# Faculty

## Tenure Track Faculty

**Note: Figure in parenthesis represents first year of service at MSU.**

Abusaqer, Muhammad; Assistant Professor of Computer Science; (2022)
B.S., Birzeit University;
M.S., Virginia Tech;
Ph.D., North Dakota State University.

Albers, KateLynn; Assistant Professor of Accounting; (2020)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota;
CPA, Certified Public Accountant.

Amaya, Efrain; Associate Professor of Music; (2015)
M.M., Rice University;
B.M., Composition, Indiana University;
B.M., Piano, Indiana University.

Anderson, Dianna; Associate Professor of Music; (2008)
B.M., University of Idaho;
M.M., D.M.A., University of Cincinnati-College-Conservatory of Music.

Anderson, J. Erik; Professor of Music; (2003)
B.M., M.M., University of Idaho;
D.M.A., University of Cincinnati.

Anderson, Nichol; Assistant Professor of Education; (2020)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.Ed., North Dakota State University.

Andreasen, Bethany; Professor of History; (1991)
B.A., University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire;
M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University.

Berg, Kristi-Ann; Professor of Business Technology; Athletic FAR; (2001)
B.S.E., M.S.M., Minot State University;
Ph.D., Capella University.

Bertsch, Andrew; Professor of Management; (2002)
A.A., ND State College of Science;
B.S., M.S.M., Minot State University;
APDMC. DBA., Henley Management College.

Bischof, Angela; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2017)
B.S.N., Minot State University;
M.S.N., University of North Dakota.

Bittle, Kyle; Assistant Professor of Business Technology; (2021)
B.S.E., B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Bloom, Micah; Professor of Art; (2011)
B.S., Southwest Minnesota State University;
M.A., M.F.A., University of Iowa.

Bobylev, Mikhail; Professor of Chemistry; (2002)
M.S., Moscow State University;
Ph.D., Institute of Plant Protection Chemicals.

Borden-King, Lisa; Head of Teacher Licensure Programs; Associate Professor of Education; (1997)
B.A., M.S., University of North Dakota;
Ph.D., Indiana University.

Borisinkoff, Evan; Professor of Special Education; (2014)
A.A., B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., University of New Mexico.

Bredin-Oja, Shelley; Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2021)
B.A., Minot State University;
M.A., Washington State University;
Ph.D., University of Kansas.

Cebulak, Wojciech; Professor of Criminal Justice; (1999)
Master's in Law, Copernicus University-Poland;
Ph.D., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Chen, Yung-Ju 'Ruth'; Assistant Professor of Kinesiology; (2020)
B.Ed., National Kaohsiung Normal University;
M.Ed., National Taiwan Normal University;
Ph.D., Ohio State University.

Collette, Joseph; Professor of Geoscience; (2014)
B.S., University of Massachusetts;
M.S., University of Massachusetts, Amherst;
Ph.D., University of California.

Conn, Daniel; Professor of Education; Chair of Education and Inclusive Services; (2014)
A.A., Northeastern Junior College;
B.A., University of Northern Colorado;
M.A., Adams State College;
Ed.D., University of Northern Colorado.

Corneliusen, Lacey; Associate Professor of Social Work; (2019)
B.A., University of Montana;
M.S.W., Walla Walla University;
D.S.W., Cappella University.

Craven, Penny Paige; Associate Professor of Psychology; (2021)
B.S., M.A., Ph.D., Mississippi State University.

Daigneault, Rebecca; Assisstant Professor of Social Work; (2017)
B.S., Minot State University,
M.S.W., New Mexico State University.

DeMakis, Ashley; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2019)
B.S.N., University of North Dakota;
M.S.N., University of Phoenix.

Deufel, Alexandra; Professor of Biology; (2002)
B.Sc., University of Calgary;
Ph.D., Lehigh University.

Eckmann, Terry; Professor of Kinesiology; (1999)
B.S., B.S.E., M.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of Montana;
Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

Erisman, R. Daren; Assistant Professor of Computer Science; (2021)
B.S., University of Colorado;
M.A., M.Div., Luther Seminary;
Ph.D., Theological Union.

