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Areas of expertise:
Human brain
Motivation

Anderson periodically teaches educational psychology and has done extensive research into motivation and the brain. In other words—what motivates us to learn and what demotivates us.
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Expert/Speaker

**Area of expertise:**
Consumer health

Anderson’s career as a librarian has spanned more than 30 years and information literacy has been her practice. Working as a medical librarian for many of those years has given her expertise in consumer health topics.

**Speaking**

“Information Literacy—Lifelong Learning” is about how finding reliable, authoritative information about any topic in a library or on the Web is a skill you can learn.

“Becoming an Informed Patient” covers how to find reliable, authoritative information on medical and health topics from preventive health to clinical trials, diseases to treatments and more.
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Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Stress Management
Wellness

Bales has more than 20 years of experience in the work/life and wellness field. Her expertise was honed in higher education, corporate, and health care organizations. At Wright State University, Bales developed work/life and wellness programming for faculty staff and students, and presented at regional and national conferences. After moving from Dayton, she was selected as the work/life and wellness director for a Fortune 500 company, where her programs were recognized by Working Mother magazine.

She is on the National Advisory Board for the Wellness Council of America and works as a corporate consultant. She greatly enjoys her teaching position in the Human Services Department and appreciates the opportunity to encourage others to achieve balance and peace in their lives.

Speaking
“Wellness and Stress Resilience” shows how each dimension of wellness affects stress levels. Format will include discussion, experiential activities, and personal assessments of personality preferences, communication styles, social connectivity, nutrition, and activity levels. Participants will leave with tangible tools and strategies to design a personal, high-level wellness plan.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Spanish literature (Medieval and Renaissance)
Women in Medieval and Renaissance Spain
Intercultural/interface relations in Spain

Benito received both a Ph.D. and M.A. from Indiana University. Research and coursework include Medieval and Renaissance Spanish Literature (11th-16th centuries), and women in Medieval and Renaissance Spain. Benito also has a focus on intercultural relations among the three Medieval cultures of Spain (Muslims, Jews, and Christians) and interfaith/Intercultural relations in contemporary Spain, as well as immigration in contemporary Spain.
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Expert/Speaker

**Areas of expertise:**
Children and discipline: The impact of various discipline strategies
Gender-related aspects of behavior
Memory and aging

Blakemore has a Ph.D. in developmental psychology. She teaches courses in child development, including social development and gender development. She also teaches the psychology of women and gender. Her areas of expertise include any topics related to child development (normal aspects of children's development, language, cognitive, social, and gender development), including the impact of discipline strategies, television, day care, divorce, and more.

Blakemore also specializes in any topics related to gender and behavior, especially in children. She can also discuss aging related topics such as memory and aging.

**Speaking**
“Children and discipline” explores the impact of various discipline strategies.

“Gender-related aspects of behavior” involves a range of emphases.

“Memory and aging”
Melanie Bookout

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Areas of expertise:
Bookout is a musicologist—a music historian—whose research work is in music of the 20th century and whose performance work emphasizes music of the 16th–18th centuries on instruments appropriate to the era.

Speaking
“Early music (music before 1750),” a show and tell about early instruments and music and dance.

“Topics in music history” includes 2nd Vienna School, John Cage, American 20th century music, and more.

“Topics in music and poetry” covers Renaissance, Baroque, and 20th century.
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Areas of expertise:
Central Asia
Former Soviet Union
Gender in cross-cultural perspective
Muslim world

Borbieva’s areas of expertise are the former Soviet Union and the Muslim world—specifically Central Asia and Kyrgyzstan. Her thematic areas of expertise are religion (particularly Islam), development, and women’s issues. She has lived in Central Asia, first as a Peace Corps volunteer and later as a scholar doing research on the development sector and on religious changes. Her early research looked at a variety of American development initiatives, such as democracy-promotion and human rights work. Borbieva’s current research is focused on the growing interest in Islam and the role of formal institutions (medreses, universities) for teaching Islam in Central Asia. She earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard University.

Speaking
“Revolution or More of the Same? The Elusiveness of Stability in the Kyrgyz Republic” discusses current challenges to the establishment of political stability in Kyrgyzstan. Considers political development in the context of Central Asian and Soviet history.

“Bride Kidnapping in the Kyrgyz Republic: Anthropological Reflections on a Popular Practice” looks at the treatment of women in Central Asia, in the context of broader discourses about marriage, happiness, love, and stability.

“Ramadan across Cultures: Renewing the Spirit, Purifying the Heart” gives a general introduction to Islam as a faith and historical force. Discusses the five pillars, with a focus on fasting.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Alumni relations
Political campaigns

Busch has spent more than 10 years in politics and has extensive experience and knowledge regarding political campaigns and public policy, as well as federal, state, and local government. He received a B.A. in history from Indiana University and a B.A. in communication from Purdue University.

He has served as a White House intern, White House advance volunteer staffer, and Presidential appointee under the George W. Bush administration. He was a field director for the Bush–Cheney 2004 re-election campaign, deputy political director for the Dan Coats for U.S. Senate 2010 campaign, general consultant and press secretary for Hughes for Fort Wayne Mayor 2011. Busch also served as part-time advance staffer for the McCain–Palin 2008 and Romney–Ryan 2012 presidential campaigns, and has been involved in numerous other campaigns since 2002.
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Areas of expertise:
Human rights
Philosophy

Butler has specialized in the foundations and justification of United Nations human rights since 1982. His book Human Rights Ethics was published in 2008. He has studied, lectured, or taught on the subject of human rights and the philosopher Hegel in the UK, France, Germany, the former Yugoslavia, Kosovo, Canada, Greece, Turkey, Poland, and Tunisia.

Butler has published 10 books (two of them edited and two of them translations of Hegel into English) and has also published 37 articles. He welcomes the opportunity to explain and help the audience understand why Hegel is one of the four greatest philosophers of Western Civilization and the most relevant to our own times.

Speaking
“Dimension of the Crisis We Face and Proposals to Address It” covers what we could learn from Western Europe despite the current economic downturn there. The Euro is not going to crack up, and the European Union is not going to disintegrate. Mockery of Europe is a disservice to ourselves.

“After 2,500 Years, the Discovery of True Ethical Knowledge” presents the deeper reasons for supporting the UN Universal Declaration as the moral law formulated for our times.
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Areas of expertise:
Latin American art and culture
Poverty in Argentina, Chile, and Mexico
Relationship between art and politics in Latin America

Butte's research and teaching focus on 20th century and contemporary Latin American literature, art, photography, film, and culture. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Chicago. He studies the relationship between art and politics in the region, with a particular focus on urban poverty in Argentina, Chile, and Mexico. Butte is particularly interested in aesthetic approaches that seek to address issues of economic inequality such as poverty, debt, or the transformations of Latin American societies by the implementation of the neoliberal economic model during the past 40 years.

