Erin Banjanovic
Counseling & Personnel Services with a Specialization in Educational Psychology, Measurement, and Evaluation
Dissertation: Untangling the role of postsecondary education in economic success

Rachel Buehner
Counseling and Personnel Services with a Specialization in Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: A meta-analysis of the longitudinal relationship between adolescent depression and academic achievement

Alicia Cintron
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development
Dissertation: Civic pride or civic duty? An examination of willingness to support a professional sport stadium referendum

Nadine Petty
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development
Dissertation: The implications of a University of Louisville first year experience course on student success outcomes based on race and gender

Amy Stoke-Levine
Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: Instructional teacher job resources and student achievement in mathematics

William Thornburgh
Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: The role of the planetarium in students’ attitude, learning, and thinking about astronomical concepts

Sarah Tucker
Counseling and Personnel Services with a Specialization in Counselor Education and Supervision
Dissertation: Stigma of mental illness and multicultural counseling self-efficacy: Investigating the implications of the multicultural training environment, mental health literacy, and empathy.
Fall 2016

Kish Cumi
Counseling & Personnel Services with a Specialization in Counselor Education and Supervision; Professor Lisa Hooper
Dissertation: Exploring the relation between school pushout and future outlook for black youth

Gregory Herberger
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development; Associate Professor Jason Immekus
Dissertation: The influence of student, neighborhood, and school factors on college readiness: An examination of factors combined as a result of implementing a race- and socioeconomically-based student assignment plan

Michael Raney
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Jenny Bay-Williams
Dissertation: Knowledge of algebra for teaching quadratic equations: The impact of knowledge dimension on planning and pedagogical strategies

Paula Soder
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development; Associate Professor Brad Shuck
Dissertation: Workplace spirituality and employee work intentions: Examining the relationship and the mediating role of ethical leadership

Shannon Staten
Counseling & Personnel Services with a Specialization in College Student Personnel; Assistant Professor Amy Hirschy
Dissertation: Relationship between living environment and first-year student academic achievement and persistence

Damien Sweeney
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development; Associate Professor W. Kyle Ingle
Dissertation: Professional school counselors: Integral stakeholders in the recruitment, retention, and support of African American, Latino, and low-income students in advanced placement programs

Summer 2016

Stephanie Black
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Possel
Dissertation: Rumination, Worry, and Drinking Behaviors in College Students: A Meditation Analysis
Kathleen Cash  
Curriculum & Instruction; Associate Professor Maggie McGatha  
Dissertation: *Teacher Self-Perceptions and Student Academic Engagement in Elementary School Mathematics.*

Brittany Cox  
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Richard Balkin  

Tyler Halford  
Counseling & Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Hardesty  
Dissertation: *Therapeutic Treatments for PTSD: Does Type of Treatment Impact Help Seeking Behaviors in a Military Sample?*

Christan Hanna  
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development  

Elisabeth Romines-Latino  
Counseling & Personnel Services; Professor Mark Leach  
Dissertation: *A Moderated Mediation Model of Minority Stress and Resilience Factors in Sexual Minority Christian College Students: Comparison Between PROCESS and SEM.*

Yu-Yun Liu  
Counseling & Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Possel  
Dissertation: *Influences of Self-Construals and Personality Styles on International Students’ Depressive Symptoms.*

Megan Manthos  
Counseling and Personnel Services; Jesse Owen and Professor Patrick Possel  
Dissertation: *Global and Specific Attachment Patterns in Romantic Relationships: Distinct and interactional Functions*

Steven Riley  
Educational Leadership & Organizational Development; Dr. Stephen Miller  
Dissertation: *Curriculum, Classroom Assessment, Instruction, and Science Outcomes: Evidence from Kentucky’s Scholastic Audits.*

Yolanda Williams  
Counseling and Personnel Services;  
Dissertation: *Life Balance in Adult Healthy Siblings of Individuals with Childhood Cancer*
Spring 2016

Heather Mitchell
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Assistant Professor Jake Gross
Dissertation: Predicting NCLEX-RN Performance: An exploration of student demographics, pre-program factors, & nursing program factors

