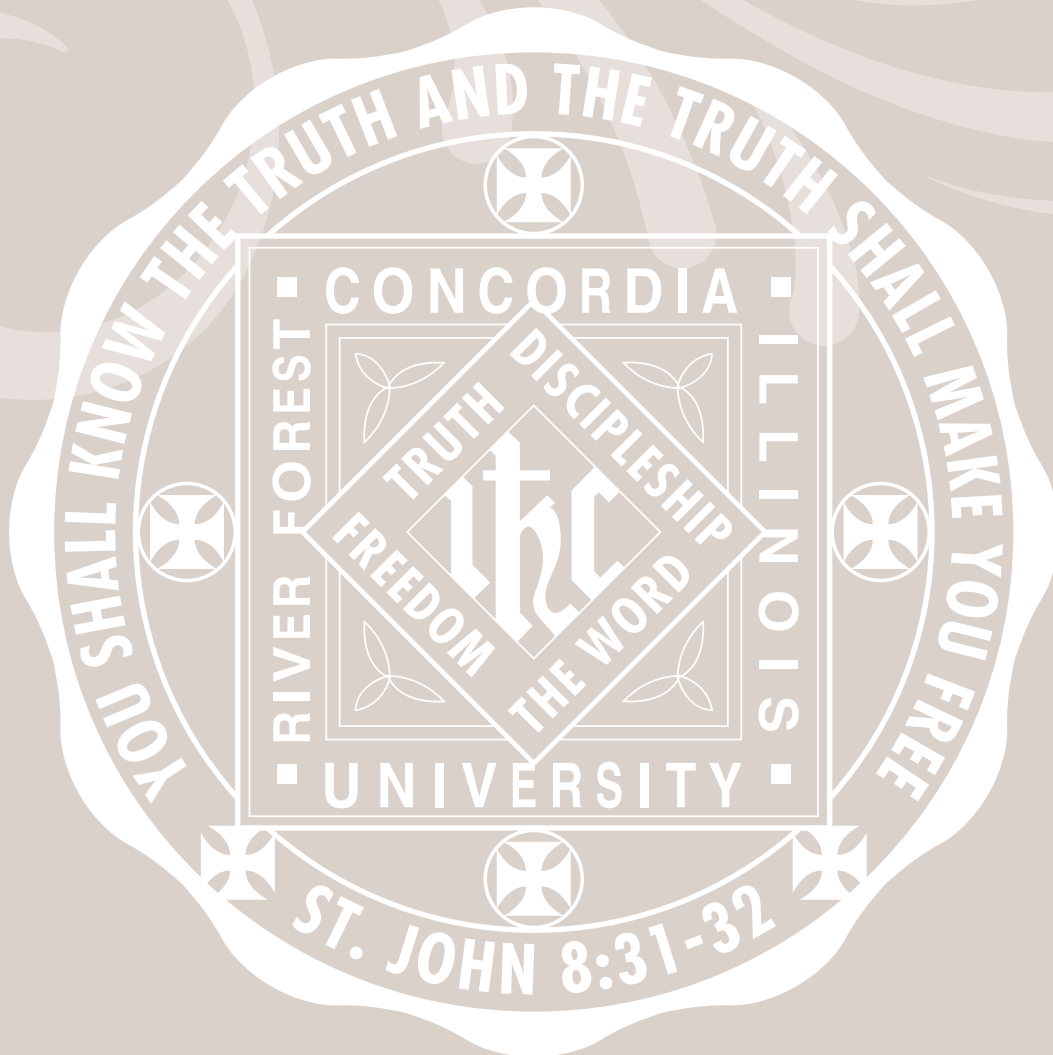
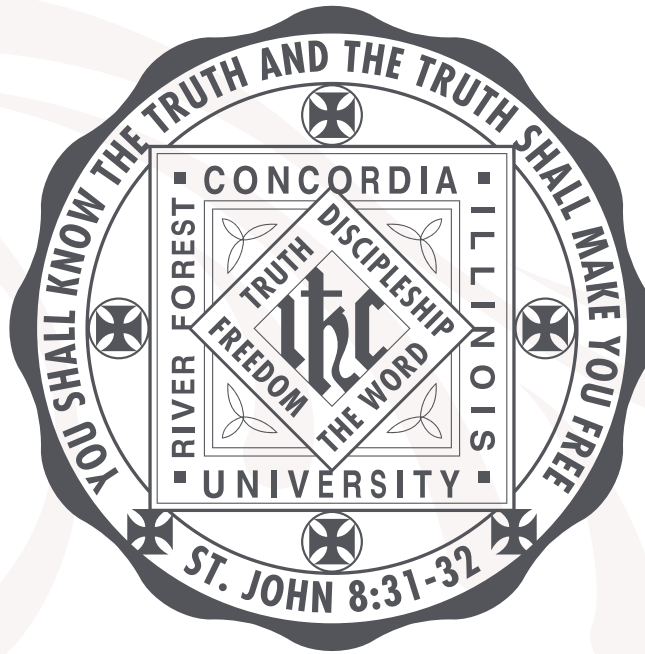


