

**GRADUATE COUNCIL
SPRING 2024 BALLOT SLATE**

MEMBERSHIP/STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

College of Education seat (vote for 1)

Carolyn Hunt

Associate Professor of Elementary Education, School of Teaching and Learning, Illinois State University, 2014 to present; EdD, Illinois State University, 2013; MS, Illinois State University, 2007; B.S., Oklahoma Baptist University, 1996; Appointed Assistant Professor at University of Illinois, 2014; Associate Professor at Illinois State University in 2020, Professional Contribution: Publications in professional journals (16), Chair of three dissertation committees and member on 4 dissertation committees, Illinois State University.

Anna Smith

Associate Professor, Illinois State University 2021 to present; previously PhD, New York University, 2014; Postdoctoral Fellow in New Learning Ecologies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2014 to 2016, Assistant Professor, Illinois State University 2016-2021. Professional contribution: Books (2), Peer-reviewed journal publications (26), Current lead co-editor of *Literacy Research: Theory, Method & Practice*, Special issue guest editor (3), Book chapters (19), Policy briefs (2), Teach doctoral courses (3) and MEd courses (11) in the School of Teaching and Learning in addition to graduate (PhD and MEd) courses at previous institutions, Chair or co-chair dissertation committees (7), dissertation committees (5), and thesis/thesis-equivalent committees (6).

College of Applied Science and Technology seat (running unopposed)

Qi Zhang

Associate Professor at the School of Information Technology at Illinois State University (ISU). He holds a Ph.D. in Biomedical/Computer Engineering Science from Western University and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Waterloo in Canada. Additionally, he has a B.S. and M.S. degree in computational mathematics and application software from Jilin University, China. Following completing his Ph.D., Dr. Zhang worked as an NSERC researcher at the Department of National Defence (DND) Canada and then held an Associate Research Officer position at the National Research Council Canada. Prior to joining ISU, he was an Assistant Professor at the State University of New York at Canton. Dr. Zhang has led numerous research projects and has published over 30 academic articles in peer-reviewed journals and conferences, a book chapter, and several industrial research reports.

GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

College of Education seat (vote for 1)

Antonio Causarano

Associate Professor of Special Education, Department of Special Education, Illinois State University, 2020 to present; B.A. University of Messina, Italy, 1999; M.A. in TESOL and Bilingual Education, University of Findlay, Ohio, 2002; M.A. in Special Education Teaching Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities, University of New Mexico, 2010; Ph.D. in Education, University of New Mexico, 2011; Professional Contribution: AREA reviewer 2021-present; Editorial Board Member for two professional journals in education; Publications in professional journals, 25; Currently serving on 1 dissertation committee in the Department of Special Education-Chair Dr. Jeongae Kang; spring 2024 two honor projects in SED 344 Teaching Secondary Content to Students with Disabilities; Reviewer of the International Scholarship in the College of Education 2022 present; Study Abroad Program Spain Program Director summer 2023; Student Teaching Supervisor, Alcalá Spain spring 2024.

Beth MacDonald

Associate Professor of Early Childhood Mathematics Education, School of Teaching and Learning, Illinois State University, 2022 to present; B.A., State University of New York, Potsdam, 1993; M.A., Virginia Tech, 2008; Ph.D., Virginia Tech, 2013. Assistant Professor at Utah State University, 2014; Promoted with tenure to Associate Professor, 2020. Professional Contribution: Consultant to Activities Integrating Math and Science (1), Publications in professional journals (25), Books (1), Chair of seven dissertation committees, two masters committees, and served on 19 doctoral thesis committees, Utah State University.

