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Director, International Programs

Specialties: All aspects of study abroad

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Director, Study Center

Specialties: time management; college study skills and requirements; preparing for standardized tests and exams; students in academic difficulty

Patricia Strazdins, M.S.

Director, Mathematics Center

Specialties: student support in mathematics

Accounting

Elliot Poretz, C.P.A., M.B.A.

Associate Professor, Accounting & Finance

Specialties: accounting; taxation; financial reporting

Admissions

Mary Lou Retelle, M.Ed.

Vice President for Enrollment Management

Specialties: enrollment trends; admissions process; how to select a college

Jorge Hernandez, M.Ed.

Director, Freshman Admission

Specialties: student selection; freshman admission

Alumni Relations

Nancy Clark, B.A.

Director of Alumni Relations

Specialties: alumni relations topics

Athletics

Brad Davis

Assistant Athletic Director/Athletic Media Relations

Specialties: sports information; sports media relations

Augustinian Center

Rev. James Wenzel, O.S.A., D.Min.

Director, Augustinian Center

Specialties: St. Augustine of Hippo; Augustinian Friars/Order

Rev. Gary McCloskey, O.S.A., Ph.D.

Dean of the College

Specialties: Augustinian pedagogy

Biology

Janine LeBlanc-Straceski, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Health Professions Advisor

Specialties: genetics; embryonic development; molecular biology; biotechnology; health professions (pre-dental, pre-med, pre-vet); human genome project; stem cells

Donald Lyman, M.A.

Adjunct Faculty

Specialties: herpetology (reptiles/amphibians); zoology; ecology; evolution; animal behavior; plant ecology; tropical and desert ecology; pharmacy

Josephine Modica-Napolitano, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair, Biology

Specialties: cellular biochemistry; molecular biology; biotechnology; cell culture techniques; mitochondrial studies; life sciences

Campus Ministry

Sr. Mary Ellen Dow, S.N.D.deN

Director, Campus Ministry

Specialties: faith on campus; faith and young adults; Catholicism today; peace/justice issues

Patricia Riordan, M.A.

Campus Minister, Campus Ministry

Specialties: volunteerism; MerrimAction, Alternative Spring Break

Margaret Schumann, M.A.

Campus Minister, Campus Ministry

Specialties: student spiritual development

Fr. William Water, O.S.A.

Campus Minister, Campus Ministry

Specialties: faith and young adults; Catholic theology and issues of today

Career Services/Cooperative Education

James F. Greeley, M.A.

Director of Career Services/Cooperative Education

Specialties: employment trends; tips for job searches; vocational goals and expectations; cooperative education; job markets

Chemistry

Javier E. Horta, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Specialties: organic chemistry

Angeliki (Diane) Rigos, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Specialties: physical chemistry; corrosion; molecular modeling; laser spectroscopy; florescence

Kathleen C. Swallow, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair, Chemistry

Specialties: quantitative analysis; instrumental analysis; analytical chemistry; supercritical water oxidation; aquatic chemistry

Stephen M. Theberge, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Chemistry

Specialties: general chemistry; environmental chemistry; quantitative analysis; chemical principles of forensic science/analysis; instrumental analysis; analytical chemistry; oceanography

Civil Engineering

Aaron Bradshaw, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering

Specialties: geotechnical engineering

Gary Spring, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair, Civil Engineering

Specialties: transportation engineering; traffic safety; traffic operations; highway design; traffic systems; artificial intelligence in transportation

David Westerling, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Civil Engineering

Specialties: hydrology; surveying; bridge infrastructure

Communications

Nelson Da Costa, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Communication Studies

Specialties: intercultural communication; public speaking; presidential communication; interviewing techniques; organizational communication; Latin America issues (especially Brazil)

Wendy Nichols, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Communication Studies

Specialties: disclosure; privacy; infidelity; impressions management; group communication; conflict management; interpersonal communication; nonverbal communication; persuasion; communications about sex/sexuality

Community Service

Mary McHugh, M.A.

Director, Stevens Service Learning Center

Specialties: service learning; volunteerism

Patricia Riordan

Campus Minister, Campus Ministry

Specialties: volunteerism; MerrimAction; Alternative Spring Break

Computer Science

Mary Noonan, M.S.

Associate Professor and Chair, Computer Science

Specialties: information technology; computer science; mathematics

Jeff Parker, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Specialties: computer science; internet routing; computer networks; algorithms

Vance Poteat, M.S.

Associate Professor, Computer Science

Specialties: electrical engineering; computer science; data communications; networking, internet; embedded computers (aka – microprocessors, microcomputers, radio- descrambling)

Continuing Education

Jane Larkin, Ph.D.

Dean, School of Graduate, Continuing and Professional Ed.

Specialties: adult education learners; part-time, evening degrees

Counseling and Health

Sharon Broussard

Assistant Director, Hamel Health Center

Specialties: student counseling

Jim Matthews

Coordinator of Health Education, Hamel Health Center

Specialties: college adjustment issues; counseling, young adults and collegians; drug and alcohol issues

Economics

Robert Cuomo, Ph.D.