In Butte's work, he aims to shed light on both the historical ruptures that these recent transformations have meant for culture, economy, art, and literature but also—and in some ways more importantly—the continuities between earlier moments of addressing problems like urban poverty and the approaches of today. By developing a dialogue between aesthetic theory, political theory, cultural theory, the historical archive—and particular literary works—he works to understand what politically engaged art is, why it exists, and how authors understand it working within their societies.
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Areas of expertise:
Career exploration
Choosing a major
Graduate school exploration
Internships and getting experience
Interviewing strategies
Job searching
Networking and social media
Résumés and cover letters

Calderon supervises the IPFW Career Center and has numerous other roles, including point person for employer relations and the annual career and internship fair. She oversees on-campus recruiting, employer résumé requests, and career events. She also coordinates strategic planning and represents Career Services at meetings for the Division of Student Affairs. She interprets career assessments, conducts outreach programs, and is responsible for assessment of all services.

Calderon joined IPFW Career Services in 2004. She received an M.S. in counselor education from Indiana University, Fort Wayne. She also has a B.A. in Sociology from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind. She is a member of the Career Development Professionals of Indiana, The National Career Development Association, and the American College Personnel Association. Calderon is also qualified to administer and interpret the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®, Strong Interest Inventory, FOCUS, and Self-Directed Search.

Speaking
“Résumés and Cover Letters” helps in writing a professional cover letter and shares tips on how to get your résumé noticed by employers.

“Networking 101”—It’s not what you know; it’s who you know! Learn the fundamentals of networking, including tips, techniques, etiquette, and your personal networking style. And, learn how using Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other social networking tools can help make the right impression.

“Job Searching”—Take control of your job search. There is more to the job search than looking for ads in the newspaper or applying online. Get a quick overview of critical areas of the job search process and how to become proactive.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Accounting
Buddhism and education
Business/business ethics
Economics
Management
Taxation

Chang is a renowned accounting and business educator with specialties that include taxation, management and international accounting, business ethics and philosophy, corporate governance, and social responsibility. Born in Taiwan, Chang attended National Taiwan University, where he received a bachelor’s degree in economics. He received a master’s and Ph.D., both in accountancy, from the University of Illinois. Chang taught at the University of Wyoming, Texas Christian University, and California State University at San Bernardino (CSUSB). He was the chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance and the associate dean for administrative affairs at CSUSB.

Throughout his educational career, Chang received numerous awards and much recognition for his outstanding teaching, excellent research, and dedicated service to the university and community. He has produced more than 40 publications—some of which appear in major academic journals such as Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of American Taxation Association, and Management Accounting. He is often called upon to conduct various professional workshops to top-level management from all over the world and serves as a consultant to several major firms in the U.S. and China. Chang has also served as president and officer of a long list of professional and business organizations in several Pacific Rim countries.

Speaking
“Buddhism, Christianity, and Learning”

“Buddhist Education for a Whole Person”

“Business Ethics”
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Expert

**Areas of expertise:**  
Geometry  
Mathematics

Coffman's research interest is geometry. His research articles in pure mathematics use abstract algebra and the analysis of several complex variables to prove theorems about singularities in geometric shapes. He has published in journals for applied mathematics, including *Computer Aided Geometric Design* and *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision*.

Coffman has taught upper-level courses in geometry, algebra, and complex analysis at IPFW since 1997. He was previously a lecturer in mathematics at the University of Chicago. He is currently on the executive board for the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Arab world (political and nonpolitical topics)
Egypt (particularly the 2011 uprising)
Women in Kuwait
Syria

Combs is a Palestinian who was born, raised, and educated in Kuwait and received advanced degrees the U.S.—including an M.A. from California University of Pennsylvania.

Over the past 10 years she has increasingly developed the passion to teach Arabic and educate people about the Arab world. She has been a guest lecturer and speaker on several issues regarding Arab countries (covering both political and nonpolitical topics). In previous presentations she has addressed numerous topical issues involving the Arab world, as well as current events during round table discussions. Her goal is to continue to educate people and minimize any stereotypes as well as increase the understanding about that part of the world.

Speaking
“The Uprising in Egypt” covers the revolution that arose in January 2011.

“Women’s Role in Kuwait” can address some of the misperceptions about how women are treated there.

“The Revolution in Syria” speaks to the history of Syria and why current events are happening there.

“Kuwait” touches upon Kuwait in general, including the political system, education, religion, economy, and more.
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Areas of expertise:
Acoustic phonetics
Articulatory phonetics
Automatic speech recognition
Computer-based speech training
Intelligibility of accented speech

Dalby graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor’s degree in English. He subsequently earned a master’s degree in English language studies from the University of Utah and master’s and doctoral degrees in linguistics from Indiana University Bloomington. Much of his professional career has been spent working on research and development projects. His first position was as research fellow at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he worked for five years on the development of a large-vocabulary, continuous-speech recognition system. Returning to the U.S. and to Bloomington, for more than a decade he collaborated on and led projects that developed computer-based speech training aids. These systems were aimed at automating the drill portion of training by speech-language pathologists and by teachers of English to speakers of other languages.

Dalby has been on the faculty of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) since 2003. His teaching assignments include acoustic phonetics, articulatory phonetics, anatomy and physiology of the speech mechanism, and introduction to communication disorders. He was named interim chair of CSD in 2011 and chair in 2013.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Infectious diseases (TB)
Biochemical pathways and gene products

Daniel’s research focus is Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtbc), the causative agent of tuberculosis (TB) that kills nearly 1.4 million people each year. Dormant Mtbc in two billion people with latent infection necessitates a deeper understanding of the biology of the dormant pathogen. Antibiotics that can shorten treatment time required to cure TB are urgently needed because currently available therapies do not kill dormant Mtbc and therefore require a prolonged treatment period.

Over the past decade, Daniel has been involved in understanding the lipid metabolic pathways that enable the pathogen to enter a state of dormancy and become tolerant to antibiotics resulting in latent TB infection. His future IPFW research plans involve studies on vital metabolic processes in dormant Mtbc involved in the establishment of latent TB infection. He welcomes using his expertise as a tool for motivating student involvement in science education and research at IPFW, as well as sharing that expertise with the community.

Danial earned an undergraduate degree at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, India, and went on to earn a graduate degree from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India.
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Areas of expertise:
Crisis intervention
Drug abuse
LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) issues
Suicide
Trauma

DiClementi is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, having worked in the mental health field for over 25 years. She has expertise in trauma, crisis intervention, recovery from trauma, suicide, suicide education and prevention, health psychology (including HIV/AIDS, other chronic illnesses), deployment (military), and psychology (specialized training in working with military, both active and veteran). She was a crisis counselor at Columbine High School after the massacre.

DiClementi’s research has focused on behavioral health topics, specifically hypnosis, drug abuse and addiction, and health disparities. Her research has also centered on LGBTQ issues including health, marriage equality, activism, psychological health, and gay parenting. She has additional expertise in geriatric psychology and cognitive impairment (traumatic brain injury and dementia).