Mennonite College of Nursing seat (running unopposed)

Mary Dyck

Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, Mennonite College of Nursing. PhD – University of Iowa, 2004; MSN – University of Virginia, 1982; BSN – Goshen College, 1978. Post-doctoral study through John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity with mentors at University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Iowa. Registered Nurse – 45+ years. Licensed Nursing Home Administrator – 20 years. Appointed Assistant Professor at ISU in 2003; Associate Professor in 2009; Professor in 2015. Appointed Associate Dean for Research in 2017, Appointed Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in 2024. Professional contributions: Publications – 30, Presentations – 40+, Posters – 29, HRSA Grant PI – 1. Research focus – Quality of care for older adults, especially nursing homes.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

College of Arts and Sciences seat (running unopposed)

Kevin Meyer

Associate Professor, School of Communication, Illinois State University, 2009 to present (Ph.D., Ohio University, 2009; M.S., Illinois State University, 2005; B.S.E., Emporia State University, 1993). Previously served as COM Graduate Coordinator, Coordinator of Communication Studies, and Director of Forensics. Research areas: persuasion, silence, civic engagement and democracy, instructional communication and communication education, health communication, sports apologia and image repair. Publications: journals (24), textbooks (2), book chapters (7), editorial

boards (6). Conferences: papers (35), panels (34), respondent (15), offices held (6). Teaching experience: research methods, quantitative methods, communication theory, persuasion, small group communication, gender, silence, senior capstone, public speaking, argumentation and debate. Work with students: dissertation co-chair (1), thesis chair (11), thesis committee (27), non-thesis chair (9), non-thesis committee (1), independent studies (10), internships (13), RSO advisor (2).

College of Applied Science and Technology seat (vote for 1)

Fanson Kidwaro

Associate Professor of Agronomy/Soil and Crop Science, Department of Agriculture, Illinois State University (ISU), 2020 to present; B.S., Truman State University, 1988; M.S., University of Central Missouri (UCM), 1991; Ph.D., University of Missouri – Columbia, 1996. Appointed Assistant Professor at University of Central Missouri, 2001; Associate Professor at University of Central Missouri in 2006, Promoted to Professor, 2013. Served as Associate Professor and Department Chair of Agriculture at University of Central Missouri, 2008-2011; Associate Professor, Coordinator of Agriculture and Interim Department Chair of Biology and Earth Science 2011-2012; Professor and Department Chair, Biology and Agriculture, University of Central Missouri, 2013 – 2018; Associate professor and Chair Department of Agriculture, Illinois State University 2020 – 2023. Served on Non-Land Grant and renewable Resources Universities (NARRU) Board from 2008 – 2023 representing UCM (2008-2020) and ISU (2020-2023). Appointed as NARRU Special Projects Chair 2017 – 2023; Represented NARRU on Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) 2022 – 2023. Publications in professional journals (10), Chair of several thesis committees at UCM and ISU.

Chang Su-Russell

Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Human Development and Family Science, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Illinois State University (2023-present). She was hired as an Assistant Professor at ISU in 2019. She received her B.A. from Minzu University of China in 2009, M.A. from Michigan State University in 2011, and Ph.D. from University of Missouri-Columbia in 2018. Her professional contributions and achievements since hired include peer-reviewed publications (14), edited book (1), editor reviewed publications (3), non-peer reviewed reports (2), internal grants (7), external grant (1), thesis or dissertation committees (4), chair of thesis committee (1), research mentoring (14), invited talks (4), reviewer for peer-reviewed academic journals (24), and editorial board (1).

Kyoungwon Suh

Professor of Computer Science, School of Information Technology, Illinois State University, 2018 to present; Appointed Assistant Professor at Illinois State University, 2007, promoted to Associate Professor at Illinois State University, 2013, promoted to Professor, 2018; B.S., Seoul National University, 1991; M.S., Seoul National University, 1993; M.S., Rutgers University, 2001; Ph.D., University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 2007; Research Interests: Security and Privacy in networks and systems, Data Analytics, Machine Learning, Performance Measurement and Analysis, and Performance Optimization; Professional Contribution: Consultant (5), Publications in peer-reviewed journals (15) and Publications in peer-reviewed conference proceedings (18), co-advised/mentored four Ph.D. students, and served on University committees (Academic Senate, ISU Educating Illinois Task Force), College committees (CAST council), and School committees (School administrative council, Curriculum committee, and SFSC) at Illinois State University.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

College of Arts and Sciences seat (vote for 1)

Greg Braswell

Professor, Department of Psychology, Illinois State University, 2002 to present; B.S., Earlham College, 1994; M.A., University of Illinois, 1996; Ph.D., University of Illinois, 2000. Additional study: Post-doctoral study at University of California Santa Cruz, 2000-2002; Appointed Assistant Professor at Illinois State University, 2002; Associate Professor at Illinois State University in 2008, promoted to Professor, 2023. Professional Contributions: Graduate Coordinator for Developmental Psychology sequence, 2016-present; coordinator for Children's Studies Minor, 2017-present; Member of Psychology Department Climate and Diversity Committee, 2005-present (chair since 2022), Illinois State University.

