

## 2023-2024 Faculty & Staff Accomplishments

Ann Mulgrew – Director of Wellness, Life Coaching and Counseling Services – Student Life

- Established stronger Wellness initiatives in support of CU's Strategic Plan by building up the Wellness Network - a campus wide committee of faculty and staff who are seeking wellness engagements within their office/department.
- Participating in University of Iowa, Scanlon Center for School Mental Health Survey of Faculty and Staff.
- Created and implemented Mental Health “Take Ten” initiative in the library to help students decrease their anxiety. The library added a “Disconnect from Technology” room to help students minimize their stimuluses to decrease anxiety.

Jackie Jaeger – Assistant Professor – Business

- I passed comprehensive exams, making it official that I have a terminal degree, Doctor of Business Administration, ABD. I will present my dissertaton proposal defense next month. There could be more, but a big thing is an article I wrote is being published in a few weeks in a top-tier publication called the Journal of Business Ethics Education.

Heidi Rhinehart – Director of Advising – Academic Affairs

- Began professional advising unit.
- This summer will be completing an Appreciative Advising Administrator certification program.

Aimee Taylor – Assistant Professor – Compass

- As of January 2024, I was promoted to managing editor for the Practices & Possibilities book series at the WAC Clearinghouse as Dr. Mike Palmquist retired and stepped down from the series.
- In August 2023, I completed a proposal for revisions to the Compass Seminar curriculum, changes to the course titles, descriptions and outcomes, and hiring additional faculty to teach in the new first-year writing program. This proposal is now in the hands of CAC for approval, and we are in the midst of hiring two faculty.
- In June 2023, after receiving a faculty summer grant for \$1000, I presented at the IWAC Conference on an editor’s panel. We discussed scholarly review practices and how to manage open-access publications. "

Amanda Greubel – Assistant Professor – Social Work

- I presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting in Atlanta, GA on October 27, 2024. The panel presentation was titled "Building a Safe, Inclusive, and Anti-racist Learning Community: Reflections of DSW Scholars."
- I was approved for Tenure and Promotion!

Kenny Retzl – Director of Institutional Research and Assessment – Academic Affairs

- Admission to the National Center for Education Statistics Data Institute (competitive application)
- Admission to the HLC Peer Corps

Cathy Stierman – Associate Professor of Education – Education

- Selected to be a judge for the National STEM Challenge.

William Gregory – Associate Professor of Religious Studies – Philosophy & Religious Studies

- Published: “Contemporary U.S. Catholic Collaborative Mission,” eds. Dana L. Robert, Allison Kach-Yawngwe, and Morgan Crago, *Creative Collaborations: Case Studies of North American Missional Practices* (Oxford, UK: Regnum Books International, 2023), 25-36.
- Created: *The Mission of Catholic Higher Education: A Short Course for Leaders*. A 6-hour podcast on the mission of Catholic colleges and universities. On Spotify and YouTube.

Jenny Parker – Resource and Metadata Librarian – Library

- Certificate in Open Education Librarianship. September 2023

Ashley Hantelmann – Financial Aid Counselor – Financial Aid

- Student Aid - Basic Training

Lisa Rettenmeier – Chair and Professor of Nursing – Nursing

- Past President (Mentor) for Iowa Association of the Colleges of Nursing's incoming/current president
- AACN Essentials Champion for Clarke University
- FDC Summer Grant Presentation: *The American Association of the Colleges of Nursing (AACN): Beginning the Process for Integrating Competency Based Education into Pre-licensure and DNP Nursing Curricula* "

Mindy Oxenford – Assistant Professor – Physical Therapy

- Executive Board President & Board of Directors for the Iowa-Illinois Safety Council

Amy Errthum – Director of Marketing – Marketing

- Dubuque Area Chamber - Leadership Dubuque class of 2023

#### Vapordeal Sanders – Assistant Professor – Business

- Expanded my Clarke Representation, Clarke Knowledge, and Dubuque Knowledge:
  - Attended Clarke Lives: The Story of the 1984 Fire by Prof. Emeritus Norm Freund
  - Attended Julie Cirks BVM Associate Ceremony. (2024)
  - Attended Dubuque Black Panther Party Presentation (2024) Attended 54th Telegraph Harold 4. 4. First Citizen Award Presentation Honoring Tim Conlin (2024)
  - Represented Clarke at MLK Jr. Birthday Celebration (2024)
  - Attended Clarke Lives! Maclin Mailander Alumni Lecture by Joan Lingen (2024)
  - Joined Clarke's DEI Ally Network Book Reading Club (2024)
  - Attended Keys of Excellence, A Clarke Community Concert 2023)
  - Represented Clarke at MFC Cultural Exchange Rededication Center (2023)
  - Attended Clarke's The Burden of Wake and Reasons for Sleep with Chiara Cirelli, M.D., Ph.D (2023)
  - Attended Clarke's Faculty Piano recital, Dr. Keisy Peyertxavier (2023)
  - Represented myself and Clarke at the Kapa Delta Pi, Psi Chapter Centennial Celebration at UNI 2023
- Present a weekly Mary Frances reflection with a follow-up prayer written by me in each of my classes. Fall 2023 and Spring 2024
  - Business Law
  - Principles of Management
  - Compass Seminar I and II
  - Sales Management
- Presented sermons (periodically)and prayers (regularly) at two churches:
  - Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Mpls., MN (2023 and 2024)

#### Keisy Peyertl Xavier – Assistant Professor of Music, Collaborative Pianist – Music Department

- My own Faculty Piano recital in October 2023 where I gathered members of Clarke community and outside Clarke.
- Guest Artist Recital in February 2024. I brought an Opera Singer from Chicago for a concert and a Masterclass for vocal music majors.
- Increased attendance of piano majors at Clarke Music Day 2024, with three attendees compared to one the previous year.