Speaking
“Suicide Intervention” includes training to recognize the signs/symptoms of suicide ideation or intent and what to say, how to make referrals.

“Recovery from Trauma” covers how to differentiate the normal responses to trauma from symptoms of PTSD as well as talking to children about traumatic events and self-care after a traumatic event.

“LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) Issues” this speaker can provide a presentation on wide range of specific subtopics. For example, she recently gave a presentation to the YWCA on transgender issues.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of Expertise:
Indiana state government and politics
State and local politics

Downs is the first director of the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics. The Center is named in honor of his father, Mike, who was considered by many to be Fort Wayne’s foremost academic authority on politics. Mike passed away in January 2001.

The Mike Downs Center is a nonpartisan organization devoted to helping the people of Indiana understand the role of politics and government in their daily lives. The center accomplishes this goal through a variety of activities such as visiting schools, giving public presentations, providing a reference desk service, and serving as a resource for media throughout the state.

Downs has worked for city, county, and state governments. He has a B.A. and an M.P.A. concentrating on public policy and management from IPFW, an M.A. from Ball State University, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Notre Dame.

Downs teaches courses on public policy and state and local politics. His research focuses on voter behavior and housing issues.

Speaking
Downs gives a variety of presentations each year and tries to customize the presentation to the needs of the audience.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Physical chemistry
Quantum mechanics

Friedman received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard University. He then spent two years doing post-doctoral work at the University of Minnesota before joining IPFW.

His research is in theoretical and computational physical chemistry—in particular, the use of the theory of quantum mechanics to explain and predict the behavior of microscopic particles.

Friedman has also co-authored a textbook on physical chemistry and a second textbook on molecular quantum mechanics.
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Areas of expertise:
American Constitutional history and history of the Supreme Court
Campus ministry and ministry to college students
Colonial and early American Republic history
History of American sports
Religious or spiritual issues

Gates received a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has taught history for more than 10 years and teaches primarily in the online environment. He was awarded the IPFW Continuing Studies Excellence in Teaching Award in 2007. Gates is also the Campus Minister at IPFW and has been ministering to college-age youth for over 25 years. He has spent considerable time thinking about and working with students in terms of leadership growth and potential.

Speaking
“Ministering to College-Age Youth” describes the dynamics of ministering on campus and to college-age young people.

“History of American Sports” could be an overview of any topic related to the history of American sports.

“Life in Puritan New England” includes any number of topics related to American colonial life, especially among the Puritans of New England.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Aquatic toxicology
Environmental impacts
Water quality in rivers and streams

Since 2005, Gillespie has managed a comprehensive water quality monitoring program in the St. Joseph River Watershed in northeast Indiana. The monitoring program supports efforts by the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative, City of Fort Wayne, and counties to reduce non-point sources of contamination to the St. Joseph River and its tributaries.

Since 2006, he has been a contributing partner to a collaborative research program by the Agricultural Research Service. His research focuses on the impacts of agrochemicals and habitat degradation to aquatic communities in the Cedar Creek Watershed of northeast Indiana.

Speaking
“Long-Term Monitoring of Water Quality in the St. Joseph River Watershed, Northeast Indiana” is an assessment of trends and potential impacts of pollutants to human health and ecosystems.

“Ecological Impacts of Agrochemicals and Habitat Degradation in Headwater Streams of the Cedar Creek Watershed, Northeast Indiana” discusses relative contributions of water chemistry (pollution) and alterations of habitat to the health of aquatic communities.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Documentary film
Media
Politics
Rhetoric

Herbig teaches media production and documentary film. He has a Ph.D. in rhetoric and political culture. He can comment on issues pertaining to media, media influence, politics, campaigns, speeches, gender politics, and social constructions of the past, present, and future.

While at previous institutions, Herbig publicly commented on the influence of advertising campaigns, the role of political advertising, the content of political speeches, and the content of particular films. As a rhetoric professor, he provides critical insight into the historical traditions that play a role in contemporary contexts as well as what contemporary contexts can tell us about who we are as a culture and as a nation.
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Area of Expertise
Painting

Hrehov received a B.F.A in painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art and an M.F.A. in painting from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Prior to his time at IPFW, Hrehov taught at Judson College in Elgin, Ill., and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Hrehov has an active career as a painter and has had solo exhibitions in New York City, Chicago, and Louisville, Ky. He is represented by Denise Bibro Fine Art in New York City. His most recent solo exhibition at Denise Bibro was a drawing exhibition in October 2012. He is the recipient of numerous awards including Best of Show, The American States Arts Competition, Indianapolis, and Gladys Emerson Cook Prize In the Area of Prints, Drawings, and Pastels, 167th Annual Exhibition, National Academy of Design, New York, New York. His work is in numerous collections, including the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Lincoln National Corporation, and Lutheran Social Services of Indiana. His work has been reviewed in *American Artist, Louisville Courier-Journal, and Art in America.*

Speaking
“Realism” covers representational art and its variations.

“Teaching Art” addresses challenges of teaching in the visual arts.

“Topics in the Visual Arts” includes 20th century, realism, and abstraction.
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Area of expertise:
Music therapy

Jackson earned a B.F.A. in music therapy from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and MMT and Ph.D. in Music Therapy degrees from Temple University. She has additional training in the Bonny Method of Guided Imagery and Music (GIM), and the Mandala Assessment and Research Instrument (MARI). Jackson has more than 20 years of clinical experience overall, with 15 years of full-time clinical experience in psychiatric music therapy, music-based psychotherapy, and medical music therapy. She has worked as a staff music therapist for a state in-patient psychiatric facility, for various other hospitals, facilities and schools, and in private practice. She continues to maintain a private practice with clients from the Fort Wayne area.

Jackson frequently presents for workshops and conferences across the country and around the world. She has been published in the Arts in Psychotherapy, the Journal of Music Therapy, Music Therapy Perspectives, and the Nordic Journal of Music Therapy, has written chapters in several books, and has participated in a number of international conferences. Her current research interests include anger and other emotions in therapy; music therapy with chronic pain and chronic illness; music therapy and respiratory illnesses, experiential learning in music therapy; and collaboration as a mechanism for profession growth. She is on the publications commission for the World Federation of Music Therapy, the Academic Program Approval Committee for the American Music Therapy Association, and is an editorial board member for the journal Music Therapy Perspectives.

Speaking
“Meet Music Therapy” is an overview of the field, intended to introduce the general public to the profession. It covers what music therapists do, with whom they work, where they work, and how to find a music therapist who is appropriate for one’s needs.

“Music Therapy and Living Well with Chronic Conditions” covers the basic benefits of music therapy for those living with chronic pain or illness. Active engagement in music experiences will demonstrate simple techniques that participants can take away and practice on their own. (It can be focused on a particular condition, or simply address chronic conditions in general.)
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Area of interest
Interface between chemistry, material science, and biological sciences

Jing’s research interests are to develop and apply novel biomimetic materials for a variety of bioanalytical applications. Specifically, he is using a connector from bacteriophage Phi29 to develop a sensing system under single-molecule level for biomedical applications. He earned a Ph.D. from Kyushu University and an M.E. and B.E. from Beijing Institute of Technology.