Chulhwan Choi
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor Mary Hums and Professor Chris Greenwell
Dissertation: An investigation of virtual golf in the republic of Korea from a marketing perspective

Amy Vujaklija
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Associate Professor Penny Howell, Professor Lori Norton-Meier, Assistant Professor James Chisholm, Associate Professor Caroline Sheffield
Dissertation: Understanding through Narrative Inquiry: Storying a National Writing Project Initiative

Matthew Huml
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor Mary Hums & Assistant Professor Meg Hancock
Dissertation: Examining the motivations and benefits of student-athletes performing community service

Lauren Evanovich
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Professor Amy Lingo, Assistant Professor Justin Cooper, & Assistant Professor Bradley Shuck
Dissertation: Examining the Effectiveness of Implementing Orton-Gillingham Reading Intervention on Student Engagement for Elementary Students with Challenging Behaviors

Lekeldric Thomas
Counseling and Personnel Services; Co-Chairs Jesse Owen & Associate Professor Patrick Hardesty
Dissertation: Psychotherapy Dropout: The Influence of Ethnic Identity and Stigma on Early Termination

Winn Wheeler
Curriculum & Instruction: Co-Chairs Professor Lori Norton-Meier and Associate Professor Maggie McGatha
Dissertation: The Impact of Adaptive Schools within a School District in the Ohio Valley Region
Fall 2015

Lorna Busch
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Possel
Dissertation: Meta-analysis of cardiovascular responses to rumination: exploring mechanisms linking depression and hostility to cardiovascular disease

Leah White
Curriculum & Instruction; Professor Karen Karp
Dissertation: Student engagement and college readiness in mathematics

Victoria Miller-Bennett
Curriculum & Instruction; Professor Karen Karp
Dissertation: Understanding the meaning of the equal sign: an investigation of elementary students and teachers

Elizabeth Popelka
Curriculum & Instruction; Professor Karen Karp
Dissertation: Improving the accuracy of middle school students’ self-assessment, peer assessment, and mathematics achievement

Ann Ronald
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Lisa Hooper
Dissertation: Interdisciplinary palliative care teams: insights and experiences of chaplain interns and social work interns

Shannon Stone
Curriculum & Instruction; Professor Karen Karp
Dissertation: The impact of an interactive technology application on elementary student achievement in fractions

Doctor of Education

Carla Soeder-Kolodey
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development, Assistant Professor Bradley Carpenter
Summer 2015

**Allison Barnard**
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Possel
Dissertation: *Exploring the associations between teaching behaviors and affect in upper elementary school students before and after controlling for parenting behaviors*

**Sonya Burton**
Curriculum & Instruction; Professor Lori Norton-Meier
Dissertation: *Ideological becoming: intern teachers’ experience of becoming culturally responsive teachers*

**Jason Goldstein**
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Mark Leach
Dissertation: *The role of self-discrepancies in American Jewish identities on mental and spiritual well-being*

**Benjamin Jeppsen**
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Mark Leach
Dissertation: *Relational processes in prayer: a reflection of the effects of culture on religious experience*

**Amanda Mitchell**
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Possel
Dissertation: *Cancer caregiving: an exploration of values, burden, repetitive thinking, and depression*

**Jason Rice**
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs: Professor Christopher Greenwell and Assistant Professor Marion Hambrick
Dissertation: *The role of congruency within the participant sport involvement and loyalty process*

**Johanna Strokoff**
Counseling and Personnel Services; Co-Chairs Jess Owen, Professor Jeffrey Valentin
Dissertation: *Parental influence on romantic attraction with simulated online dating profiles*

**Wanda Taylor**
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor Gaetane Jean-Marie and Beth Bukoski
Dissertation: *Counterstories: educational resilience of adult African American women attending an urban predominantly White University*
Spring 2015

Nana Kissiwa Arthur-Mensah
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor James Stone III and Assistant Professor Meera Alagaraja
Dissertation: Developing the Future Workforce through Apprenticeships: A Case Study of an Industry-Education Partnership