Fettig, Melissa; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2015)
B.S.N., Minot State University;
M.S.N., University of Phoenix.

Fisher, Kayla; Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2017)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Fixen, Megan; Associate Professor of Marketing; (2014)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., Grand Canyon University.

Frantsvog, David; Associate Professor of Finance; (2015)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., Walden University.

Frantsvog, Sara; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2016)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S.N., University of Phoenix.

Furuseth, Eric; Associate Professor of English and Humanities; (1993)
B.S., B.A., M.A., University of North Dakota;
Ph.D., Washington State University.

Garnes, Lori; Professor of Special Education; (1996)
B.S.E., Bowling Green State University;
M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., Utah State University.

George, Nigel; Professor of Physics; (2023)
BS, M.S., University of Auckland;
Ph.D., Yale University.

Golly, Heather; Professor of Kinesiology; (2002)
B.S.E., Minot State University;
M.A., Ohio State University;
Ph.D., North Dakota State University.

Gordon, Nancy; Assistant Professor of Social Work; Bismarck Location; (2017)
B.S., University of North Dakota;
M.A., Eastern Illinois University;
M.S.W., University of North Dakota.

Gresham, Mitchell; Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice; (2020)
B.A., Minnesota State University;
M.S., Ph.D., Bowling Green State University.

Hammer, Jamie; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2022)
B.S.N., Minot State University;
M.S.N, D.N.P., University of Mary.

Harbort, Sandra; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2020)
B.S.N., Minot State University;
M.S.N., University of Mary.

Harbort, William; Professor of Art; (1996)
B.F.A., M.A., Syracuse University;
M.F.A., Marywood University.

Harmon, Leisa; Assoicate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (1997)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Hendershot, Kelly; Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance; (2022)
B.A., Concordia College;
Doctorate of Law, University of North Dakota.

Heyen, Kali; Assistant Professor of Social Work; Fargo Location; (2021)
B.S., North Dakota State University;
B.S.W., Minnesota State University Moorhead;
M.S.W., University of North Dakota.

Higginson, Kelsey; Assistant Professor of Kinesiology; (2020)
B.S., M.A., Brigham Young University;

Ph.D., Ohio State University.

Hintz, Kathy; Professor of Education; (2005)
B.A., Carleton College;
M.A.T., Brown University;
Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

Holt, Erin; Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2013)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Honerman, Sarah; Assistant Professor of Theater; (2023)
B.S.Ed., Northern State University;
M.F.A., Minnesota State University.

Horner, Dylan; Assistant Professor of Psychology; (2023)
A.A., Bismarck State College;
B.A., Minot State University;
M.A., Cleveland State University;
Ph.D., University of Arizona.

Hultz, Chelsie; Assisstant Professor of Education; (2014)
B.S.Ed., Minot State University;
M.Ed., University of Mary;
Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

Huston, Mary; Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders;
Chair of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2016)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

Iverson, Erin; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2020)
B.A., University of Texas at El Paso;
M.S.N., University of Mary.

Jastrzembski, Joseph; Professor of History; (1997)
B.A., University of Texas;
M.A., Ph.D., University of Chicago.

Johnson, Richelle; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2020)
Practical Nursing; Alexandria Technical & Community College;
L.P.N., Alexandria Technical & Community College;
M.S.N., University of Mary.
D.N.P., University of North Dakota.

Kahrilas, Genevieve; Assistant Professor of Chemistry; (2022)
B.S., Northwestern University;
M.S., University of Colorado;
Ph.D., Colorado State University.

Kast, Scott; Assistant Professor of Computer Science; (1991)
B.S., Dickinson State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota.

Kibler, Robert; Professor of English; (2000)
B.A., M.A., University of Maryland-College Park;
Ph.D., University of Minnesota.

Kurtz, Patti; Associate Professor of English; (2003)
B.A., Waynesburg College;
M.A., Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania;
D.A., Idaho State University.
M.F.A., Seton Hill University.