Speaking
“Use of Phi29 Connector as a Motif for Bionsensing System”
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Areas of expertise:
Conservation biology
Molecular and evolutionary ecology
Reptiles/amphibians/fish

Jordan’s research focuses on the evolutionary ecology and conservation of reptiles, amphibians, and fishes. He uses a combination of molecular genetic and field techniques to investigate biological diversity at the population and individual levels. Particular expertise is found in the faunas of the Galapagos Islands and the U.S. Midwest. Jordan earned a Ph.D. and an M.S. from University of New Mexico and a B.A. from Luther College.

Speaking
“Remembering the Ancestors in a World of Disturbance” details research on the relative roles of human disturbance and glaciation on the evolution of animal populations. Relying on DNA evidence, studies involving animals from the Galapagos Islands and northeast Indiana are used to address the problem.


“Global Amphibian Decline” addresses the decline of amphibians, its possible causes, and efforts to maintain and restore populations.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Feminism
Gay marriage
Immigration
Race—particularly conversations about race and assumptions of color-blindness

Kearl’s research is primarily centered on the discourses of social movements. While she has written mostly about gay marriage movements in the U.S., she has also researched feminist movements, immigration movements, and other political protest.

Her most recent research surveys the rhetorical strategies—or the language choices—of gay marriage movements across the country. She has focused on Proposition 8 in California, various court decisions, and state bans on gay marriage.

Kearl is also intensely invested in conversations about race in America. Her research concerning race explores how American culture maintains an assumption of color-blindness. More specifically, her research addresses instances where our ability to maintain such a position is compromised by the publicness of racism including conversations surrounding President Barack Obama, the death of Trayvon Martin, public admonishment of Rhianna, and more.
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Areas of expertise:
Biology
Ecology and conservation
Reptiles

Kingsbury is a vertebrate ecologist and conservation biologist. His research interests include habitat management and restoration and the ecological requirements of imperiled animals—particularly reptiles. His research program frequently involves Geographic Information Systems and radio telemetry.

Kingsbury’s students and staff have worked on the ecology, management, and conservation of a variety of imperiled snakes and turtles, as well as on amphibian and reptile abundance, and the influence of land management practices on small animals and how to improve these practices.

Speaking
“Wetlands: Jewels in the Forest” covers wetland ecology and wildlife, either in a technical sense or to a more general audience.

“Snakes” includes a discussion on snakes, reptiles in general, or more broadly on wildlife ecology. This talk can focus on venomous species, if desired.

“Tragedy of the Commons” includes various talks on resource management, climate change, and sustainable living.
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Areas of expertise:
Nursing
International outreach for nursing students

Kirkhorn has completed international research with nursing students in Guangzhou, China. China is her current research focus.

Speaking
“International Nursing Research in Guangzhou, China: Breaking Down Barriers and Enhancing International Experience for Nursing Students” includes recent experiences with outreach with nursing students.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Elections
Political violence
Terrorism
Trade

Lutz has been teaching for more than 30 years. He has published widely on terrorism, trade issues, political violence, and elections. He is also knowledgeable on events in the Middle East, Europe, and Africa. In addition, he has a broad knowledge of international relations and American foreign policy.

In the past, Lutz has given talks to the Foreign Service School of the Republic of South Africa, the South African Defence Intelligence College, and the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency.

Speaking
“Current State of Terrorist Activity in the World” offers an update on the level of terrorism in the world, the threat that it represents, and the effectiveness of U.S. activities.

“Unrest in the Middle East” covers events in Syria and could also include a discussion of the Arab Spring and events in Egypt, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, or Bahrain.

“Trade Issues Facing the United States” provides a general discussion of the U.S. position in the world economy—with particular reference to trade, foreign investment, services, and intellectual property rights.
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Areas of expertise:
Early American foreign policy
Early American politics
Founding fathers
George Washington’s Farewell Address
Monroe Doctrine

Malanson’s research examines the uses and misuses of the founding fathers and their legacies. He has had a particular focus on the ways multiple generations of Americans used George Washington’s presidential Farewell Address to shape U.S. foreign policy and politics. The Farewell Address has become somewhat lost to history in terms of its deep importance to Americans before the Civil War.

Malanson is also deeply interested in the principles that shaped early U.S. foreign policy, especially those expressed in Washington’s Farewell Address, Thomas Jefferson’s First Inaugural Address, and the Monroe Doctrine.

Speaking
“What Would George Washington Do?: Washington and Modern U.S. Foreign Policy” explores how George Washington might assess 21st century U.S. foreign policy. It lends itself well to a larger conversation about America’s role in the world, and how that role has changed over time.

“If I Had it in His Hand-Writing, I Would Burn It’: The Battle over George Washington’s Legacy” investigates the ways Americans battled over George Washington and his legacy in the first half of the 19th century.
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Areas of expertise:
Academic affairs
Athletics/intramurals
Budgeting
Crises management
Diversity
Organizational change
Residential life
Student affairs

Prior to joining IPFW, McClellan served as vice president for student development at Dickinson State University, interim director of assessment and research for campus life at the University of Arizona, and director of graduate and off campus housing at Northwestern University. His nearly 30 years of professional service to students at a variety of institutions includes experience in partnerships between student affairs and academic affairs, budgeting and budget management, organizational change, residential life, housing, food service, facilities planning and operations, diversity issues, internationalization, building campus community, campus crisis response and crisis management planning, intramurals and athletics, assessment, developing and enhancing professional development programs, and student affairs administration.

McClellan is an active scholar. He is co-editor of The Handbook for Student Affairs Administration (3rd ed.), The Handbook for College Athletics and Recreation Management, Stepping Out to Stepping Out: Preparing Students for Life After College, In Search of Safer Communities: Emerging Practices for Student Affairs in Addressing Campus Violence, Ahead of the Game: Understanding and Addressing Campus Gambling, and Serving Native American Students in Higher Education. He is co-author of Budget and Financial Management in Higher Education and is the author of a column in the Chronicle of Higher Education on career issues in student affairs. In addition, he has authored or co-authored numerous other articles and chapters on subjects related to student affairs.

McClellan is active in both the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), including currently serving as a member of the editorial board for NASPA’s Journal of College and Character and having served in a similar role for a number of years for ACPA’s Journal of College Student Development. McClellan also served on the NASPA Foundation Board during that group’s successful campaign to increase its endowment to $1M and was named in 2010 as a Pillar of the Profession by the NASPA Foundation and received the Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award from NASPA Region IV-East in 2012. In addition, McClellan is a past recipient of ACPA’s Outstanding Contribution to Research in American Indian Higher Education award.

McClellan received a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Arizona. He earned both an M.S.Ed. in higher education and a B.A. in English and American literature from Northwestern University.
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Areas of expertise:
Philosophy
Philosophy of science
Philosophy of physics
Cognitive science
Metaphysics
Artificial Intelligence/cognition/simulations

Muntean’s main areas of specialization are philosophy of science, with an emphasis on philosophy of physics and metaphysics. He received a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of California, San Diego.