Dean, Girard School of Business and International Commerce

Specialties: general economics; gas and energy prices; economic news of the day

Education

Claire M. Thornton, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Education /Dir. Master of Ed Degree Programs

Specialties: master of education questions; educational methodology; student teachers; service learning; special needs education; grief education; teacher licensure issues

Deborah Margolis, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Education

Specialties: Holocaust Curriculum Project

Electrical Engineering

Jack Adams, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering

Specialties: health effects of electrical transmission lines; cellular antenna issues; electromagnetics; antennas; circuit theory; microcontrollers; digital circuits

William Bowhers, M.S.

Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering

Specialties: signals; systems; probability; control theory; measurement technology

Charles Kochakian

Professor, Electrical Engineering

Specialties: Radio Frequency ID technology; auto ID tech

Vance Poteat, M.S.

Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering/Computer Science

Specialties: electrical engineering; computer science; data communications; networking; internet; embedded computers (aka – microprocessors, microcomputers, radio- descrambling)

English

Kathleen Shine Cain, Ph.D.
Professor, English

Specialties: twentieth-century American literature; writing

Entrepreneurship

Robert Cuomo, Ph.D.
Dean, Girard School of Business and International Commerce

Specialties: overall economics and finance issues

Joseph Stasio, M.B.A; A.P.C.
Associate Professor, Marketing

Specialties: general marketing; entrepreneurship

Finance

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Dean, Girard School of Business and International Commerce

Specialties: overall economics and finance issues

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Associate Professor, Accounting & Finance

Specialties: accounting

Financial Aid

Christine Mordach, M.B.A.
Director, Financial Aid

Specialties: application process: forms, deadlines and types of aid; tuition discounting; loan indebtedness/credit

Fine Arts

Steve Gildea, M.F.A.
Associate Professor, Fine Arts

Specialties: digital media arts; digital photography; digital video; web design and animation; 2D and 3D animation and illustration; multimedia

Ellen Longworth, Ph.D.
Professor, Fine Arts

Specialties: art history; Renaissance art

David Raymond, A.B.
Professor, Fine Arts/ Dir. McCoy Gallery

Specialties: sculpture; painting, visual art

Kevin Salemme, M.L.A.
Director, Media Center

Specialties: photography

David Sears, D.M.A.
Professor, Fine Arts

Specialties:

Kathleen Sills, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Fine Arts

Specialties: theatre; playwriting; directing; theatre history; acting

Health Sciences

Jay Campisi, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Health Sciences

Specialties: nervous and immune systems; community health; wellness programs

Andrew Cannon, M.H.S., P.T., S.C.S., C.S.C.S.
Adjunct Lecturer, Biology/Team Physical Therapist

Specialties: physical therapy; sports medicine; youth injuries; rehab; strength and conditioning; biomechanics; performing arts/dance injuries

Kevin Finn, M.A.
Assistant Professor, Health Sciences

Specialties: athletic training; sports medicine

Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Director of Health Sciences

Specialties: human physiology; physiology of exercise; public health; biological investigations; alternative and complementary Medicine

Birgid Hopkins, M.S.
Director of Sports Medicine, Health Sciences

Specialties: sports medicine; athletic training

History

Sean Condon, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, History

Specialties: early American history; American Revolution; Civil War; slavery; abolition

International Programs

Lauren Gannon, M.A.
Director, International Programs
Specialties: All aspects of study abroad

Jewish-Christian Relations

Padraic O'Hare, Ed.D.
Director, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations
Specialties: inter-religious relations/dialogue

Library

Robert O'Brien, B.A.
Operations Manager, McQuade Library
Specialties: library management issues

Christina Condon, B.A.
Head of Circulation, McQuade Library
Specialties: library circulation issues

Bridget Rawdings, M.L.S.
Head of Public Services, McQuade Library
Specialties: library issues; information literacy

Kevin Salemme, M.L.A.
Director of Media Instructional Services, McQuade Library
Specialties: photography; media services

Management

James Grinnell, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Management
Specialties: gender and leadership; transformation of business education

S. Bruce Han, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Management
Specialties: supply chain; quality; operations management

Jane Parent, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Management
Specialties: organization changes and how individuals adapt (or don't)

Susan Pariseau, Ph.D.
Professor, Management
Specialties: lean operations; experiential learning; program assessment

Patricia Sendall, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Management

Specialties: e-commerce; social networking; business and information systems pedagogy

Marketing

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Master of Education Degree program

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Mathematics

Michael Bradley, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair, Mathematics

Specialties: discrete mathematics; pioneers of mathematics; history of math

Math Center

Patricia Strazdins, M.S.

Director, Mathematics Center

Specialties: student support in Mathematics

Middle-Eastern Studies/Islamic Studies

Richard Hennessey

Director, Center for Islamic/Middle-Eastern Studies

Specialties: middle-eastern and Islamic studiess

Mission/Ministry

Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A.

Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Specialties: counseling psychology; psychotherapy; integration of psychology and spirituality; health and wellness in professionals, especially clergy

Philosophy

Herbert Meyer, Ph.D.