Larshus, Jynette; Associate Professor of Sociology; (2009)
B.A., University of St. Thomas;

Ph.D., University at Albany-State University of New York.

Lee, Amy; Assistant Professor of Nursing; Chair of Nursing; (2020)
LPN., Colorado Mountain College;
B.S.N., M.S.N., Western Governors University.

Lewis, Carrie; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2018)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of Mary.

Liccini, Hilory; Executive Director of NDCPD; Assistant Professor of Special Education; (2010)
B.S., Nazareth College;
M.S., University of West Florida.

Little, Stephanie; Assistant Professor of Social Work; (2022)
A.A., Bismarck State College;
B.S.W., Minot State University;
M.S.W., Minnesota State University;
Ph.D., & M.P.H., University of South Dakota (Complete Spring 2026).

Lueders, Mark; Assistant Professor of Biology; (2024)
B.S., Minnesota State University Moorhead;
Ph.D., Baylor University.

Marschner, Beth; Assistant Professor of Kinesiology; (2017)
B.S, D.P.T., University of North Dakota.

McCarville, Kathrine, Associate Professor of Geosciences; (2024)
B.S., University of California;
M.Sc., Colorado School of Mines;
Ph.D., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Mrozik, Jacek; Chair of Business; (2011)
B.S., University of Manchester, United Kingdom;
M.S., University of Warsaw;
M.B.A., Clemson University;
Ph.D., University of Warsaw.

Nason, Michael; Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice; (2022)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Naylor, Gregory; Assistant Professor of Psychology; (2025)
B.A., The Pennsylvania State University;
M.Ed. Ph.D., Temple University.

Ngugi, Daniel; Professor of Economics; (2009)
B.S., University of Nairobi;
M.S., University of Malawi;
M.S., Ph.D., University of Georgia.

Nunziato, Kara; Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2019)
A.S., Williston State College;
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota.

Odufuwa, Abiodun; Assistant Professor of Biology; (2024)
B.S. M.S., Obafemi Awolowo University;
Ph.D., University North Dakota.

Okeson, Heidi; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2013)
B.S.N., Minot State University;
M.S.N., University of Phoenix.

Olson, Courtney; Instructor of Communication Sciences & Disorders; (2022)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Ondracek, James; Professor of Business Administration; (1994)
B.S., Montana State University;
M.B.A., California State University;
Ph.D., University of South Carolina.

Paterno, David; Associate Professor of Professional Communication; (2024)
B.A., M.A., The William Paterson University of New Jersey;
Ph.D., University of Otago.

Pattathil Joy, Cyriac; Assistant Professor of Management; (2022)
B.E., Visveswaraiah Technological University;
M.B.A., Bangalore University - Christ College, India;
Ph.D., Iowa State University.

Pedersen, Holly; Professor of Special Education; (2006)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ed.D., Walden University.

Pettit, Joseph; Assistant Professor of Biology; (2020)
B.A., Metropolitan State College;
M.S., Indiana State University;
Ph.D., Indiana State University.

Pijning, Ernst; Professor of History; (1999)
M.A., University of Leiden, Netherlands;
M.A., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University.

Pontenila, Serena; Assistant Professor of Business Technology; (2021)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., Capella University.

Powers, Elyzia; Assistant Professor of Psychology; (2023)
B.A., Augustana College;
M.S.Ed., Ph.D., Northern Illinois University.

Rabe, Gary; Professor of Criminal Justice; (1993)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.A., Sam Houston State University;
Ph.D., University of Delaware.

Rammell, Charlotte Sophia; Associate Professor of Spanish; Chair of Fine and Performing Arts (2019)
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapter Hill;
M.A., Ph.D., Indiana University;
Postdoctoral Associate, Linguistics Program, Duke University.

Reep-Jarmin, Jacqueline; Associate Professor of Nursing; (2009)
B.S.N., Minot State University;
M.S.N., Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

Regalado-Smith, Melissa; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2024)
A.A., Williston State College;
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota.

Reinisch, Danielle; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2016)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University Mary;
D.N.P., University of North Dakota.