He is especially focused on explanation and unification. He works in philosophical aspects of cognitive sciences, logic, philosophy of computation and simulation, and artificial intelligence. Muntean is interested in the philosophical aspects surrounding quantum gravity—especially string theory. He currently works on papers about string dualities.

Recently he developed an interest in the philosophical aspects of climate change, both epistemical and ethical.
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Areas of expertise:
Entomology
Insect genomics and transcriptomics
Insect molecular biology
Insect vector biology
Plant pathology
Pest management

Nachappa’s research is interdisciplinary encompassing entomology, plant pathology, horticulture, and molecular biology. She is specifically focused on the interaction between plants, pathogens, and insect vectors.

The two key questions of her research program are—how do plant pathogens affect their insect vectors? And—what plant and/or insect-related responses mediate plant-pathogen-vector interactions? Her approach to these questions relies on combining field and laboratory experiments with molecular biology tools as well as concepts and methods from various biological disciplines.

Overall, Nachappa’s research program will improve our understanding of plant-pathogen-vector interactions to optimize sustainable pest and disease control strategies. She received an M.S. in entomology from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in entomology from Kansas State University.

Speaking
“Understanding the Interaction Between Plants, Pathogens and Insects” discusses the myriad of interactions between plants, pathogens, and insects and how it influences pest and disease outbreaks.

“Insect Vector-Borne Diseases” presents the biology and control of some of the world’s most destructive vector-borne diseases, such as Malaria and West Nile virus.
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Areas of expertise:
Advertising in the Arab world
Arab media
Gender relations and identity (in the Arab world)
Historical representations in media
Media and globalization

Nasr’s expertise in media began with a career in radio and television production in Lebanon. He completed an M.F.A. degree in film and electronic media at American University in Washington, D.C., and received a Ph.D. in international communication from The University of Texas at Austin. His research and publications have focused on Arab media issues—particularly, transnational television industries, representation of history in media, and consumption and cultural identity in the post-colonial Arab world. In recent work, Nasr explored the role of Al Jazeera Arabic in shaping popular consciousness during the Arab uprisings. He is currently investigating the role of colloquial Arabic in framing gender and gender roles in Lebanese society.

Speaking
“A Fragmented Unity: The Construction of History in Lebanese Identity” examines the role of historical events in identity construction in post-war Lebanon. This poses the question of how we politicize, memorialize, repackage, and “mythe&cize” collective traumas for the purpose of national cohesion.

“Reliable Sources: Oral Cultures and News Media in Lebanon” Taking Lebanon as an example, this presentation explores how social ties also contribute to the process of keeping informed. It investigates the emergence of hybrid network societies in Lebanon and how these social circles carve out a social space in which “credible” information is exchanged.

“Deconstructing Al-Jazeera: Locating Qatar within the Arab Uprisings” explores the means through which Al-Jazeera carves out a position among its viewers—‘a station by the people, for the people.’ This presentation is concerned with the images and the meanings that they bear.
Robin Newman, M.A.

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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Ethical decision-making
Responding to allegations of sexual assault
Dean of students diplomats: a peer educator program
The Code of Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct
Event planning

Newman received a master's in college student services administration at Oregon State University. She is dedicated to students and has worked in the areas of housing and residential life, women and returning adults, and the office(s) of the vice president for student affairs and dean of students. She was recently appointed to the City of Fort Wayne Ethics Board by Mayor Tom Henry.

Newman has created and facilitated workshops on ethical management and decision-making, responding to allegations of sexual assault, handling difficult students, gender roles, relationships, multi-generational differences, team building, self-concept and self-esteem, goal setting, conflict resolution, time management, values clarification, returning to learning and careers in student affairs.

Speaking
“Ethical Decision-Making” explores the definition of ethics and morality—right and wrong, good and bad, choices we make and the actions we take as a result of those beliefs. The participants will participate individually and as a group in ethical decision-making. This presentation will provide relevant and important information for staff, as they often must rise above their peers in ethical intelligence and present themselves in a leadership role.

“Responding to Allegations of Sexual Assault.” This panel is to train campus professionals and/or student staff on how to assist students who may have been sexually harassed and/or assaulted. The primary focus is to communicate the steps to provide resources to students alleging sexual misconduct. A “Bill of Rights” checklist has been developed to provide information to students on medical treatment, reporting structures, Title IX requirements, and other available resources.

“Dean of Students Diplomats: A Peer Educator Model” introduces the creation, design, and implementation of IPFW's inaugural Dean of Students Diplomats program. This peer-based program creates and presents various educational sessions to other students while informing the campus stakeholders about academic integrity, civility, ethical decision-making, student rights and responsibilities, and financial literacy. The presentation includes an overview of the program (historical context, theoretical/practical models, learning objectives, and assessment). The audience will be engaged in learning about the creation of a new peer leader program that represents the Office of the Dean of Students and the selection, development, training, and expansion of responsibilities.
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Culinary arts
Hotel management/education
Online distribution for hotels
Restaurant management
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Areas of expertise:
Academic integrity and ethical decision-making
Conflict mediation
Fraternities and sororities
Leadership
Student conduct
Student development

Norman serves as dean of students at IPFW and was previously the associate dean of students at Louisiana State University, the director of fraternity and sorority life at Virginia Tech, and the assistant director for registered student organizations, fraternities, sororities, and leadership development at the University of Delaware. He has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels in organizational leadership, education, and consumer studies. Norman is a former counselor for Cecil County Mental Health and Horizon House and has coached swimming for the University of Delaware and Washington College.

Norman is a regular speaker at national conferences, including ACPA, AFA, ASCA, and NASPA. He has consulted for a variety of higher education institutions including Texas Tech, UMBC, and TCNJ. He is collaborating on a manuscript on fraternity and sorority research, due out in 2014.

He is currently on the board of directors for Erin’s House and Headwaters Counseling.

Speaking
“Ethical Decision-Making, Acting with Integrity, and Why it Matters to You” explains how people approach issues and why it is important to make positive decisions. Discussions further explore the reasons why some people make poor choices, and steps people can take to improve outcomes.

“Leadership Development” is an active program that helps audiences better understand group dynamics, formation impediments, and means to improve functioning.
John O’Connell, M.F.A.

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Area of Expertise
Theatre (directing, producing, acting)

O’Connell has an M.F.A. in directing from the University of Alabama. He spent 12 years directing, producing, and production stage managing in New York City. Most recently, O’Connell served as chair of the IPFW Department of Theatre. Before arriving at IPFW in 2007, he was an associate professor of theatre at Arkansas State University, where he supervised the B.F.A. emphasis in directing.

O’Connell maintains an active professional directing career, freelancing at professional theatres around the country: Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, Tenn., American Stage in Florida, and the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival to name a few. Some of his favorite recent productions include *Waiting for Godot* (3x), *Twelfth Night*, *The Elephant Man*, *Sweeney Todd*, *King Lear*, and *The Boys from Syracuse*.

