



Dr. Janice Black, Entrepreneurship Program

By joining WCU (1/1/2021), I left 20+ years in Strategic Management for full-time Entrepreneurship Faculty. I research entrepreneurs'/intrapreneurs' learning and dynamic uncertainty including how small/medium enterprises change/grow in such conditions. Example: a SME context-for-learning's impact on emergent network organizations like natural disaster responses



Dr. Chris Cox, Kimmel School of Construction Management

Prior to joining the faculty of the Kimmel School Chris spent 38 years in the oil and gas industry. During his career he held a variety of senior management and executive roles in engineering, corporate planning and strategy. He holds Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in College Station and is a licensed Professional Engineer.



Dr. Jane Dell, Department of Geosciences and Natural Resources

Dr. Jane E. Dell is in her 3rd year at WCU in the Natural Resources Conservation and Management program. Her research with students aims to understand relationships between complex ecosystem processes and community parameters and to provide natural resource managers with information and tools that will enable them to become better stewards of vigorous and sustainable ecosystems.



Dr. Jeanne Dulworth, Department of Social Work

Dr. Jeanne Dulworth began teaching at WCU in 2000 and is the Undergraduate Program Director in the Department of Social Work. She is conducting research on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). She is also interested in Smart Decarceration and foster care. She and her husband are foster parents in Jackson County.



Dr. Sara Duncan, School of Health Sciences

Sara Duncan, Ph.D. started at WCU in Fall 2019 in the Environmental Health Program in the School of Health Sciences. She is passionate about environmental justice and aims to address community environmental and health issues through her teaching, research, and service.



Dr. Keith Gibbs, Department of Geosciences and Natural Resources

I received my PhD in Environmental Science from Tennessee Tech University with a focus on aquatic ecology and restoration. My current research interests include best strategies for protecting rare and imperiled species, restoring connectivity in riverine systems, and remediating land use practices that negatively affect aquatic biodiversity.



Dr. Alesia Jennings, Department of Chemistry and Physics

Alesia Jennings, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of chemistry. She is passionate about engaging students in the classroom and helping them achieve their academic goals. Dr. Jennings is also currently a graduate student in the sport management program at WCU and an academy director for a local soccer organization.



Morgan Kennedy, MFA, School of Art and Design

Justin Morgan Kennedy was born in Roanoke, Virginia. He received a BA in art from George Mason University, and an MFA in sculpture from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is an artist who explores the boundaries between Installation and Sculpture. He is the Assistant Professor of Sculpture at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.



Dr. April Perry, Higher Education Student Affairs Program

Dr. April Perry is the Program Director & Associate Professor in the M.Ed. Higher Education Student Affairs program, where she also serves as Assistant Department Head for Human Services. Her research emphasis is on College Student Development & Success, Career Development, and Transitions. As a practitioner, April has worked in Leadership Programs, Parent & Family Programs, Fundraising & Marketing, Academic Tutoring Services, and Graduate Student Administration.



Dr. Amy Rose, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Amy Rose is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. She teaches undergraduate and graduate students with courses in Dysphagia, Voice Disorders, Autism, and Childhood Language Disorders. Research includes development of friendship and social skills in disability populations and international service learning, most recently in Botswana.



Dr. Todd Watson, Department of Physical Therapy

Dr. Watson joined the Department of Physical Therapy in fall 2002 as the lead musculoskeletal orthopedic physical therapy instruction. He is also an attending clinician for the student run Mountain Area Pro Bono Health Services clinic (MAPHealth) on campus and in Asheville. He also takes students to Honduras each year on a two-week medical mission international service-learning travel course.



Dr. Claire Wofford, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Claire Wofford, Ph.D., CCC-SLP is an assistant professor and bilingual speech-language pathologist in the WCU Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders. Her teaching and research interests include cultural and linguistic diversity, language and literacy development in dual language learners, and dual-language home environments.



Dr. Yiqing Yang, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Dr. Yiqing Yang is a sociologist who is interested in how cultural, political, psychosocial, familial, and community factors affect the health and aging experiences of different cohorts in China and in the United States. In her spare time, she loves cooking and is an international traveler.