

Immaculata University Faculty and Administrator Experts

Faculty and administrators at Immaculata University have rich, diverse expertise in their fields of study and professions. Many of our faculty members have come to academia after successful professional careers. We would like to make our faculty and administrators' expertise accessible to the media. This page is arranged by subject and lists faculty and administrators' names and areas of expertise. Several faculty members and administrators may be listed under multiple subjects.

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ART

Diane Grimes, M.F.A.

Professor of Art

Arts, Languages, and Letters Department

Expertise:

History of Art

Famous Artists

American Art

Paintings

Sculpture/Ceramics

Graphic Design

Business of Art (art shows/exhibits and galleries)

Multi-media Presentations

Digital Storytelling

BIOLOGY

Kelly Orlando, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Biology

Natural and Computational Sciences Department

Expertise:

Genetics

Microbiology

Anatomy and physiology

Pharmacology

BUSINESS

Elizabeth Faunce, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Department Chair
Business, Fashion and Leadership Department

Expertise:

Personal Finance

Economics

Corporate Social Responsibility

Business Strategy

Leadership

Ethics

Charlene Fitzwater, Ph.D.

Professor of Business and Finance

Business, Fashion and Leadership Department

Expertise:

Non-profit organizations

Business Practices

Ethics and Business

Finance (personal and business)

Sustainability

Corporate Social Responsibility

Business Strategy

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND MATH

William Wagner, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Data Analytics

Math/Information & Digital Systems Department

Expertise:

Computer programming

Electrical engineering

Process for patents

EDUCATION

David Brennan, Ed.D.

Professor of Education

Education Division

Expertise:

Cultural issues

K-12

Higher education

Adult education
Various teaching styles
Issues in special education
Teachers/professors
Drama/theater (including Broadway productions)
Shakespeare

Sister Carol Anne Couchara, IHM, Ed.D.

Professor of Education

Education Division

Expertise:

K-12 education

Various teaching styles

Teachers/professors

Teacher/administrative certification

Teachers as mentors

Catholic identity

Patricia Madeira, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Education

Education Division

Expertise:

Special education

Adapting instruction for all students

Universal design for learning

preparing administrators for leadership positions

Peggy Schooling, Ed.D.

Assistant Professor of Education

Education Division

Expertise:

Curriculum design and evaluation

program evaluation

Leadership

Professional development design

Literacy

ENGLISH/COMMUNICATION

Sean Flannery, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of English/Communication, Department Chair
Arts, Languages and Letters Department

Expertise:

Film Studies

Television Studies

Media Studies

Contemporary & Modern British Literature

Postcolonial Literature

Women's Studies

American Modernism

Irish Literature

Kelly George, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Communication
Arts, Languages and Letters Department

Expertise:

Technology and love

Digital society and media literacy

Teaching with technology

History of popular culture

Tourism and historic asylums

Self-help culture and books

Media audience research

Chanda Gilmore, M.A.

Assistant Professor of Communication
Arts, Languages and Letters Department

Expertise:

Nonprofit public relations

Education (charter and public)

Influence of popular culture on society

Rhetorical speech

Public relations management

How internships impacts hiring process

Sister Marie Hubert Kealy, IHM, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita of English
Arts, Languages and Letters Department

Expertise:

Arthurian legends

The Molly Maguires

Irish and Irish American literature

HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE

John Hill, Ph.D.

Professor of History

Civic Engagement Department

Expertise:

Middle Eastern politics and diplomacy

War movies

European history in the 19th and 20th centuries

Military history

The Holocaust and other genocides

History of the American Westward movement as portrayed on film

Joshua Weikert, Ph.D.

Associate Faculty in Politics

Civic Engagement Department

Expertise:

Campaigns and elections

Voter behavior

Public policy

National security

George M. Schwartz, Ed.D.

Program Director, Professional Studies

Civic Engagement Department

Expertise:

Leadership development

Homeland security

Emergency management

Military affairs (National Guard and Reserve components)

FASHION

Maureen DeSimone

Adjunct faculty Fashion Merchandising

Business, Fashion, and Leadership Department

Expertise:

Wholesale and retail for branded businesses

Sales, merchandising, marketing, and distribution

Revenue, profit and growth

Multi-channel distribution and marketing

Wholesale business start-ups and turnarounds

Brand and portfolio strategy

Jennifer Pisula, M.S.

Adjunct faculty Fashion Merchandising
Business, Fashion, and Leadership Department

Expertise:

Textile science and history

Global sourcing

Retail buying

fashion history

Online fashion portfolio development

Costume history

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND EXERCISE

Cecile Adkins, Ed.D., R.D.N., L.D.N.

Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics
Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science Department

Expertise:

Nutrition education

Nutrition counseling and eating behavior

Community health and wellness

Food systems and food cooperatives

Cultural competence

Curriculum design and assessment

Qian Jia, Ph.D., R.D., L.D.N.

Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics
Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science Department

Expertise:

Nutritional science

Eating behavior

Nutrition education

Cardiovascular health

Food security

Michele Monaco, DSc, ATC

Associate Professor of Human Movement Science

Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science Department

Expertise:

Physical therapy profession

Personal fitness

Athletic injuries

Sports testing and conditioning

Therapeutic exercise

Sports nutrition

ACL prevention programs for female athletes

Female concussions

Multigenerational workforce

Endurance sports emergency care

Kelly Stalker, Ed.D., LAT, ATC

Professor of Human Movement Sciences

Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science Department

Expertise:

Athletic training

Kinesiology (functional anatomy)

First Aid and CPR/AED

Injury evaluation

Posture analysis

MUSIC

Brent Behrenshausen

Adjunct Professor of Percussion

Music Department

Expertise:

Percussion ensembles

Drum lines/marching bands

Diana Borgia-Petro, Mus.Ed

Adjunct Professor of Voice

Music Department

Expertise:

Lessons on being a vocal pedagogue

Teaching voice instruction for Philadelphia School System

William Carr, D.M.A.

Steinway Artist, Professor of Music, and Chair of Department

Music Department

Expertise:

History of music

Creativity in music for business

Piano performance

Piano performance competition adjudicator

Research in music

Music theory

Sister Kathleen Doult, IHM, D.M.A.

Professor of Music

Music Department

Expertise:

Latin American music and dance

Peruvian music and dance

Chilean music and dance

Promoting higher level thinking (metacognition) in teaching

Forming and working with faculty learning communities

Music of the Baroque Period

World music

Technology in higher education (and music) instruction

Choral music

History and literature for the piano

Music education

Dolores Ferraro

Adjunct Professor of Music

Music Department

Expertise:

Operas and opera music

Performing as a soloist

NURSING AND HEALTH CARE

Janice Reilley, Ed.D., R.N.-BC

Associate Professor

Nursing Division

Expertise:

Adult medical-surgical nursing

Diseases/medical conditions (especially Alzheimer's Disease)

Oncology nursing

NCLEX preparation
Physical assessment

Jane Hsiao-Chen Tang, Ph.D., R.N., N.E.-BC
Professor of Nursing and chair of department
Nursing Division

Expertise:

Careers in nursing/health care
Nursing shortage issues
Job satisfaction and nurse retention

PSYCHOLOGY

Sister Elizabeth Monica Acri, IHM, Psy.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Drug and alcohol abuse (and other addictions)

Dual Diagnosis

Psychopathology

DSM diagnosis

Clinical hypnosis

Annulment processes

Kristy Brumfield, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, RPT-S

Associate Professor of Counselor Education

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Play therapy

Child and adolescent counseling

Multicultural issues in counseling

Counseling supervision

Maria Cuddy-Casey, Ph.D.

Professor

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Children and adolescents

Clinical mental health diagnoses

Bullying

Crisis intervention

Poverty
Autism

Janet Etzi, Psy.D.
Professor
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Expertise:
Reflecting on being white in America
Developmental psychology
Clinical psychology
behavior/personality
Hospice
Grief and bereavement

Ashley Higgins, Psy.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Expertise:
Body image/body positivity
Media imagery and body image

Eating disorders
Trauma and sexual assault
Cognitive-behavioral therapy

Eileen Inverso, Psy.D.
Adjunct Faculty
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Expertise:
Recovery-oriented cognitive therapy
Treatment of serious mental illness (schizophrenia and other SMI)
Cognitive therapy
Clinical psychology

Julie Keaveney, ABPP
Adjunct Professor
Department of Psychology and Counseling
Expertise:
Brain injuries
Neuropsychological evaluations
independent media evaluations

Dementia

psychological testing of religious candidates

Erin Kirschmann, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Brain and behavior

Neurobiology of motivated behaviors

Stress and addiction

Adolescence

Dawn Kriebel, Ph.D.

Professor

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Child development (especially in areas of poverty, and maltreatment)

Literacy and kindergarten readiness

Foster care and adoption

Tracy A. Stinchfield, Ed.D., NCC

Associate Professor

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Clinical supervision

Counselor skill development

Couple and family counseling

Qualitative research

Theories of counseling

Catrina Vitagliano, Psy.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Clinical psychology

Clinical training and supervision

Ethical and professional issues in psychology

Cognitive and behavioral approaches

Contemporary psychology issues (anxiety and mood disorders, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress disorders, learning and behavioral disorders)

Jed Yalof, Psy.D., ABPP, ABSNP, ABAP, FABP

Professor and chair

Department of Psychology and Counseling

Expertise:

Mental health

Clinical psychology

Psychological testing

Behavior/personality

ADHD

Learning disabilities

Contemporary psychological issues (eating disorders, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, learning and behavioral disorders, etc.)

THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Sister Judith K. Parsons, IHM, Ph.D.

Theology-Philosophy Department

Expertise:

Edith Stein (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

Sister Annette Pelletier, Ph.D.

Professor of Theology and chair

Theology-Philosophy Department

Expertise:

Mission of the church in Latin America

Intercultural catechesis and faith formation

Liturgical catechesis and faith formation

Christian anthropology

Contextual theology

Global education focused on Latin America and U.S.