

# Current Faculty

## **Crystal R. Allen Gunasekera (2012)**

*Associate Professor of Philosophy, Interim Associate Dean of Academic Assessment and Curriculum*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, PhD, University of Missouri

## **Sarah C. Andrews (2017)**

*Associate Professor of Political Science*

BA, Principia College;  
MFA, PhD, University of Virginia

## **Stephanie M. Bauer (2017)**

*Associate Professor of Digital Media and Journalism*

BA, Loyola University, Chicago;  
MFA, Savannah College of Art and Design

## **Galen E. Benson (2017)**

*Associate Professor of Educational Studies*

BA, Principia College;  
MBA, National University;  
EdD, Maryville University

## **Portia W. Benson (2017)**

*Assistant Professor of Economics*

BA, Principia College;  
MBA, West Texas A&M University

## **Julie Blase (2003)**

*Professor of Political Science*

BA, BA, PhD, University of Texas at Austin

## **Gregory L. Bruland (2012)**

*Professor of Biology and Natural Resources*

BS, Principia College;  
PhD, Duke University

## **Carol C. Burbee (2018)**

*Assistant Professor of Educational Studies*

BA, University of Northern BC, Canada;  
BEd, MEd, Simon Fraser University, Canada;  
EdD, Western University

## **Dane Carlson (2021)**

*Assistant Professor of Studio Art*

BLA, Ball State University;  
MLA, Harvard University

**Shannon E. Carney (2010)**

*Associate Professor of Physical Education*  
BA, University of California, Los Angeles;  
MA, University of Phoenix

**Matthew A. Cocks (2018)**

*Assistant Professor of Economics*  
BA, MA, PhD, University of Liverpool, UK

**Jeffrey B. Cornelius (1989)**

*Professor of Chemistry*  
BS, Principia College;  
MS, PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Andrew J. Crump (2019)**

*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*  
BS, Principia College;  
MS, University of Illinois, Springfield

**Kimberly Schauman Davis (2021)**

*Instructor of History*  
BA, Middlebury College;  
MA, University of Hawai'i

**Lucia De Paz Nicol (2016)**

*Associate Professor of Business Administration*  
BA, Principia College;  
MA, Instituto de Empresa, Spain

**Stephane Dennery (2023)**

*Instructor of Languages and Cultures*  
BA, MA, Universite Paris;  
MA, Centre Alexandre Koyre

**Karen L. Eckert (2012)**

*Professor of Sustainability*  
BS, Principia College;  
PhD, University of Georgia

**Scott A. Eckert (2010)**

*Professor of Biology and Natural Resources*  
BS, Principia College;  
PhD, University of Georgia

**Julien Ekiaka Oblazamengo (2020)**

*Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures*  
BA, St. Augustine, Kolonda;  
MBA, Universidad Organismo Mundial de Investigacion;  
MA, University of Nebraska, Lincoln;  
EdD, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

**Christine E. Elliott (2020)**

*Associate Professor in the Writing Center*

BA, University of Virginia;

MA, University of Hawai'i;

PhD, University of Wisconsin

**Lyman (Lee) E. Ellis III (1996)**

*Professor of Sport Studies*

BA, State University College, Fredonia, New York;

EdS, MS, University at Albany, New York;

MBA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute;

EdD, University of Missouri, Saint Louis

**Marie C. Farson (2016)**

*Associate Professor of Earth Sciences and Engineering*

BA, Pomona College;

PhD, University of CA, San Diego

**Jenna Fisher (2021)**

*Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Journalism*

BA, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University;

MS, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

**Leah R. Gallant-McFall (2000)**

*Associate Professor of Theatre*

BA Principia College;

MSEd, MFA, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

**Nikki Gamrath (2011)**

*Professor of Educational Studies*

BA, Principia College;

MEd, Antioch University;

EdD, McKendree University

**Melody R. Hauf-Belden (2005)**

*Librarian with rank of Assistant Professor*

BA, Principia College;

MLIS, University of Washington, Seattle

**Amy Herr (2023)**

*Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology*

BA, Principia College;

MA, Alice Salomon University;

PhD, University of Bradford

**Rosalind S. Hibbs (2006)**

*Institutional Research Officer with rank of Assistant Professor*

BA, Principia College;

MBA, Washington University

**Barry R. Huff (2008)**

*Professor of Religious Studies*

BA, Principia College;

MTS, Eden Theological Seminary;

ThM, Columbia Theological Seminary;

PhD, Union Presbyterian Seminary

**Brett W. Huffman (2018)**

*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

BA, University of Southern California;

MS, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Nicholas H. Johnson (2015)**

*Assistant Professor of Sustainability*

BS, Principia College;

MS, Michigan Technological University;

PhD, Pennsylvania State University

**Rusty Jones (1984)**

*Instructor of Physical Education*

USPTA, Certified Elite Tennis Professional;

BA, Southern New Hampshire University

**Brian K. Kamusinga (2011)**

*Assistant Professor of Chemistry*

BS, Principia College;

MS, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

**Neil Kearney (2023)**

*Assistant Professor of Business*

BA, Principia College;

MBA, University of Colorado

**Daniel D. Kistler (1995)**

*Associate Professor of Studio Art*

BA, Principia College;

MA, Webster University

**Erin J. Lane (2016)**

*Assistant Professor of Dance*

BFA, New York University, Tisch School of the Arts;

MFA, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

**Jonathan S. Langton (2009)**

*Assistant Professor of Physics*

BS, Principia College;

MS, PhD, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Grant E. Larsen (2014)**

*Assistant Professor of Physics*

BA, BS, University of Chicago;

MA, PhD, University of California, Berkeley

**Edith P. List (1998)**

*Librarian with rank of Professor*

BA, Principia College;  
MS, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville;  
MS, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign;  
PhD, Illinois State University

