

VCU School of Education

Graduate Faculty Research Interest

Below is a list of faculty in the School of Education who are available to serve on dissertation committees for students in doctoral programs. For each faculty member, you will find their department, position, location, campus address, phone, fax, e-mail address, and in most cases a description of their research interests. Members of the Graduate Faculty or Affiliate Graduate Faculty may serve on dissertation committees. Only members of the Graduate Faculty may serve as a chair of a committee.

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Graduate Faculty

Research interests include (1) the impact of test-based accountability policies on teachers, students, and classroom practice in general and special education settings; (2) the impact of high-stakes testing policies on student progress through the k-12 public school system, with particular emphasis on the Grade 9 transition, dropout and retention rates, and graduation rates; and (3) the intersection of test-based accountability programs and federal special education policies, with a focus on graduation rates and diploma earning patterns of students with disabilities

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Graduate Faculty

My primary research focus is on the impact of stress and fitness level on an individual's health. These interests

have led to investigations examining concurrent mental and physical challenges on cardiorespiratory responses and indicators of inflammation and of endothelial wall function. A secondary area of interest is focused on hormonal responses to exercise and their relationship to health and human performance. And finally, a tertiary general focus has been on mental and physiological factors impacting human performance.

Alder, Nora

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Graduate Faculty

Caring student/teacher relationships and urban schooling and teacher education

Arnold, Brent

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Graduate Faculty

Proprioceptive loss in functional ankle instability.
Ability to perceive force and its relationship to joint stability. Impairments in balance and movement following lower extremity injury.

Becker, Jonathan

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Graduate Faculty

- Leadership in and for Educational Technology
 - Digital Equity in Education
 - Educational Technology Policy
 - Legal Issues around Educational Technology
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Bosher, William

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Graduate Faculty

Federal, state and local policy development, school finance, educational accountability and leadership for reform.

Campbell, Leanne

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Biostatistics

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

My research interests are in transformative learning among professionals in the workplace and on learning through developmental relationships, including mentoring. My dissertation research explored the learning experiences of midcareer women in developmental relationships.

Cauley, Kathleen

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Graduate Faculty

I am interested in research about what helps students learn most effectively. Currently I'm examining the transition of students into middle school and high school so achievement and engagement remain high. I'm also working on the impact of high stakes tests, esp. SOL tests, on student motivation, academic engagement, and other measures of student learning.

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Qualitative research analysis

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Graduate Faculty

I am currently involved in a MERC (The Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium) study project to help newly-arrived ESL high school students' academic achievements in mainstream classroom. Another topic of interest is to examine ESL students' disproportionate representation in special and gifted education and its political and instructional implications. My other research interest areas are academic socialization issues of ESL students and bilingual ESL/FL teacher education.

Christenbury, Leila

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Graduate Faculty

Classroom interaction strategies, specifically questioning; all aspects of young adult literature; the teaching of writing to secondary school students; and approaches to teaching and learning in the secondary English classroom.

Clark, Henry

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Graduate Faculty

Quantitative methods, human learning & cognition, cognitive and metacognitive aspects of text processing

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Graduate Faculty

Primary interests are in the area of early intervention for young children with autism spectrum disorders or emotional/behavioral disorders. Her specific research interests include functional assessment and analysis of behavioral problems, assessment and intervention of social skills, and antecedent intervention research.

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Graduate Faculty

My major interests are in the areas of school change and teacher preparation. Most recently, my focus has been on

the preparation of doctoral students, particularly in the area of dissertation research.

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Graduate Faculty

My area of research interest is children's fitness.

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Systemic reform, school turnaround, instructional leadership, teacher quality, and school choice.

Dockery, Donna

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Graduate Faculty

Effective counseling for at-risk and non-traditional students; Psychosocial needs of gifted youth; Multicultural populations and counseling.

Dozier, Terry

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

My research interests are teacher leadership, mentoring, and teacher quality.

Ericksen, Jeffrey

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Interests include inpatient rehabilitation and holistic approaches to musculoskeletal pain syndromes in the outpatient setting. He has developed an interest in nutrition as it applies to weight loss and muscle pain problems as well as diabetes management.

Evans, Ronald

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Graduate Faculty

Research interests include skeletal and myocardial alterations associated with myocardial volume overload and chronic heart failure, lactate transport and

metabolism, physical activity and obesity in children and adolescents, and the role of physical activity in successful weight loss following gastric bypass surgery.

Gayle, Richard

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Graduate Faculty

My primary areas of interest are the measurement of habitual physical activity, the relationship of habitual physical activity to risks for chronic degenerative diseases.

