

# MISSOURI WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Academic Year 2019 – 2020

## New Faculty and Staff

### *President's Office*

#### *Staff*

*Olaya Garrido Rivas* ~ Head Women's Tennis Coach, Department of Athletics

*Ashley Haflett* ~ Assistant Women's Soccer Coach, Department of Athletics

*Yuriy Litvinski* ~ Head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach, Department of Athletics

*Matthew Mandich* ~ Director of Sports Performance/Head Strength & Conditioning Coach,  
Department of Athletics

*Emily Wacker* ~ Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, Department of Athletics

*Candace Whitaker* ~ Head Women's Basketball Coach, Department of Athletics

*Matthew Wilson* ~ President, Office of the President

### *Academic Affairs*

#### *Staff*

*Angela Grant* ~ Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Psychology

*Amber Halstead* ~ Math Coordinator, Center for Academic Support

*Hannah Herrera* ~ Administrative Assistant, Department of Theatre, Cinema & Dance

*Dustyn Holland* ~ Degree Audit/Systems Coordinator, Registrar's Office

*Joel Hyer* ~ Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

*Angela Osborn* ~ Administrative Assistant, Department of Admissions

*Melissa Stallbaumer* ~ Events & New Student Program Coordinator, Department of Admissions

*Zachary Stark* ~ Admissions Counselor, Department of Admissions

*Julie Woods* ~ Administrative Assistant, Honors Program

*Regina Young* ~ Administrative Assistant, Department of Psychology

#### *Faculty*

*Benedict Adams* is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Education. He received the B.A. from Suffield University and the M.S. and Ph.D. from Indiana University. He previously was Assistant Professor at The College of St. Scholastica.

*Casey Bell* is an Instructor in the Steven L. Craig School of Business. He received the B.A. from Missouri Western State College and the M.B.A. from Northwest Missouri State University. He previously was an adjunct for Missouri Western.

*Alexander Cauley* is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology. He received two B.A.'s, the M.A., and the Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He previously was a Graduate Instructor at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

*Ashley Elias* is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology. She received the B.S. from the University of Florida and the Ph.D. from Purdue University. She previously was Assistant Professor at Avila University.

*Thomas Garcia* is a Fulbright Scholar in the Department of English and Modern Languages who will be teaching Spanish this year.

*Stephanie Gerlach* is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She received the B.S. from Johann-Wolfgang Goethe University, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise from Massey University, M.S. from Minnesota State University, and the Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. She previously was a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of New Mexico.

*Daniel Gilden* is an Instructor in the Department of English and Modern Languages. He received the B.A. from Dartmouth College, M.A. from Stanford University, and Ph.D. from the University of California. He previously was Adjunct Faculty at the University of Denver.

*Kara Grant* is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology. She received the B.S. from Linfield College and the Ph.D. from Washington State University. She previously was an Instructor at Washington State University.

*Manon Halliburton* is an Instructor in the Department of Theatre, Cinema and Dance. She received the B.A. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the M.F.A. from The Ohio University. She has been a Teaching and Directing Artist at the Kansas City Repertory Theatre.

*CPT Sheila Holder* is an Instructor in the Department of Military Science. She received the B.A. from Washington University.

*Maureen Holtz* is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. She received the B.H.S. and D.P.T. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She previously was Doctor of Physical Therapy and Staff Physical Therapist at Performance Plus Rehabilitation Center.

*Jennifer Jackson* is an Instructor in the Department of English and Modern Languages. She received two B.A.'s from Blackburn College and the M.A. from Missouri State University. She previously taught at the University of Mississippi.

*Kelly Lock-McMillen* is an Instructor in the Department of English and Modern Languages. She received the B.S.E. from Missouri Western State University and the M.A. from Northwest Missouri State University. She previously was an English Language Arts Teacher at Liberty North High School.

*Mechel McKinney* is an Instructor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. She received the A.A.S. from the University of New Mexico, the B.B.A. from the University of Phoenix, and the M.B.A., from the American Public University System. She previously was full-time faculty at Central New Mexico Community College.

***Dennis Merritt*** is an Instructor in the Department of Engineering Technology. He received the A.A.S. from Missouri Western State University, the B.A. from MidAmerica Nazarene University, the M.S. from the University of Central Missouri, the Ed. Specialist from Northwest Missouri State University, and Doctoral of Education from Saint Louis University. He previously was Director at Hillyard Technical Center and an adjunct for Missouri Western.

***Aracely Newton*** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology. She received the B.S. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas and Stowers Institute for Medical Research. She previously was a Teaching Assistant at Harvard Extension School and a Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard University.

***Yadav Pandit*** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics. He received the M.Sc. at Tribhuvan University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. from Kent State University. He previously was an Instructor at Allen County Community College.