Eda Ozyesilpinar

Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Composition, Department of English, Illinois State University, 2020 to present; B.A. in Turkish Language and Literature, Ege University, Türkiye, 2010; M.A. in English (concentration in Rhetoric and Composition and Borderland Studies), Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 2013; Ph.D. in Rhetorics, Communication, and Information Design, Clemson University, 2018. Additional Study: Audit of Ph.D. in Philosophy, Art, and Social Thought, European Graduate School, 2016; Visiting Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Writing at University of Texas at El Paso, 2018-2020. Professional Contribution: Publications in academic journals and edited collections (7), Forthcoming Book (1), Forthcoming publications in academic journals and edited collections (4), International and National Academic Conference Paper Presentations (23), Invited Talks and Lectures (10), Teaching and Research Awards (3), Grants-Funded (3), Reviewer for academic journals, university presses, and conferences (8), Serving on professional organizations as an officer (1), professional memberships (6), College and Department Committees: Serving on College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Teaching Awards Committee 2023 to present, and Department Faculty Status Committee (DFSC), 2023 to present, Served on the Department of English Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, 2020-2022, Served as Graduate Job Mentoring Faculty Advisor for the Department of English, 2022-2023; Teaching and Mentorship: Undergraduate and Graduate courses designed and taught (7) Charing 2 dissertation committees, serving on two dissertation committees, and one thesis committee, Served as Honors Independent Study Advisor on two honors independent studies, Served on two English Studies Exams; Mentored and Aided undergraduate and graduate students applying to graduate school and students on the job market, Illinois State University.

Karen Stipp

Associate Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, Illinois State University, 2011 to present; B.A., Olivet Nazarene University, 1979; M.S.W., University of Illinois, 1993; Ph.D., University of Kansas, 2011. Appointed Assistant Professor at Illinois State University in 2011, promoted to Associate Professor, 2017. Professional Contribution: McLean County non-profit community boards and committees (9), Social Work Reaffirmation Teams (2), Publications in professional journals (12), Book chapters (2), Magazine articles (2), Refereed posters & presentations (12), Invited Presentations (11), Served on two dissertation committees, Illinois State University.

College of Applied Sciences and Technology seat (running unopposed)

H. Sally Xie

Professor of Construction Management, Department of Technology, Illinois State University, 2013 to present; B.S., Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, 1996; M.S. in Civil and Construction Engineering, 1999; M.S. in Computer and Information Science and Engineering, University of Florida, 2003; Ph.D. in Design, Construction, and Planning, University of Florida, 2005. Additional study: Post-doctoral Fellow at College of Engineering, University of Cambridge, 2019-20. Appointed Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2004, promoted to Associated Professor in 2008, and promoted to Professor in 2013; Associated Professor at Illinois State University in 2013, promoted to Professor in 2018. Professional Contribution: Industry positions (5), Academic consultant (3), served on Accreditation Teams (2). Publications in professional journals (45), Books (10), peer-reviewed conference papers (55), Chairperson of six dissertation committees, Mentor of 11 postdocs, and advised 77 graduate student research projects, at Illinois State University. Recently, Dr. Xie has been working on a study of the Establishment and Validation of Leading DEBI in Construction Education.

