He enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife, Julie, and their five kids, and they try not to be the crazy parents in the stands at their children's soccer, basketball, football, and baseball games. As a family they enjoy the outdoors, hiking, and camping.



Marla K. Robertson

Assistant Professor | School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Terminal Degree: PhD, Texas Woman's University

Area of Research: Writing instruction, teacher decision-making, and teacher professional development in complex school systems

Outside Interests: Dr. Robertson likes to spend her time reading YA fiction, gardening, making family movies, and doing family history.



Amy Piotrowski

Assistant Professor | School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Terminal Degree: PhD, Florida State University

Area of Research: 21st century literacies, digital literacies, adolescent literacy and young adult literature, teacher education

Outside Interests: Dr. Piotrowski enjoys reading, hiking, and traveling.



Jessica F. Shumway

Assistant Professor | School of Teacher Education and Leadership

Terminal Degree: PhD, Utah State University

Area of Research: Number sense and instructional strategies for supporting students' number sense development

Outside Interests: Dr. Shumway enjoys chasing around her three young boys, hiking, and reading newspapers at coffee shops.