***Florian Pichon*** is a Fulbright Scholar in the Department of English and Modern Languages who will be teaching French this year.

***Rocío Rubio Moirón*** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages. He received two B.A.'s from the University of Santiago de Compostela, the M.A. from the University of Colorado-Boulder, and the Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He previously was Spanish Adjunct Faculty at the University of Denver.

***Linda Salfrank*** is an Instructor in the Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work. She received the B.A. and J.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She previously was an Adjunct Instructor at Missouri Western.

***Rhimmon Simchy-Gross*** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. He received the B.M. from SUNY College at Potsdam, and the M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. He previously was and Instructor at the University of Arkansas.

***Nitin Singh*** is an Assistant Professor in the Steven L. Craig School of Business. He received the B. Comm. and M.B.A. from Nagpur University and the Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Arlington. He previously was an Enhanced Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Arlington.

***Sarah Weber*** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Art. She received the B.F.A. and M.F.A. from Kendall College of Art and Design. She previously was Painting Coordinator at Grand Valley State University.

***Marcus Williamson*** is an Instructor in the Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology. He received the B.A. from Oklahoma City University, an M.A. from The University of Limerick, and an M.A. and the Ph.D. from The University of Kansas. He previously was Visiting Instructor at Purdue University.

*Feiyan Zhao* is an Instructor in the Department of English and Modern Languages who will teach Chinese this year. She has joined Missouri Western through the Faculty Exchange Program with Xidian University.

*Elissa Zorn* is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. She received the B.S.N. and M.S.N. from Missouri Western State University. She previously was a Nursing Instructor at North Central Missouri College and a Clinical RN (PRN) at Research Medical Center.

## ***Financial Planning and Administration***

### ***Staff***

*Mason Booth* ~ Academic Computing Technician, Instructional Media Center

*Marla Brockett* ~ Cashier/Billing Clerk, Business Office

*Peggy Crabtree* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

*Judy Currie* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

*Dane Eckert* ~ Academic Computing Coordinator, Instructional Media Center

*Nickolaus Harris* ~ Events/Groundskeeper, Physical Plant

*Patricia Jones* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

*Teri Larison* ~ Officer, University Police Department

*Darrell Morrison* ~ Vice President, Division of Financial Planning & Administration

*Stacey Mull* ~ Administrative Coordinator, Physical Plant

*Patricia Ousley* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

*Connor Perkins* ~ Groundskeeper, Physical Plant

*Dennis Smith* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

*Jonathan Webber* ~ Applications Programmer, Instructional Media Center

*Brad Williams* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

*Trenny Wilson* ~ Corporal, University Police Department

*Donna Zeamer* ~ Custodian, Physical Plant

## ***Student Affairs***

### ***Staff***

*Katherine Jeffers* ~ Counselor, Diversity & Women's Issues, Counseling Center

*Joshua Maples* ~ Assistant Director, Residential Life

*Amanda Quenemoen* ~ Resident Hall Director, Residential Life

## ***FACULTY TENURE EFFECTIVE FALL 2019***

*Dr. Elizabeth Canon*, Department of English and Modern Languages

*Dr. Nathan Gay*, Department of Music

*Dr. Elise Hepworth*, Department of Music

*Dr. Adrienne Johnson*, Department of Education

*Dr. David Marble*, Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work  
*Dr. Susan Martens*, Department of English and Modern Languages  
*Dr. Lori McCune*, Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics  
*Dr. David McIntire*, Department of Music  
*Dr. Miguel Rivera-Taupier*, Department of English and Modern Languages  
*Dr. Montella Smith*, Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work  
*Stephanie Stewart*, School of Nursing and Health Professions  
*Jeff Stover*, Department of Theatre, Cinema and Dance  
*Dr. Stanislav Svojanovsky*, Department of Chemistry

## **FACULTY PROMOTIONS EFFECTIVE FALL 2019**

### ***Associate Professor to Professor***

*Dr. Michael Charlton*, Department of English and Modern Languages  
*Dr. Michael Chiao*, Steven L. Craig School of Business  
*Dr. Lee Harrelson*, Department of Music  
*David Harris*, Department of Art  
*Dr. Elise Hepworth*, Department of Music  
*Dr. Mark Mills*, Department of Biology  
*Dr. Prashan Tarun*, Steven L. Craig School of Business

### ***Assistant Professor to Associate Professor***

*Dr. Elizabeth Canon*, Department of English and Modern Languages  
*Dr. Nathan Gay*, Department of Music  
*Dr. Adrienne Johnson*, Department of Education  
*Dr. David Marble*, Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work  
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*Dr. Stanislav Svojanovsky*, Department of Chemistry

### ***Instructor to Advanced Instructor***

*Eric Fuson*, Department of Art  
*Brooksie Kluge*, Department of English and Modern Languages