College of Business seat (running unopposed)

Mona Bahl

Associate Professor, Department of Management, Illinois State University, 2017 to present; **Education:** MBA, Mumbai University, 2004; Masters of Commerce, Panjab University, 1997; Ph.D., Purdue University, 2013. **Work experience:** Appointed Assistant Professor at University of Illinois, **2017**; tenured and promoted to Associate Professor at Illinois State University in 2021; Assistant Professor at Youngstown State University (2013-14), Assistant Professor at Coastal Carolina University (2012-13). **Academic Fields:** Strategic Management and International Management. **Research Publications:** 5 Journal Articles & 1 Book Chapter. **Course Levels:** Graduate & Undergraduate. **Professional Contributions:** Associate Editor (Strategy) of Journal of Business Research; ad-hoc reviewer at leading journals; **Service at ISU** - Chair of the Curriculum Committee, member of the COACH research team, co-advisor of International Business Association, attendee of GROWTH workshops at ISU, member of the DFSC committee of the Management Department, member of several search committees in the department and the College of Business, pilot faculty for CANVAS training for its adoption in Fall 2023

College of Education seat (vote for 1)

Ellis Hurd

Ed.D., (he, him, his) Associate Director and Coordinator of Graduate Programs in the School of Teaching and Learning at Illinois State University. He is Professor of Middle Level Education and has 26 years of teaching experience in various and diverse settings. Ellis has published on critical race theory, equity and cultural responsiveness, mixed identities, and accreditation and teacher preparation in middle grades, bilingual, and urban contexts. He is editor of *The Reflexivity of Pain and Privilege: Autoethnographic Collections of Mixed Identity*; and *The 2022 Revised Middle Level Teacher Preparation Standards*; and co-editor of *Equity and Cultural Responsiveness in the Middle Grades*; and *Integrative and Interdisciplinary Curriculum in The Middle School*. He is also co-editor in chief of *Middle School Journal*.

Miranda Lin

Professor of early childhood education at the School of Teaching and Learning. Illinois State University 2008 to present; Ph.D. and M.S. Florida State University; B.S. Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Professional contributions: 32 manuscripts, three edited books, 50 plus national/international presentations, chair of masters' thesis (3) and doctoral dissertation (2), past president of a professional organization, and four external grants (3 as PI; over 1.3 million dollars).

College of Fine Arts seat (running unopposed)

Claire Lieberman

Professor of Sculpture, Wonsook Kim School of Art, Illinois State University, 2000 to present; MFA Pratt Institute, 1996, BFA; Tufts University, 1976. Appointed Visiting Lecturer, University of Chicago, 1993; Visiting Lecturer, Northern Illinois University, 1993-94; Area Chair, Montserrat College of Art, 1994-97 (non-tenure); Visiting Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1997-98. Appointed Assistant Professor, Illinois State University, 2000; Associate Professor, Illinois State University, 2005, promoted to Professor, 2013. Contributions: Graduate Council, 2009-2011 (Graduate Council representative to University Research Council); University Curriculum (Chair 2015-17); Outstanding College Service Award, 2016; Founding member WKSOA Belonging and Equity Committee; University Academic Planning Committee, 2015-2019; participant, Culturally Responsive Campus Community, 2016; WKSOA Black Cultural Mixer coordinator, 2015-2022; Exhibitions (150+); Publications in professional journals (17). Numerous MFA committees.

Mennonite College of Nursing seat (running unopposed)

Jessica Sullivan

DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-BC, CNE; Assistant Professor and BSN to DNP: Family Nurse Practitioner Sequence Leader, Mennonite College of Nursing, Illinois State University, 2018 to present; BSN, Indiana University, 2004; MSN, Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, 2010; DNP, Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, 2019. Certifications: Board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Educator. Licenses: Registered Nurse, State of Illinois; Advanced Practice Registered Nurse- Full Practice Authority, State of Illinois. Mentoring: Committee chair/faculty advisor for multiple DNP and PhD students; New Faculty Mentor. Curriculum development: Mennonite College of Nursing graduate nursing simulation program; planning committee chair and content expert for continuing education offerings (4); developed and implemented new Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate, Mennonite College of Nursing. Professional contributions: manuscript peer reviewer for The Nurse Practitioner Journal; peer-reviewed, published articles (3); peer-reviewed presentations (18); PI/Project Director for federal grant (\$2,800,000). Service to Mennonite College of Nursing: DFSC- member; Graduate Program Curriculum Committee-chair; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Taskforce- member. Service to Illinois State University: EDI Leaders Circle; University Teaching Council- member. Ongoing professional development opportunities related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Commitment to continued listening, learning, unlearning, growing, being an accomplice, and confronting my own biases.