Kristin Elizabeth Harbour
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Professor Karen Karp and Assistant Professor Jill Adelson
Dissertation: A Multilevel Analysis Using NAEP Data: Examining the Relationships Among Mathematics Coaches and Specialists, Student Achievement, and Disability Status

Joy Andrea Harewood-Cox
Counseling and Personnel Services; Assistant Professor Amy Hirschy
Dissertation: Examining the Perceptions of First-Year Stem Students on Retention Factors at the University of the West Indies

Twyla Diane Harris
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Professor Thomas Tretter and Professor Samuel Stringfield
Dissertation: The Effects of Highly Engaged Field Experiences and Multi-Faceted Mentoring Strategies on Ameliorating Pre-Service Teacher Concerns

Sun J. Kang
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor T. Christopher Greenwell and Assistant Professor Marion Hambrick
Dissertation: Exploring the Motivations, Constraints, and Perceptions Toward Sport Consumers’ Smartphone Usage

Martha Kaye Scro Lafferty
Counseling and Personnel Services; Co-Chairs Professor Michael Cuyjet and Associate Professor Patrick Hardesty
Dissertation: The Impact of Participation in a First-Year Seminar on Increased Usage of Campus Resources, Academic and Social Integration and First to Second Semester Persistence at a Two Year Community and Technical College

Mikkaka Hardaway Overstreet
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Lori Norton-Meier
Dissertation: Culture at the Core: The Impact of Culturally Relevant Professional Learning on Teacher Beliefs and Practices
Aaron W. Phillips  
Counseling and Personnel Services; Assistant Professor Amy Hirschy  
Dissertation: *I Had to Learn that on My Own: Successful First-Generation, Low-Income College Students from Rural Areas at an Urban Institution*  

Per Gunnar Svensson  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor Mary Hums and Associate Professor Meg Hancock  
Dissertation: *Exploring Organizational Capacity in a Sport for Development and Peace Setting*  

Christopher Andrew Sweigart  
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Timothy Landrum  
Dissertation: *The Effects of Real-Time Visual Performance Feedback on Teacher Feedback*  

**Doctor of Education**  

Sarah Loraine Hitchings  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Associate Professor Bradley Carpenter  
Capstone: *School Improvement Reform: The Impact of Turnaround Policy and Leadership on Student Achievement in Kentucky Priority High Schools*  

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Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Associate Professor Bradley Carpenter  
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**Fall 2014**  

Deborah Patrice Anderson  
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Thomas Tretter  
Dissertation: *Reading Achievement in a Large Urban School District: An Analysis of Four Reading Programs on the Reading Growth of Four Reading Ability Groups*  

Anne Christine Bjerg  
Counseling and Personnel Services; Associate Professor Patrick Pössel  
Dissertation: *Avoidance in Disordered Eating: The Roles of Overvaluation of Weight and Shape and Repetitive Thinking*
Emily Renee Dickinson
Counseling and Personnel Services; Assistant Professor Jill Adelson
Dissertation: Cultural Capital and the Family-School Mesosystem: A Multiple Groups Analysis of School-Based Parent Involvement Types and Their Relations with Early Student Achievement

Lisa-Anne Ferris
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor James Stone and Professor Namok Choi
Dissertation: Secondary Student Outcomes and Perspectives on a Multiple Pathways Approach to Education: Engagement, achievement, and Transitions

Kathryn Laurel Hopkins
Counseling and Personnel Services; Co-Chairs Associate Professor Patrick Pössel and Professor Jason Osborne
Dissertation: An Evaluation of a Brief, Theatre-Based Intervention for the Prevention of Adolescent Cyberbullying and Suicide

Megan Church-Nally
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Namok Choi
Dissertation: Graduate Students Who Are Part-Time Workers: How Does Occupational Stress and Gender Role Affect Job Satisfaction?