Professor, Philosophy

Specialties: logic; existential views of man; modern philosophy; contemporary philosophy; existentialism; general ethics; contemporary moral problems; business ethics; humanities; Renaissance to present

William Wians, Ph.D.

Professor, Philosophy

Specialties: ancient philosophy; medieval philosophy; philosophy of music; philosophy of education

Physics

Russell Pinizzotto, Ph.D.

Dean of Science and Engineering

Specialties: astronomy; materials science; electron microscopy; higher education administration

Police Services

Ronald Guilmette, M.S.

Director, Police Services

Specialties: campus policing issues; general policing issues

Political Science

Marguerite Kane, M.A.

Associate Professor, Political Science

Specialties: American politics; Constitutional law; civil liberties; history of political thought

Russell Mayer, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Political Science

Specialties: American politics; poll/survey analysis; elections

Curtis Martin, Ph.D.
Professor, Political Science
Specialties: North Korean relations; diplomacy; domestic and international arenas of interaction; foreign policy; military strategy and interventions; U.S. relations with Northeast Asia

Mary McHugh, M.A.
Adjunct Professor, Political Science
Specialties: Congress; presidential leadership/power; Presidential/Congressional relations; volunteerism

Harry Wessel, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Political Science
Specialties: American politics/mass media; public administration/public policy; media and the election; media bias

Pre-Dental

Janine LeBlanc-Straceski, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Health Professions Advisor
Specialties: genetics; embryonic development; molecular biology; biotechnology; health professions (pre-dental, pre-med, pre-vet); human genome project; stem cells

Pre-Law

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Pre-Med

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Psychology

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Ruth Propper, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Psychology

Specialties: psychological processes of left and right brain hemispheres; neuropsychological foundations of psychological processes – episodic and semantic memory; sleep; and memory construction

Carol Reichenthal, Ph.D.

Professor, Psychology

Specialties: clinical psychology; gender differences; psychoanalysis; women in psychotherapy; depression; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; managed care

Raymond Shaw, Ph.D.

Assistant to V.P. of Academic Affairs

Specialties: positive psychology; optimal cognitive functioning; statistical methods of psychology; memory and aging; aging and attention; value of liberal arts education; choosing a college without major relation between major and career

Religious/Theological Studies

Mark Allman, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Religious/Theological Studies

Specialties: Christian social ethics; Catholic social thought; war and peace studies; postwar ethics; just war theory; business ethics; globalization; church-state issues; political ethics

Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., M.A.

Professor, Religious/Theological Studies

Specialties: Catholic church history; Catholic experience in America; death and dying (theological- Heaven, Hell, Purgatory)

Joseph Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min.

Associate Professor, Religious/Theological Studies

Vice President, Mission and Advancement

Specialties: pastoral psychology; Augustinian studies; death and dying; prayer; Catholic higher education; church issues

Padraic O'Hare, Ed.D.

Professor, Religious/Theological Studies

Director, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations

Specialties: inter-religious relations; genocide

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Religious/Theological Studies

Specialties: religious games and toys; religion and suffering; religion and pain; religion and play/fun; religion and money (commerce)

Residence Life

Bryan Dunphy-Culp, M.A.

Associate Director, Residence Life

Specialties: residence hall living; advising; student affairs

Bonnie Maitland

Assistant Director of Programs/Staff Development, Residence Life

Specialties: residence hall programming

Donna Swartwout, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean of Students

Specialties: student issues; residence life; life on campus

Rogers Center for the Arts

Maureen Lanigan, A.S.

Director, Rogers Center for the Arts

Specialties: topics related to Rogers Center

Sociology

Michael DeCesare, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Sociology

Specialties: social movements; sociology of education; teaching and learning; history of sociology; research methods

Sports Information

Brad Davis

Sports Information Director

Specialties: sports information; sports media relations

Sports Medicine

Andrew Cannon, M.H.S., P.T., S.C.S., C.S.C.S.

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Birgid Hopkins, M.S.

Director of Sports Medicine, Health Sciences

Specialties: sports medicine; athletic training

Student Activities

Laura Flynn

Assistant Director, Student Activities and Campus Center

Specialties: student activities

Domenic Divincenzo, B.S.

Associate Director, Student Activities and Campus Center

Specialties: student activities

Student Life

Shawn De Veau, J.D.

Dean of Students

Specialties: all facets of student life; Facebook – social networking; student judicial issues

Donna Swartwout, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean of Students

Specialties: student issues; residence life; life on campus

Study Abroad

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Specialties: all aspects of study abroad

Study Center

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Director, Study Center

Specialties: time management; college study skills and requirements; preparing for standardized tests and exams, students in academic difficulty

Women's and Gender Studies

Marguerite Dorn, J.D.

Adjunct Professor, Women's/Gender Studies

Specialties: work-life balance – all walks of life, all times of life

Gordene MacKenzie, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Director, Women's/Gender Studies

Specialties: sex and gender studies; global feminist theory; transgender theory; civil and human rights movements; media studies and popular culture; Southwest studies

Writing Center

Kathryn Nielsen-Dube

Assistant Director, Writing Center

Specialties: student support in writing; second language acquisition; new literacy studies; adult learning and development