Gerber, Paul

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Graduate Faculty

My interests are generally in the field of learning disabilities, but more specifically in the area of adults with learning disabilities, post-school, and life span issues. I have concentrated my research in the area of employment and learning disabilities in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) era. Since developing a model employment success for adults with learning disabilities I have investigated its associated elements such as reframing, self-disclosure and social ecologies. I have used assorted qualitative research methodologies including ethnography and case study methods.

Getty, Deborah

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Graduate Faculty

Gender issues in sport and physical activity. Character development and healthy competition in sport. Team-building and positive coaching in physical activity.

Gross, Ena

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Graduate Faculty

Math education

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Health Behavior

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Graduate Faculty

My research interests include current issues in school counseling, legal and ethical issues in counseling, and gender issues in counseling.

Kregel, John

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Graduate Faculty

My research interests focus on identifying and eliminating barriers to employment and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities. I am currently working on projects directed toward enhancing employment outcomes for Social Security beneficiaries, identifying workplace accommodations and supports that employers can use to retain workers with disabilities or health problems, enabling adolescents and young adults to successfully make the transition from high school to post-secondary education and employment, improving the quality and efficiency of supported employment programs, and evaluating the Ticket to Work program.

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Strategies for working with adolescents: youth with emotional disturbance and aggressive behavior

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Graduate Faculty

Scholarly interests: counseling ethics, group work, counseling history and professionalism, counseling credentialing, clinical supervision and resilience

Magill, Cheryl

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Graduate Faculty

I have researched the development of federal education law and policy, characteristics of high-performing high-poverty schools and characteristics of schools rated Accredited with warning under Virginia's accountability system. My research interests continue to focus on the development of federal and state education law and policy, particularly by the development and implementation of the accountability components of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. (NCLB)

Magill, Ken

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Accreditation of schools, leadership, governance of public education, policy development, team building and strategic planning.

Marshak, John

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Graduate Faculty

School finance policy development, court ordered state educational finance reform, best practices in school leadership, NAEP data research.

Matthews, Katherine

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Graduate Faculty

Behavior disorders and autism; relational frame theory; acquisition of verbal behavior; single case design

McDonnough, Jacqueline

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Graduate Faculty

Presently my particular area of scholarly interest is focused on assessing how pre-service teachers K-12 science experiences interact with their self-efficacy as future teachers of science.

McMillan, James

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Graduate Faculty

Research Interests : Classroom Assessment, Grading, Student Motivation, Research Methods. Teaching Interests: For masters and doctoral level instruction: Research Methodology, Assessment, Educational Psychology

Muth, Bill

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Graduate Faculty

Research interests include the following, from specific to broad: (a) Family literacy programs for incarcerated parents and their families, (b) Prison-based adult literacy: quantitative/empirical studies related to reading and reading components, © Prison-based adult literacy: qualitative studies of prisoners' perspective and (d) Family literacy in general and (e) Adult literacy in general.

Orelove, Fred

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Graduate Faculty

My primary area of specialization is learners with severe disabilities. Within the special education arena, I have spoken and written extensively on teamwork, especially within a transdisciplinary model, and on inclusive education. I have served as principal investigator of several federal personnel preparation grants directed towards preparing teachers and other school personnel to serve students with severe disabilities. I am the VCU faculty member on the Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Severe Disabilities. More broadly, as executive director of the Partnership for People with Disabilities, Virginia's university center for excellence in developmental disabilities, I have worked towards inclusion and full participation within communities of all people.

Oswald, Donald

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Graduate Faculty

Child and Family Behavior Therapy; Autism, Mental Retardation and other Developmental Disorders

Pannozzo, Gina

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Graduate Faculty

My primary research interests lie in the area of student engagement in school and how this relates to school outcomes, particularly as this relates to issues of risk and resilience. I'm also interested in classroom/school climate, culture & sense of community and how these impact student engagement/outcomes. Finally, from a policy perspective, I've done research of the impact of class size (small classes) on students & teachers - most of this work has been in relation to Tennessee's Project STAR, but I'm familiar with most other state & federal class size reduction initiatives as well.

Philipsen, Maike

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Graduate Faculty

Sociology, Anthropology, History and Philosophy of Education, Service Learning, Qualitative Research Methods, Oral History, Educational Equality (Issues on Race, Class, and Gender in Education), Faculty Roles in Higher Education, Reform Debates in Education

Reardon, Martin

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Graduate Faculty

Interests include: integration of digital technology into education, English language learning, school-to-college

and school-to-work transition, the reduction of violence in schools, curriculum theory, cross-disciplinary perspectives on leadership—especially reframing as evidenced in biography, and dynamic system and structural equation modeling.