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#### **Strategic Leadership & Innovation**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Research and Development Innovation in the Food and Beverage Industry

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Roberto Castaneda, Khaled Alharahsheh, Abdullah Alshboul

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DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Roberto Castaneda, Khaled Alharahsheh, Abdullah Alshboul

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DISSERTATION TITLE: A Study on College Students' Acceptance of E-learning in China

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DISSERTATION TITLE: The Examination of Social Media Marketing Strategies to Cultivate Small and Medium Enterprise Customer Base

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Roberto Castaneda, Muaid Momany, Abdullah Alshboul

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Customers' Perception and Customers' Loyalty in Chinese Banks

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Roberto Castaneda, Khaled Alharahsheh, Abdullah Alshboul

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Leadership Strategies for the Effective Implementation of Innovation Performance in the Oil Manufacturing Industry

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Dana Sendziol, Laura Mays, Alain Gracianette

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Exploring Leadership Strategies for Knowledge Sharing to Improve Employee Performance

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jacqueline McCoy, Paul Brower, Noal Staubus

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Exploring Mentoring Relationships with Women Small Business Entrepreneurs

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Laura Mays, Daniel Mays, Claudia Santin

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Providers' Intention to Utilize Telemedicine in the Post-COVID Environment

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: David Petrie, Karen Calendo, Alain Gracianette

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DISSERTATION TITLE: The Impact of Food Literacy on Consumer Purchase Behavior toward Functional Food

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Roberto Castaneda, Daniel Mays, Abdullah Alshboul

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Students' Decision Making: Selecting a University in China

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Roberto Castaneda, Daniel Mays, Abdullah Alshboul

### **Daniel Watson**

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DISSERTATION TITLE: The Relationship Between Organizational Cultural Elements and Employees' Retention

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Daniel Mays, Laura Mays, Rey Lao

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Challenges of Women of Color in Corporate America Transitioning Into Leadership Roles

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Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teachers' and Staff's Perceptions of the Whole School, Community, Child Framework: A Case Study

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Libi Shen, John D'Aguanno, Christopher Maddox

### **Sharita Green**

Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Occupational Training Program Technique Challenges Impacting Underserved Worker Populations

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Brennan, Dennette Foy, Donald Comi

### **Ronald Hammond**

Leadership: Sports Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Sports Management Faculty's Perspectives of E-sports Programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: A Case Study

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Libi Shen, John D'Aguanno, Sandra Svoboda

### **Toni Hurt**

Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Discussing Black Violence in Classrooms: White Teachers, Safe Spaces, and the Needs of Black Students

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Cheli Thomas, Evelyn Nedderman, Sarah Miltz-Frielink

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Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Who is Actually Leading that Charter School? The Case for Principal Retention in Charter Management Organization Charter Schools

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Peter Sullivan, Dion Jones

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Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teacher Perceptions of Characteristics of an Effective Instructional Leader