His production at Circuit Playhouse in Memphis of *Over The River and Through The Woods* garnered six Ostrander Nominations (Memphis Theatre awards) and received Best Acting Ensemble and one for Best Supporting Actor. His production of *You Can’t Take It With You* also garnered several nominations, again winning two. He was also featured in an episode of MTV’s *MADE*.

Speaking
“American Theatre, Alive and Well”

“Directing in American Theatre”

“Fort Wayne, A Theatre Town”
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Area of expertise:
History of religions

Ohlander received a B.A., summa cum laude, in middle eastern and religious studies from the University of Minnesota and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Near Eastern studies from the University of Michigan. An historian of religion, Ohlander is a specialist in the social, cultural, and religious history of the pre-modern Near East, in particular from the seventh through the fifteenth centuries. He has published widely in the areas of Islamic mysticism, Qur’anic studies, and Classical and Medieval Islamic and Jewish intellectual history and religious movements. He teaches courses on various aspects of religious life in the Ancient, late Antique and Medieval Near East as well as general courses in the history and academic study of religion.
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Areas of expertise:
Climate change
Marine biology
Pandas
Turtles

Paladino was selected as the Jack W. Schrey Distinguished Professor of Biology. He was elected as a Fellow of the AAAS and as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society. He was elected to Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, Sigma Xi the scientific honor society, and Phi Kappa Phi the academic honor society, and received the researcher of the year award from Sigma Xi. He has served as a scientific advisor to the Ministry of the Environment and four presidents in Costa Rica over the past 20 years. He was honored as a “Caballero de los Parques Nacional” (Fellow of the National Parks) in Costa Rica and received numerous international awards for his work in sea turtle conservation. He was selected as an Indiana Academy of Science Speaker/Researcher of the Year.

Over the past 30 years, Paladino published more than 80 scientific papers, with four published in *Nature* and one manuscript accepted in *Science*. He has received more than $4.5 million in external grants from organizations such as the National Geographic Society, The Center for Field Studies (Earthwatch), The National Science Foundation, National Institute of Health, The Anheuser Bush Pledge and a Promise Program, The Guinness Ale Waters of Life Program, Sigma Xi, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, The Goldring Foundation, PEW Foundation, Sonoma County Foundation, and Cinco Hermanos Foundation. With his colleague James R. Spotila, over the past 25 years he has led expeditions to Costa Rica, South Africa, China, and India that have supported 40-plus graduate students, six postdoctoral research associates, numerous undergraduates, and 15 other Ph.D. research scientists.

Paladino’s research involving the migrations and physiology of sea turtles, billfish, crocodiles, and giant pandas has been featured in two National Geographic Society T.V. specials, a *Today Show* segment, the PBS “The Dinosaurs” by WHYY in Philadelphia, a segment of the Discovery Channel *Wild Things* show, two online programs and a Discovery Channel special. One online program, “Saving the Sea Turtles,” was developed for children in grades 2–12 by the Scholastic Network. The other online program was on the Discovery Channel Online program “Love and Death on Turtle Beach.”

Speaking

“Biology and Conservation of Marine Turtles”

“The Effects of Climate Change on Endangered Marine Turtles”

“So you want to be a marine biologist?” discusses his experience of 30 years of working in the oceans.
Sharon Parnin, Ph.D.

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Speaker

Area of expertise:
Education

Parnin’s background is in informal science and assessment. In 1993, she accepted the position of Science Central’s first exhibit and programs director, facilitating the planning and operation of the science center in its early years. In addition to her expertise in informal science education, Parnin also has a background in nontraditional assessment techniques.

Speaking
“I Want to Teach!” is a 20-minute presentation on career opportunities in education. This talk is appropriate for people who are interested in a career as a teacher or principal. She also explores nontraditional educational careers such as museum educators.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Music education (particularly advocacy)
Psychology of music

Resch previously served as director of music education and as associate dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Her doctorate in music education is from Indiana University and her M.F.A. in musicology is from Syracuse University.

In addition to curricular and licensing matters related to music education, Resch writes and teaches in the field of psychology of music, with a special interest in the implications for music education of brain-based learning.

She is a past president of the Indiana Music Education Association and has been involved in advocating for arts education on the state and national levels.
Abraham Schwab, Ph.D.

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Areas of expertise:
Business ethics
Ethics of end-of-life care
Ethics of medical research
Government ethics
Medical ethics
Professional ethics

Schwab has a Ph.D. in philosophy and a master’s degree in applied ethics from Loyola University Chicago. He has been publishing in the area of medical ethics for a decade, including three books and many articles and reviews. He has served on institutional review boards (responsible for the ethical review of medical research), hospital ethics committees, and the Allen County Ethics Commission.

Schwab has been a guest on NIPR numerous times, discussing the implementation of “Obamacare” and end-of-life care. He has been invited to talk to the leadership of area hospitals as well as seniors groups and marketing groups. He regularly publishes op-eds in the News-Sentinel and Journal Gazette on medical ethics and the business ethics of medical practice.

Speaking
“Professionalism in Daily Practice” can adapt to the appropriate professional audience (nurses, lawyers, physicians, civil servants, dentists, counselors, etc.), and set the stage for an engaging discussion by first exploring the definition of a “professional.” From there, we will discuss the obstacles that professionals face in fulfilling their responsibilities (with some emphasis on conflicts of interest) and helpful strategies for addressing these obstacles. Audience members will walk away with a better understanding of what it means to be a professional, some helpful tips for thinking about these responsibilities, and strategies for dealing with difficult obstacles.

“Ethical Approaches to the Twilight of Life” starts with an overview of the landscape—nationally and locally—of end-of-life care and then audience members are introduced to steps that will lead them to a better, more personalized experience with medicine. This includes advice that spans generations from the 20-something who now recognizes the limits on his/her mortality, to the 40-something thinking about their parents’ care, and to the individuals who have been putting off preparation for end-of-life. Audience members will not only be more aware of issues they are likely to encounter, but they will also fill out forms related to end-of-life care.

“Dealing with Conflicts of Interest”—everyone encounters conflicts of interest and the go-to strategy of disclosure is inadequate to address the bias that these conflicts create. This presentation fills out the definition of conflict-of-interest with vivid case examples, describes the short-comings of disclosure as a strategy for addressing conflicts, and outlines some promising strategies for dealing with these conflicts. Audience members will walk away with a better grasp of when conflicts of interest arise, the pernicious effects of these conflicts, and valuable strategies for dealing with them.
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Areas of expertise:
Nutrition
Reproductive health

Shannon teaches human anatomy and physiology to health professional students seeking careers in nursing, radiography, dental hygiene, communication sciences and disorders, and other related majors.