Reister Walker, Robyn; Assistant Professor of Communications Sciences and Disorders; (2017)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University;
Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

Repnow, Jan; Assistant Professor of Business Education; (2007)
B.S., Minot State University;

M.S., University of North Dakota.

Ringrose, Daniel; Professor of History; Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; (1995)
B.A., Carleton College;
M.A., Ph.D., The University of Michigan.

Roberts, Amy; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2011)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota.

Roberts, Neil; Associate Professor of Professional Communication; (1993)
B.S., M.A., North Dakota State University.

Roteliuk, Lisa; Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2007)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Rupassara, Upul; Assistant Professor of Mathematics; (2020)
B.Sc., University of Peradeniya;
M.Sc., Ph.D., Southern Illinois University.

Schmidt, Bryan; Professor of Chemistry; Chair of Science; (2008)
B.S., Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi;
Ph.D., Michigan State University.

Schomaker, Rachel; Assistant Professor of Biology; (2022)
B.S., Florida Southern College;
Ph.D., University of South Carolina.

Seifert, Darren;  Assistant Professor of Computer Science: Chair of Math, Data and Technology; (2016)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota.

Singer, Mark, Associate Professor of History; Chair of Humanities, Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies (2014)
A.A.S., Tarrant County College;
B.S., Western New Mexico University;
M.A., Ph.D., University of Missouri.

St. Peter, Krystal; Assistant Professor of Psychology; Chair of Behavioral Sciences and Criminal Justice; (2021)
B.A., Wilkes Honors College;
M.A., Ph.D., Florida Atlantic University.

Stai, Jerry; Assistant Professor of Finance; (1999)
B.A., Minot State University;
M.S., University of North Dakota.

Stander, Ryan; Professor of Art; (2012)
B.A., Northwestern University;
M.A., Sioux Falls Seminary;
M.F.A, University of North Dakota.

Stephens, Emily; Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders; (2021)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Stinson, Samuel; Associate Professor of English; (2019)
B.A., Florida College;
B.S., M.A., Western Kentucky University;
Ph.D., Ohio University.

Swedberg, John; Assistant Professor of Music; (2025)
ABD, University of Illinois
MM, Westminster Choir College
MATh, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
BS, Faith Baptist Bible College

Tiedman, Kimberly Ann; Assistant Professor of Nursing; (2016)
A.S., Bismarck State College;

B.S., Medcenter One College of Nursing;
M.S., University of Phoenix.

Vang, Kevin; Assistant Professor of Mathematics; (1986)
B.A., St. Olaf College;
M.S., University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana;
A.B.D, Utah State University.

Wade, Aaron; Assistant Professor of Mathematics; (2022)
B.A., California University of Pennsylvania;
M.S., Ph.D., Temple University.

Wald, Nicole; Assistant Professor of Accounting; (2015)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.S., University of Cincinnati;
C.P.A., North Dakota.

Wallace, Zebulon; Associate Professor of Geography; (2017)
B.S., M.S., University of North Alabama;
Ph.D., University of Memphis.

Watts, Amanda; Assistant Professor of Humanities; (2022)
B.A., Boston University;
M.A., M.S., University College London;
Ph.D., North Dakota State University.

Young, Charles; Associate Professor of Music; (2017)
BM., University of Mississippi;
MM., University of Southern Mississippi;
DMA., University of Georgia.

Zheng, Wenjing,; Associate Professor of Special Education; (2017)
B.A., M.A., Ocean University of China;
Ph.D., Xiamen University, China.

Zucca-Scott, Laura; Professor of Education; (2019)
M.Ed., South Dakota State University;
Ph.D., University of North Dakota.

## Special Contract Full Time-Faculty

Aleshire, Sarah; Assistant Professor of English; (2009)
B.A., Minot State University;
M.A., Washington State University.

Arnold, Jenna; Instructor of Special Education; (2021)
B.S., M.A., New Mexico State University.

