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*

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**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

Katherine N. Zeitz
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, Coursedtaking, 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*