She is the author of *Fertility, Cycles and Nutrition*, 4th ed., published by the Couple to Couple League International for Natural Family Planning and used as a part of the organization’s required teaching materials for their NFP classes. The book is a self-care manual mainly for women in their reproductive years. It is referenced from the scientific literature, but offers practical, natural applications in the areas of overcoming premenstrual syndrome, improving menstrual period problems, identifying and improving polycystic ovary symptoms, and other such cycle problems. It offers practical advice derived from scientific studies to improve fertility in both women and men. It has chapters on preparing for a healthy pregnancy and breastfeeding as well as health during the premenopause and afterwards. She is also the author of a booklet, *Managing Morning Sickness*, which offers self-care strategies to prevent or overcome this common pregnancy problem.

Shannon has given a number of presentations related to these topics, both locally and in the Midwest. She earned an M.A. in human physiology from Indiana University.

Speaking

“Fertility, Cycles and Nutrition: What’s the Connection?” introduces college-age girls to the relationship between nutrition, normal body weight, and healthy cycles and menstrual periods. It emphasizes very practical self-care, but is not focused on achieving pregnancy.

“PCOD in Plain English” includes an overview of polycystic ovary disease (also called polycystic ovary syndrome)—one of the most common female reproductive problems in North America. While it may require medical intervention, self-care in the form of better body weight, improved nutrition, exercise, and vitamin and mineral supplements have been all investigated medically and are essential components of improving this chronic reproductive disorder. Untreated, PCOD raises the risk for Type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease, so the audience will appreciate self-care strategies to manage PCOD.

“Nutritional Strategies for Reproductive Health in Men.” As men pass the age of 40, the relationship between nutrition and healthy reproductive function becomes more pronounced. This presentation touches upon the research literature, offering “food for thought” on reducing the problems of prostate enlargement and sexual dysfunction. Male fertility itself is another topic that is being studied, and nutrition, especially in the form of antioxidant vitamins, minerals, and other supplements, is a promising self-care approach for men dealing with infertility.
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Areas of expertise:
Kathryn M. Whitten (early Fort Wayne physician and surgeon)

Skekloff has been a librarian at IPFW since 1983 and serves as library liaison for seven academic units, including the Women’s Studies Program. She has bachelor’s degrees in sociology and English and master’s degrees in library science and English.

Her expertise is based on research begun in her fall 1999 sabbatical, which documented the life and accomplishments of Kathryn M. Whitten, an early Fort Wayne physician, surgeon, author, and activist.

Speaking
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Speaker

Area of expertise:
Microbiology

Soule’s interests include microbial diversity, microbial ecology, and molecular microbiology. In particular, she focuses on the cyanobacteria (photosynthetic bacteria) and their tolerance to UV radiation. To protect themselves from harmful UV rays, some cyanobacteria are capable of producing sunscreens under conditions of increased UV exposure. She studies a class of these sunscreens and the molecular mechanisms by which cyanobacteria are able to produce them in the environment.

Speaking
“Microbial Sunscreens: Obstacles and Opportunities” offers a discussion of the pros and cons of artificial and natural sunscreens.
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Areas of expertise:
New molecules
Plasma synthesis of new molecules

Stevenson is a new molecule “maker,” a new molecule “discoverer,” and a new molecule “isolator.” He earned a Ph.D. and an M.S. from Virginia Tech. His research areas are interdisciplinary and include reactor science—pursuing the synthesis of new molecules formed in our electric-arc plasma reactor. We entrap new clusters, (b) use new chemistries for yield improvements, and (c) investigate the effect of chemical additives on the yield and type of molecules produced in our plasma reactor. Once a new molecule is discovered, we design experiments to determine which experimental parameters have an influence on the yield of that new molecule. Although we cannot predict when we will create new molecules, the addition of new metal/non-metal combinations leads to the discovery of new molecules, which we then separate and isolate.

Stevenson’s second area of research is separation science—focusing on developing new separation strategies to isolate our new molecules. With the rich diversity of new molecules produced by the reactor, there is a strong need to develop novel ways to separate, isolate, and purify each type of new compound. Specific areas of research include (a) using chromatography (e.g., HPLC) to isolate new molecules; (b) synthesizing and using novel, functionalized solid supports that are selective for fullerene types; and (c) developing separation techniques using selective complexation and/or precipitation. At IPFW, we have currently isolated many new molecules using our novel synthesis and separation science techniques.

Speaking
“Creation and Isolation of New Molecules” describes, for a broad audience, how our new molecules are made and purified.

“Metallic Oxide Clusters in Fullerene Cages” discusses our new class of metal oxide clusters entrapped inside fullerene cages. There is more technical jargon in this presentation.
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**Areas of expertise:**
Chinese discourse and interaction
Cross-cultural communication
Discourse analysis
Second language acquisition
Teaching English to speakers of other languages

An area of expertise for Sun is teaching English to speakers of other languages, or second language acquisition and teaching in a general sense. As this is the focus of her educational background as well as the focus of her teaching for the last 15 years in higher education, she would welcome the opportunity to share her views and discuss topics related to language learning and teaching from theoretical and pedagogical perspectives. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

Sun has also been conducting research on discourse and interaction, which is the primary area of her scholarly work. Her research in the last several years has focused on telephone interactions and the changes taking place in China. Examining language use in context is important and fascinating—to capture the changes and compare similarities and differences across time is not only interesting but historically and cross-culturally meaningful in light of the larger context in which language is used.
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Expert/Speaker

Areas of expertise:
Forensic analysis
Prehistoric climate change
South American archeology

Sutter’s research focuses on the understanding of the prehistoric peopling and subsequent population dynamics of South America and the Andes. He examines these questions by examining archaeological evidence, paleoclimatic information, and genetically influenced tooth cusp and root characteristics of human skeletal and mummified remains from the region. Sutter has expertise in South American archaeology, forensic analyses of prehistoric skeletons, the impact of prehistoric climate change on population dispersals, nascent state formation and collapse, ethnogenesis (the creation and changes of ethnic groups), mortuary theory, and evolutionary theory. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri.

Speaking
“The Nature of Moche Human Sacrifices” covers adult male human sacrifices associated with the Moche (AD 200–750)—an early state on the north coast of Peru—and discussions about how they provide us with an understanding of nascent state formation and statecraft. Also, how his analyses indicate that sacrificial victims represent foreign warriors captured by the Moche during a period of environmentally-driven state expansion.

“The Prehistoric Peopling of South America” includes a discussion of the unresolved number and timing of migrations into prehistoric South America. And, of analyses of genetically influenced tooth cusp and root characteristics that suggest, however, that there were at least two migratory events—the first by South American Paleoindians followed by a subsequent demographically-driven migratory event by Mesoamerican agriculturalists approximately 7,000 years ago.