Bailey, Erica; Instructor of Special Education; (2022)
B.A.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Borden-King-Jones, Christine; Instructor of Sociology; (2024)
B.A., University of Minnesota Moorhead;
M.A., M.P.H., Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University

Fleischman, Beverly; Instructor of Entrepreneurship; (2022)
B.A., Lethbridge College;
B.M., University of Lethbridge;
M.S., Minot State University.

Foley, Karen; Instructor of Education; (2019)
B.S., Minot State University;
M.A., University of Texas El Paso.

Green, Janelle; Instructor of Biology; (2023)
M.S., University of Nebraska;

M.Ed, University of Jamestown.

Hackett, Kelly; Instructor of Nursing (2024)
B.S.N., Minot State University.

Fornshell, Katelyn; Instructor of Communication Science and Disorders. (2025)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University

Krieg, Joseph; Assistant Professor of Geology; (2024)
B.A., North Dakota State University;
M.S. Ph.D., University of Iowa.

Olson, Luther; Instructor of Mathematics; (2022)
M.A.T., Minot State University;
B.S., Moorhead State University.

Paszek, Molly; Instructor of Special Education; (2022)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Riskus, Albert Michael; Assistant Professor of  English Literature and Writing; (2025)
B.A., University of Delaware;
M.S., Hofstra University;
Ed.D. Arizona State University

Smestad, Jessica; Director of Honor Program in Engagement & Scholarship; (2010)
B.A., University of North Dakota;
M.A., University of Connecticut.

Sturm, James; Director of Looyenga Leadership Center; (2020)
M.A., University of Buffalo.

Sun, Liang; Assistant Professor of Chemistry; (2022)
B.E., M.E., Dalian University of Technology;
Ph.D., University of Akron.

## Librarians

Bruton, Ben; Reference and Library Instruction Librarian; (2008)
A.A., Ferrum College;
B.A., University of Virginia;
M.L.S., University of North Carolina at Greensboro;
M.A., Murray State University.

Hunt, Patricia; Cataloging and Metadata Librarian; (2023)
B.A., University of South Florida;
M.A., Michigan State University;
M.S.L.S., The Catholic University of America.

Nechiporenko, Jolene; Director, Gordon B. Olson Library; (2004)
B.A., Minot State University;
M.L.I.S., San Jose State University.

Simi, Kathleen; Electronic Resources and Collection Management Librarian (2023)
B.S., Eastern Oregon University;
M.L.I.S., East Carolina University.

West, Mara; Information Literacy Librarian; (2021)
B.A., University of Minnesota;
M.A., A.B.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
M.S.L.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Coaches

Berry, Keegan, Interim Head Coach Women's Wrestling; (2026)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

VACANT, Head Coach Women's Soccer;

Boisner, Sam; Head Coach Baseball; (2022)
B.S., St. Cloud State;
M.S., Northern State.

Brekhus, Gary; Head Coach Men and Women's Golf; (2025)
B.S., Minot State University.

Clark, Ryan; Head Coach Women's Basketball; (2024)
B.S., Dickinson State University;
M.S., Minot State University.

Daley, Adam; Head Coach Men's Soccer; (2025)
B.S., Minot State University

VACANT, Head Coach Men's Wrestling;

Herbst, Randall; Head Coach Men's Basketball; (2025)
B.S., Waldorf University;
M.S., Winona State University.

Miner, Ryan; Head Coach Women's Hockey; (2017)
B.S., M.S., Minot State University.

Rodriguez, Sal; Head Coach Softball; (2021)
B.S. & M.S., Minot State University.

Schultz, Steven; Head Coach Men's and Women's Cross Country; (2022)
B.S., Concordia University Nebraska.

Shields, Ian; Head Coach Football; (2023)
B.S., M.A., Oregon State.

Stevens, Erik; Head Coach Men's & Women's Track and Field; (2026)
B.S., University of Arizona.

Waselenchuk, Wyatt; Head Coach Men's Hockey; (2021)
B.S., Minot State University.

Wastvedt, Josh; Head Coach Volleyball; (2026)
B.S., Mayville State University;
M.S., Southwest Minnesota State.