**John T. Lovseth (2010)**

*Associate Professor of Biology and Natural Resources*

BA, Principia College;  
MS, Colorado State University;  
PhD, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

**Stephanie L. Lovseth (2005)**

*Assistant Professor of Educational Studies*

BA, Principia College;  
MEd, Loyola University, Chicago

**Meggan Lee Madden (1997)**

*Professor, Dean of Academics (On Leave 2023-2024)*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, PhD, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto

**Annabelle Marquez (2007)**

*Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures*

BA, Johns Hopkins University;  
MSW, Boston University School of Social Work

**Christopher M. Marston (2010)**

*Instructor of Physical Education*

BA, Drury University;  
MA, University of the Rockies

**Andrew M. Martin (2014)**

*Associate Professor in multiple disciplines*

BA, University of Reading, UK;  
MA, PhD, University of Cambridge, UK

**Heather Martin (2012)**

*Associate Professor of Religious Studies*

BS, Skidmore College;  
MDiv, Boston University;  
PhD, Baylor University

**Kristin J. Martin (2010)**

*Assistant Professor of Studio Art*

BA, Principia College;  
MFA, Vermont College of Fine Arts

**Christine A. McAllister (1999)**

*Professor of Biology and Natural Resources*

BS, Principia College;  
MS, Kansas State University;  
PhD, Saint Louis University

**Winifred A. Needham (2013)**

*Associate Professor, Director of Faculty Development*

BA, Principia College;  
MS, Walden University;  
PhD, University of Missouri, St. Louis

**Daniel P. Norton (2023)**

*Professor, College President*

BA, MA, University of South Florida;  
PhD, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**John O'Hagan (2013)**

*Professor of Theatre*

BFA, MFA, University of Idaho

**Otho Matthew Otte (2020)**

*Assistant Professor of Engineering*

BS, Michigan Technological University;  
PhD, The University of Queensland

**Andrew T. Parker (2008)**

*Professor of Mathematics*

BS, Principia College;  
MS, PhD, University of New Hampshire

**Sara A. Phillips de Borja (2005)**

*Instructor of Art History*

BA, Principia College;  
CPGS, University of Cambridge, UK;  
MA, Washington University, St. Louis

**Ann B. Pierson (1995)**

*Professor, Athletics Director*

BA, University of Virginia;  
MA, University of Southern Illinois, Edwardsville

**Wendy Reynolds (2018)**

*Assistant Professor of Music*

BM, MM, Texas Christian University

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*Professor of Political Science, Interim Dean of Academics*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, University of Virginia;  
PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Dinah J. Ryan (2003)**

*Professor of English*

BA, Principia College;  
MFA, University of Virginia

**Paul B. Ryan (2017)**

*Professor of Studio Art*

BA, Principia College;  
MFA, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Trish Brown Schmit (2000)**

*Professor of Theatre*

BA, Principia College;  
MFA, Chicago College of the Performing Arts at Roosevelt University

**Jess T. Semnacher (2011)**

*Assistant Professor of Physical Education*

BA, Principia College;  
MS, Ohio University

**Heidi J. Snow (2002)**

*Professor of English*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, Bridgewater State College;  
PhD, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

**Ellen F. Sprague (1996)**

*Professor in the Writing Center*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, Middlebury College;  
MFA, Vermont College of Fine Arts

**Clinton A. Staley (1986)**

*Professor of Computer Science*

BA, Principia College;  
MS, PhD, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Gretchen Starr-LeBeau (2015)**

*Professor of Religious Studies*

BA, University of Virginia;  
MA, PhD, University of Michigan

**Christine Calkins Steele (2006)**

*Professor of Theatre*

BA, University of Iowa;  
MA, Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham, UK;  
MFA, Goddard College

**Jeff C. Steele (1999)**

*Professor in multiple disciplines*

BA, MA, Northwestern University;  
PhD, Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham, UK

**Sally A. Steindorf (2005)**

*Professor of Global Studies*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, PhD, Syracuse University

**Lauren M. Stewart (2010)**

*Professor of Educational Studies*

BA, Principia College;  
MAT, Webster University;  
MS Ed, Montana State University;  
EdS, EdD, McKendree University

**Peter Tosto (2019)**

*Assistant Professor of Business Administration*

BS, University of Minnesota;  
MBA, Kennesaw State University

**Colleen M. Turkal (2020)**

*Librarian with rank of Instructor*

BA, Principia College;  
MLS, Texas Woman's University

**Peter C. P. van Lidth de Jeude (2015)**

*Associate Professor of History, Interim Assistant Dean of Academic Services*

BA, Principia College;  
MA, University of North Carolina, Greensboro;  
PhD, Pennsylvania State University

**Joseph D. Van Riper (2010)**

*Professor of Music*

BA, Principia College;  
MM, Illinois State University;  
MM, Boston University;  
DMA, George Mason University

**Joan T. Wesman (2011)**

*Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Journalism*

BA, Hamilton College;  
MAT, Brown University

**Rose J. Whitmore (2013)**

*Associate Professor of Music*

BA, BM, MM, University of Oregon;  
MAT, Lewis and Clark College;  
MM, Northwestern University;  
DMA, University of Washington

**Sara J. Wienecke (2012)**

*Assistant Professor of English*

BA, Principia College;  
MFA, Queens University



**John W. Williams (1983)**

*Professor of Political Science*

BA, Principia College;

JD, George Washington University

**Christopher B. Young (2005)**

*Assistant Professor of Philosophy*

BA, Fort Lewis College;

MA, University of New Mexico

***Faculty who teach in multiple disciplines***

**Andrew M. Martin**

*Art History, Sociology and Anthropology*

**Jeff C. Steele**

*English, Theatre*