“When States Collapse: Prehistoric Population Dispersals and Ethnogenesis in Peru” discusses that when states collapse, the people and many of their cultural practices continue to exist. However, those people often begin to explore new, more abundant habitats and begin to experiment with new cultural traditions in a way of making a break with the failed past. This talk provides examples of such phenomena from prehistoric Peruvian societies.
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Areas of expertise:
Child development
Documentation of learning/authentic assessment
Early childhood education
Guidance of young children
Infant and toddler curriculum
Preschool curriculum

As an experienced professional, Swim has worked with many early childhood educators in a variety of settings (e.g., family child care, child care, Early Head Start, and Head Start). She has written and presented about topics such as infant-toddler curriculum, guidance of young children, Reggio-inspired practices, documentation of learning, and the vital role of teachers in preventing child abuse and neglect through positive relationships.

Speaking
“Responsive Materials: Infant/Toddler Curriculum.” Teachers of very young children use many data points to intentionally plan experiences that will support development and learning. What data? How do I use it? Those questions and more are explored in this presentation.

“Relationship-Based Care: Strategies for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect.” Strong relationships provide protective factors that promote optimal development and learning. What is your role in building relationships with children and family members? This session can be designed for teachers or administrators.

“Challenging Behaviors for Young Children.” Young children are learning how to meet their individual needs within a group setting. Learn how to create environments that support social and emotional skills (e.g., perspective-taking and emotional regulation skills) so the children can gain positive problem solving strategies.
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Expert

Areas of expertise:
Framing
Media effects
News
News and minorities

Tamul's research investigates the relationship between presentations minorities, such as immigrants, and how such presentations affect readers’ emotions, support for public policy, and perceptions of those groups.

Previous investigations have found that news coverage employing a narrative as opposed to an inverted pyramid format creates a stronger sense of compassion and empathy for stigmatized groups. This is an important finding for journalists, as it indicates that the structure—in addition to content—of stories can impact how readers perceive actors, issues, and policies.
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Areas of expertise:
Antibiotic-related issues
Bacterial infections/resistance
Chemistry
Genetically modified foods

Tippmann has wide ranging research interests that span many aspects of chemistry and biology. As a chemical biologist, his research combines elements of traditional chemistry with the fields of genetics and the biology of bacteria. He has published over 25 scholarly articles, ranging from the use of light to initiate chemical reactions to the use of nonstandard amino acids in expanded genetic code of model organisms. His work has been featured in prestigious publications such as The Journal of the American Chemical Society and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. He has also been published in the mainstream press writing on issues related to his research.

Speaking
“E. coli is Not the Enemy!! (a.k.a. Most Bacteria are Not Bad)” is a general audience talk about the benefits of bacteria to science and medicine. It covers aspects of antibiotic resistance and GMOs.
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Areas of expertise:
Democracy and dictatorship
Ethnic war and genocide
International human rights
Military intervention
U.S. foreign policy
U.N. (and other international organizations)

Toole has taught and done research at IPFW since 2002. He holds a Ph.D. from Brandeis University and a B.A. from Haverford College. In 1996-1997 he was a Fulbright Scholar in Budapest, Hungary. International politics is the main focus of his teaching and research.

The original focus of his scholarship was the transition from dictatorship to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe following the end of the Cold War. While he still works on that, in recent years his interests have evolved beyond just that subject and region. What ties all of Toole’s work together is a fascination with the difficult moral questions that international politics can pose.

In addition to democracy and dictatorship, his current interests include U.S. foreign policy, international organizations, international human rights, and wars and military interventions.
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Areas of expertise:
Nonlinear optics
Laser optics
Optical materials

Wang’s research is focused on the interaction between light and material. Current projects involve using laser beams to control and manipulate various material particles at microscopic size. This research could lead to the understanding of how light is interacting with microscopic particles, application of moving and patterning small object without touching, and the physical model of how impurity and defects in a realistic material affect the material character.

Speaking
“Optical Manipulation” includes a brief review of the history and current progress of optical manipulation technique, as well as its potential application in medical tests, engineering, and material science.
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Areas of expertise:
Children
Parents

Wark is a member of the National Organization for Human Services and holds the Human Services Board Certified Practitioner certification from the Center for Credentialing and Education. She is chair of the ethics committee for the National Organization for Human Services.

She holds a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy. Her primary areas of focus are pre-school and school-age children and their parents in therapy and supervision of interns.
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**Area of expertise:**
Politics

Wolf’s scholarship explores American politics. It includes the study of institutions (particularly Congress and the Presidency) as well as political parties, public opinion, and interest groups. His current research focuses on political compromise and political civility and the factors that explain the growing perception of political incivility in American politics as well as the reasons why the willingness to compromise has receded.

Currently, Wolf is also co-writing a book looking at American politics from a comparative perspective. He received a Ph.D. from Indiana University.
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Areas of expertise:
Applied sociology
Sociology of education
Sociology of Japan
Race and ethnic relations

Yamada teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses, such as the Sociology of Education, Race/Ethnic Relations, Japanese Society, and Applied Sociology. She received a Ph.D. in sociology from Western Michigan University. Her research interests include the sociology of education, race/ethnicity, Japan, globalization, diversity, and multiculturalism.

Her major publications have appeared in the following international and multidisciplinary journals: International Journal of Cultural Studies, Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development, and Critical Inquiry in Language Studies. One of Yamada’s current research projects is to explore the role/significance of English language education in global societies.
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Areas of expertise:
Ischemic stroke
Multiple Sclerosis
Neuroinflammation

Yen’s area of research is CNS inflammation using in vitro cell culture systems of microglia, astrocytes, and brain endothelial cells, and in vivo animal models of human Multiple Sclerosis, ischemic stroke, and Alzheimer’s disease.

Speaking
“IFNbeta and CNS Inflammation” this discussion characterizes the potential therapeutic effects of IFNbeta in ischemic stroke.
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Areas of expertise:
Animal behavior
Behavioral neuroscience
Learning/memory
Neurophysiology
Spatial cognition

Yoder’s graduate work focused on the brain signals that underlie learning and memory functions in animals. His postdoctoral work focused on the brain’s representation of direction, as well as this signal’s involvement in spatial learning and navigation.

His current research builds on his prior experiences and evaluates the vestibular contribution to the brain signals that underlie spatial learning and navigation. From one approach, we have been assessing navigation performance and the neural representation of location in mice lacking functional otolith organs (the sensory mechanism that detects linear acceleration and gravity). This model has provided many insights into the importance of the vestibular system in daily life and has provided an opportunity to evaluate deep brain signals in the absence of gravity detection. We are using this approach to model some of the effects of long-term space travel.
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Areas of expertise:
Attention Deficit Disorder
Child psychology
Depression
Divorce/marital discord

Young's areas of teaching expertise include abnormal psychology and psychotherapy. His research specialty areas have included children of divorce, marital discord, and nonverbal communication. His practice specialty areas include depression and anxiety disorders, including marital and family problems.

Speaker
“Attention Deficit Disorder” discusses the problems, suspected causes, and potential treatments of this disorder.

“Children of Divorce” covers the problems faced by children of divorce at various ages and the steps that family members and professionals can take to enhance adjustment.

“Marital Discord” discusses the common patterns of marital discord and steps that family members and professionals can take to enhance adjustment.