Reed-Victor, Evelyn

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Graduate Faculty

My primary areas of interest include infants and young children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families, as well as children and families living in poverty, particularly those experiencing homelessness. "I am especially interested in protective processes within family, school and community contexts that support resilience and adaptability in young children." Involvement with ISADOR at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) supports these interests, through networking with other VCU faculty and community members who are interested in resilience-related research.

Reich, Gabriel

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Graduate Faculty

Social studies teaching and learning; Assessment; Curriculum

Rhodes, Joan

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Graduate Faculty

My current research focuses on the alignment of classroom assessments to the Virginia Standards of Learning. I am also studying the effect of instruction using hypertext technology on the vocabulary and comprehension skills of learning disabled students.

Richardson, Joann

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Graduate Faculty

Women’s health, minority health (i.e., African-American), rural health, international health, secondary prevention of chronic disease (i.e., breast and prostate cancer; cardiovascular disease) and accessibility for underserved populations.

Robnolt, Valerie

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Graduate Faculty

My research interests are focused on the assessment and instruction of reading comprehension, vocabulary, and

fluency. In addition, I am interested in the most effective methods of providing professional development to elementary teachers.

Ross, Scott

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Graduate Faculty

Primary research interests focus on functional ankle instability and postural stability. Current research includes: 1) The effects of functional ankle instability on postural stability; 2) Effects of functional ankle instability on time to stabilization measures following single leg jump-landings; and 3) Improving postural stability with balance training exercises and stochastic resonance.

Sandkam, Sherry

Department of Foundations in Education

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Graduate Faculty

I can be most supportive for students who have topics that relate to topics like higher education administration, graduate education, educational leadership, sociology of education, Preparing Future Faculty initiatives, mentorship, and educational assessment/program review.

Sarkozi, Gary

Department of Teaching and Learning

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

My current research interest include activities related to distant learning including real-time and elearning, training issues that include the training of technology or the technological manners in which training can be delivered, and the technological integration in the many facets of today’s global environment. Additionally, it is to understand the workings of the processes by which we can implement the rapid technological advancements that are moving us to a real-time multimedia mode of a communicating society, and to use this detailed understanding to focus research (languages, tools, methods) that can be best used in this new evolving society. My experience includes K-12, higher education and the corporate environment.

Schall, Carol

Department of Special Education and Disability Policy

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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Autism and other developmental disabilities

Schiltz, Jack

Department of Health and Human Performance

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Graduate Faculty

Curriculum and pedagogy in the fields of health & physical education.

Shakeshaft, Charol

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Graduate Faculty

My research focuses on equity and human rights. Currently I am completing a book on educator sexual misconduct. Two related studies focus on examining media influence on education policy and public opinion and legal approaches to prevention of educator sexual misconduct. I have begun work on a second book that examines critical race theory and the career paths of African American school administrators.

Sherman, Whitney

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Graduate Faculty

Ethical leadership for social justice; women’s issues in leadership; leadership preparation and mentoring; and instructional leadership

Simon, Diane

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Graduate Faculty

Recruitment and retention in higher education; and engaging at-risk middle school students.

Snyder, Angela

Department of Special Education and Disability Policy/Department of Foundations in Education
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Affiliate Graduate Faculty

My research interests include elementary special education interventions focused on improving teacher/student interactions for students with or at risk for emotional and behavioral disorders. Other research interests include high stakes testing and their impact on students, teachers, and schools.

Stemhagen, Kurt

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Graduate Faculty

The intersections of Philosophy of Education, Mathematics Education and Ethics. The school-society relationship and the role of Social Foundations of Education in teacher preparation. Social Justice.

Stewart, Loraine Moses

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Graduate Faculty

My research focuses on examining strategies used by classroom teachers to integrate African American children's literature into the elementary curriculum and the impact this literature has on student achievement.

Sutherland, Kevin

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Graduate Faculty

My primary areas of interest include effective practices for students with emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD), teacher/student interactions in classrooms for students with EBD, and the teacher's role in systems of care. My research has focused on methods to increase teachers' use of effective practices and the impact of effective practices (such as teacher praise and students' opportunities to respond to academic requests) on students' behavioral and academic outcomes. I have also begun to examine the sequential relation between particular teacher behaviors, with the ultimate goal of using this information to design interventions that maximally impact effective practices. Finally, a recent interest is the application of research-validated violence prevention programs with students with high-incidence disabilities.

Taylor, Kimberly

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Graduate Faculty

Treatment and prevention of chronic diseases such as obesity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and polycystic ovarian syndrome.

Thoma, Colleen

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Graduate Faculty

Self-determination in transition planning. Transition assessment. Transition from school to post-secondary education. Universal design for instruction. Positive behavior supports. Preparing special educators to facilitate self-determined transition planning for students with disabilities.

Warren, Beverly

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