Joseph Patrick Noltemeyer
Counseling and Personnel Services; Assistant Professor Amy Hirschy
Dissertation: Job Satisfaction of Professional Staff and Administrators Within the Associated Colleges of the South: A Study of Herzberg’s Duality Theory of Motivation in Higher Education

Doctor of Education

Annette Bridges
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Melissa Evans-Andris

Summer 2014

Mathew Scott Berry
Counseling Psychology; Professor Jeffrey Valentine
Dissertation: Explanatory Style, Defensive Pessimism, Expectations and Academic Achievement
Tia N. Dumas  
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Amy Hirschy  
Dissertation: *Answering the Call: the Examination of Multi-Cultural Competence among Academic Advising Professionals*

Katherine Joan Grindon  
Curriculum & Instruction; Co-Chairs Professor Ann Larson and Professor Lori Norton-Meier  
Dissertation: *The Powerful Literacy Posse and the Common Core State Standards: A Collection of Scholarly Papers*

Maki Itoh  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Mary Hums  
Dissertation: *Role Models, Leadership, and the Careers of Women Working in the Management of Professional Baseball*

Jonathon Moore  
Counseling Psychology; Professor Mark Leach  
Dissertation: *Dogmatism, Coping and Spirituality: Predicting Mental Health among the Religious and the Secular*

Jacob Nienhuis  
Counseling Psychology; Co-Chairs Professor Jill Adelson and Professor Jeffrey Valentine  
Dissertation: *A Meta-Analytic Review of the Relationships between the Therapeutic Alliance, Empathy and the Genuineness in Individual Adult Psychopathy*

Kelley Quirk  
Counseling Psychology; Professor Jesse Owen  
Dissertation: *Recognition of romantic Relationship Danger Signs*

Devon Twyford  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor Rod Githens and Professor Donna Pearson  
Dissertation: *Culture First, Customers Second. The Case of an Organizational Learning Culture in a Successful Small Business*

**Spring 2014**

Stefanie C. Wooten Burnett  
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Associate Professor Maggie McGatha and Professor Mary Hums  
Dissertation: *Cognitive Coaching: The Impact on Teacher Candidates’ Teacher Self-Efficacy*
Stephanie A. Fluhr  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Namok Choi  
Dissertation: **Gender Stereotyping and Career and Technical Education: Exploring Relationships Among Gender, Coursetaking, and Outcomes of High School CTE Students**

Jennifer Woloszyk Hoert  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development;  
Co-Chairs Assistant Professor Ann Herd and Assistant Professor Rod Githens  
Dissertation: **Employee Work and Health Behaviors: The Role of Leadership Support for Health Promotion and Organizational Health Climate**

Nora Beth Honken  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Professor James Stone and Associate Professor Donna Pearson  
Dissertation: **Investigation of Factors Related to Performance and Retention of Engineering Students**

Alison L. Mall  
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor William Bush  
Dissertation: **Development and Validation of Indicators of Secondary Mathematics Teachers’ Positive Dispositions Toward Problem Solving**

Landrea Miriti  
Curriculum and Instruction; Associate Professor Maggie McGatha  
Dissertation: **Using an Online Forum to Mentor Secondary Mathematics Student Factors Towards Standards-Based Instruction**

Angela Lynn Newcomb  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Namok Choi  
Dissertation: **Examining Teacher Perspectives of Leadership and Student Achievement in Kentucky Schools**

Katherine Amelia Shanahan  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Namok Choi  
Dissertation: **Metaevaluation of a University Teacher Education Assessment System**

Doctor of Education  

Michael J. Hibbett  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Associate Professor Robert Ronau and Assistant Professor Bradley Carpenter  
Capstone Project: **Lost in Transition: A Grade 8 and 9 Transition Program Using Articulation Activities and Their Effect on Student Attitude**
Fall 2013

Lisa Stansbury Conn
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor William Bush
Dissertation: Alignment Study of Kentucky’s Mathematics Placement Examinations and Entry Level Credit-Bearing Mathematics Course Examinations

Angela Denise Duncan
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Michael Cuyjet
Dissertation: Sistahs with Voices: Influences that Affected the College of Choice of High-Achieving African American Women Who Chose to Attend a Predominately White Institution Instead of an Historically Black College or University

Matthew Douglas Kingsley
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Namok Choi
Dissertation: The Mediating Effect of Homework between Self-Regulated Learning and Science Achievement