#### Brad Mensen – Assistant Professor – Physical Therapy

- Abstract and poster accepted to a national conference.
- Chair of faculty development committee.

Maria Zenaida "Zeny" Renier – Circulation Desk Manager - Part Time – Library

- I continue to facilitate and in-charge of the student workers scheduling and timesheet for payroll using a free app called HomeBase (HB). I trained my supervisor and co-workers how to manage HB and also made instructional video clips of every segment of the procedure and uploading it in Teams for their reference if I'm not working. I also continue to supervise and train student workers on procedures we have here at the library to be able to help patrons efficiently. I have made suggestions to my co-workers and implemented them on some improvements and changes we could do to improve communications with student patrons and among ourselves. I also suggested and implemented using some portions of the OCLC WorldShare system to help track of overdue loans. Aside from being in-charge overall at night of the whole library, I also work every day on all 3 kinds of Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Plus making sure the noise level in the library is under control.

Angel Keller – DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, PMGT-BC – Nursing

- Will graduate with Psychiatric Mental Health Certificate May 2024 and sit for boards shortly thereafter.
- New credentials added: PMHNP.

Gina Burkart – Director of Learning Services – Academic Affairs

- Burkart, G. (2023, 4th ed). 16 weeks to college success. Kendall Hunt: Dubuque, IA.
- Burkart, G. (2023). Embedding learning and reading strategies into high stakes courses, Teaching Professor Conference (virtual).

Will Hudson – Director of Intercultural Programs – Student Life

- Started BMLS (Black Male Leadership Society) to address the retention of black males on campus.
- Brought canteen to campus, to start addressing some food insecurity issues amongst students.
- Created meal programs for during breaks to better accommodate our international students with the help of Cat Smith.
- Started ""Queen in You"" to help our women of color feel like they belong.
- Expanded university wide ALLY Network training to include Race, Power & Privilege. I also branched out to start the Student ALLY Network.
- It's been a long year. Those are all of the accomplishments I can think of as of now.

Dalton Graham – Head XC Coach / Assistant Track – Athletics

- National Runner-Up in 3k Racewalk for Noah Church
- 7 distance school records
- Conference champions in the women's distance medley relay
- 5 conference podium finishes"

Benjamin Drury – Director of Career Services – Academic Affairs

- 38 students attended the GDDC job fair.
- Hosted numerous professional development events including worksite campus tours, the networking power hour, and the summer opportunities fair.
- Collaborated with faculty and staff to support events such as interview fairs, resume clinics, FLED, and in-class resume and professional development seminars.
- Did outreach with graduating seniors to assess their post-graduation plans and give advice on how to move forward.
- Actively pursued new connections in the Dubuque-land area by way of networking events, Young Professionals clinics, and direct outreach resulting in over 50 new direct connections with community partners who want students for internships, entry-level positions, and part time work.

Chrissy Bartels – Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication – Arts & Media

- \*Invited to speak on Theatre for Charity for the Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism and Service-Learning
- \*Presentation Acceptance for WCWS 2024 Conference “Violent Women in Film: The Distinctive Societal Effect of Violent Women in Film on American Audiences”
- \*GRANT: CUOpen mini-grant proposal “Diverse Support Materials for Videos” has been approved for the amount of \$1,000!
- \*Participated in a film titled ""Obit"" filmed in part on Clarke Campus (I organized this)
- \*Participated in a second film that was filmed in part on Clarke Campus
- \*Booked 2 commercials for internet usage and one print ad
- \*Established a community connection with Julien Dubuque International Film Festival and introduced an internship program. One of my students, Jacob Schemmel won the internship for Spring 2024!

Evelyn Nadeau – Professor of Spanish, Interim Chair of the Society, Culture and Discourse

- Recipient of a CUOpen Mini-Grant.
- Selected to attend the 2024 NHLRC Virtual Heritage Language Teacher Workshop, National Heritage Language Resource Center, UCLA Center for World Languages

Amanda Huntleigh – Associate Professor of Music – Arts & Media – Music

- Guest conductor of the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra & Cadenza during their Holiday concerts - Dec. 2023

Steve Bellomy – Associate Professor of English – Society, Culture & Discourse

- Conference Presentation--American Literature Association (Boston, May 2023)
- Forthcoming Publication--Chapter contribution to Gothic Melville (2024). Note: I have listed this in the past, but this year the book will be officially published.
- Invited Presenter--Delivered a presentation on Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity (Clarke, January 2024)
- Poetry Judge--Annual competition for high-school poetry (Galena Educational Foundation, April 2024) "