Jacquelyn Joy Singleton
Curriculum and Instruction; Associate Professor Lori Norton-Meier
Dissertation: The Impact of Kindergarten Teachers’ Theoretical Orientation to Reading on Curricular Planning and Classroom Practice in Literacy

Summer 2013

Lori Greenlee Johnson
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Professor Debra Bauder and Professor Thomas Simmons
Dissertation: Perceptions of U.S. Teachers of the Visually Impaired on Commercially-Produced, Described Video within Educational Multimedia

Sarah Kathryn Kolb
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Jesse Owen
Dissertation: Fear of Extradyadic Involvement: Relationship, Intrapersonal, Partner, and Contextual Predictors

Diane MacKenzie
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Ann Larson
Dissertation: Choosing a Career: A Study of Motivational Factors and Demographics that Influence P-12 Service Teachers
Stephanie Boggess Philipp  
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Thomas Tretter  
Dissertation: *Strengthening Stem Performance and Persistence: Influence of Undergraduate Teaching Assistants on Entry-Level Stem Students*  

Natalie Kay Pickering  
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Patrick Pössel  
Dissertation: *Development* and Initial Validation of the God and Human Attribution Scale  

Kia Marie Pruitt  
Counseling and Personnel Services;  
Co-Chairs Professor Amy Hirschy and Professor Samuel Stringfield  
Dissertation: *Examining the Factors that Contributed to the Retention and Graduation of African-American Males at the University of Louisville*  

Thomas Bradley Stinnett  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Ric Keaster  
Dissertation: *Sustainability and Collegiate Recreational Sports Facilities*  

Bruce Edward Whearty  
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Thomas Tretter  
Dissertation: *Running Among Thorns: Perspectives on Ethiopian/United States Educational Experiences*  

**Spring 2013**  

Julie Beth Iberer Bucalos  
Curriculum and Instruction; Associate Professor Debra Bauder  

Gary Alan Fisher  
Curriculum and Instruction; Co-Chairs Assistant Professor Shelley Thomas and Associate Professor Lori Norton-Meier  
Dissertation: *A Qualitative Study of Motivation to Read for Pleasure with Adolescent Struggling Readers Using a Theoretical Model; How to Begin?*  

Barry Wayne Goley  
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Professor Ric Keaster  
Dissertation: *Are School Administrators’ and Teachers’ Attitudes Toward Inclusion Influenced by the Change Process*
Ryan Michelle Higgins
Curriculum and Instruction; Associate Professor E. Todd Brown
Dissertation: Examining Alignment: National and Local Assessments and the 8th-Grade Common Core State Standards in Mathematics

Jonathan Lee Johnson
Counseling and Personnel Services; Professor Michael Cuyjet
Dissertation: The Social Construction of Ethnicity and Masculinity of African American College Men

Margaret Alice Kimble
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Associate Professor Ruth Carrico
Dissertation: The Impact of My Dissertation is the Impact of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections on College Athletic Programs and Prevention Policies

Hardy Adrian MacKenzie
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Co-Chairs Assistant Professor Brad Shuck and Assistant Professor Rod Githens
Dissertation: The Effects of Online Courses with Multimedia in Learners’ Perceived Satisfaction and Effectiveness of E-Learning

Tara Quinn Mahoney
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Associate Professor T. Christopher Greenwell
Dissertation: Exploring the Influence of Social Media on the Future Intentions of Charity Sport Participants

Lisa Jane Music
Curriculum and Instruction; Professor Karen Karp
Dissertation: The Mathematics Self-Efficacy of Rural Central Appalachian Undergraduate Females

Eleanor L. Pusey
Curriculum and Instruction; Associate Professor Maggie McGatha
Dissertation: Mathematics Coaching in High School: The Impact of Coach and Teacher Interactions

E. Gerome Stephens
Educational Leadership and Organizational Development; Assistant Professor Rod Githens
Dissertation: Community College Mission Influence on Culture: Organizational Analysis
Sze Sze Tong
Counseling and Personnel Services; Associate Professor Patrick Hardesty
Dissertation: The Relationship between Early Attachment and Adolescent Risky Behaviors with Changes in Loneliness in a Mediating Role