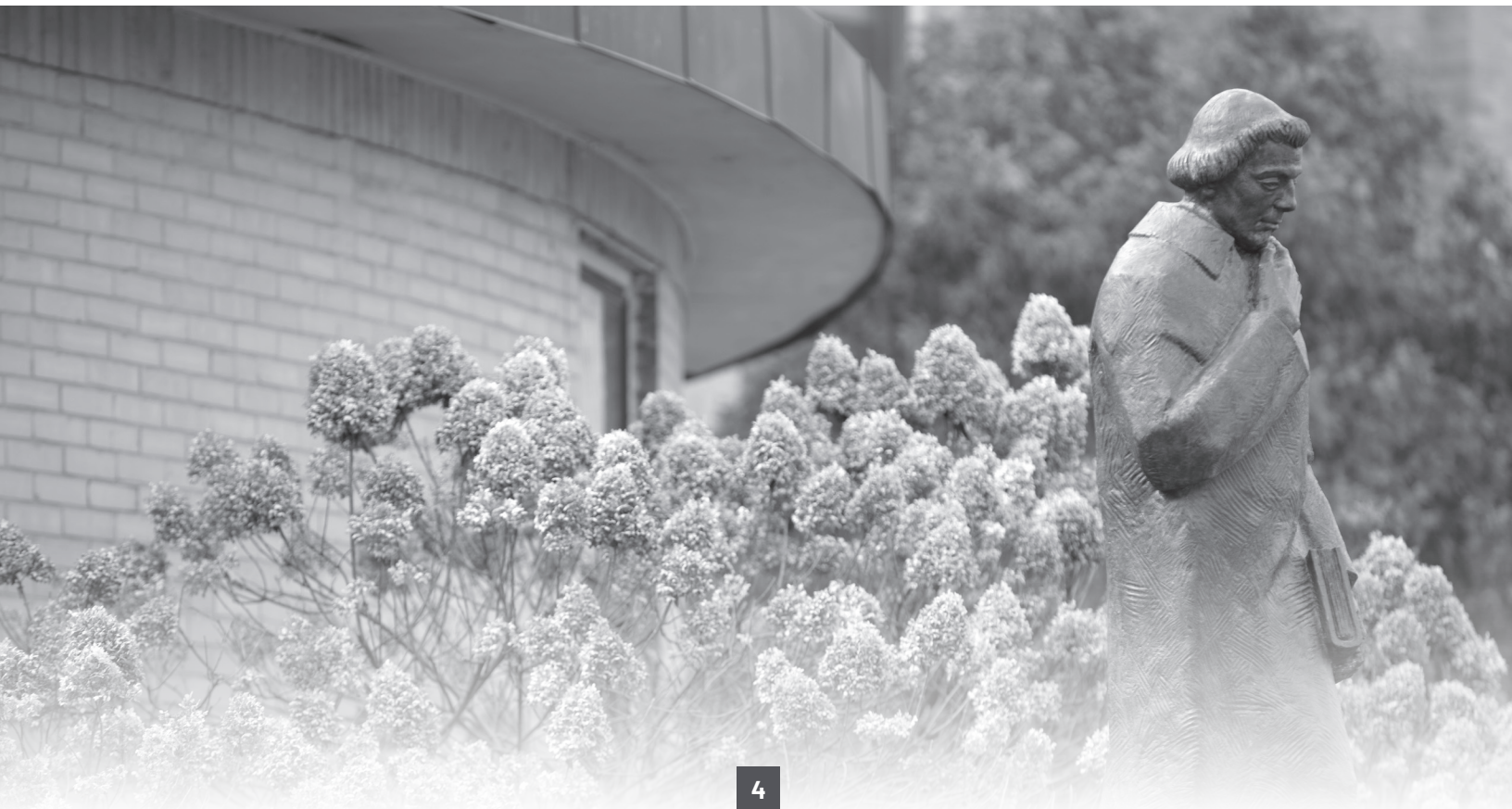
DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Denise Glasgow, Tamara Korenman, Arthur Safer

### **Miranda Ryan**

Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Perceptions of the Strategies for Engaging BIPOC Students in CTE and Other Career Opportunities

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Denise Glasgow, Ann Frkovich, Arthur Safer



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DISSERTATION TITLE: The Effectiveness of Common Core State Standards

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Christopher Maddox, Jill Williams, Karen Ellefsen

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DISSERTATION TITLE: Funding and Resource Allocation in Illinois Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Donna Blaess, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Arthur Safer

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Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: How Employees Understand the Influence of Executive Nonprofit Leaders

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Brennan, Ann Frkovich, Katherine Green

#### **Heather Jacobs**

Leadership: Sports Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Experiences of NCAA Division II and Division III Female Athletic Directors

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Brennan, Mary Ball Brant, Pamela Konkol

#### **Ryan Meinen**

Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Transformational Leadership's Impact on Employee Engagement in the Hotel Industry

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Thomas Gollery, Elizabeth Brennan

#### **Andrew Sellers**

Leadership: Sports Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Time and Sports Management: A Correlational Examination of Internships and Employment

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jamie Stangel, Kim Marxhausen, Arthur Safer

#### **Ivory Woodhouse**

Leadership: Organizational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Cognitive Dissonance during Performance Improvement Feedback from a Human Resources Perspective

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Brennan, Matthew Basham, Jehad Matariyeh

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### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### **Susan Almendarez**

Leadership: Early Childhood Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: Preschool Teachers' and Clinicians' Perceptions of Teaching Social Emotional Learning to Young Children

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Lauren Wellen, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Nancy Cavaretta

#### **Michael Berrie**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Racial Identity and Sense of School Belonging in African American Males: A Qualitative Inquiry

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Pamela Konkol, Denise Glasgow, Dion Jones

#### **Scott Cittadino**

Leadership: Educational Technology Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Effects of Technology-Focused Professional Development on Teachers' Confidence

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Ardelle Pate, Tamara Korenman, Daniel Coles

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Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Leadership and Professional Learning Communities

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: William Spears, Mary Ball Brant, Glenn Schlichting

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Leadership: Reading, Language, & Literacy

DISSERTATION TITLE: Understanding Children's Perceptions of Low Socioeconomic Circumstances in Children's Literature

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Sandra Doering, Tamara Korenman, Arthur Safer

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Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teachers Perceptions of Supporting English Language Learners in General Education Classrooms

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Denise Glasgow, Katherine Green, Amy Varchmin



# CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, *continued*

## **Marci Freedy**

**Leadership: School Leadership-Experienced Leader**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teaching During COVID-19: A Focus on Educators' Mental Health, Well-Being, and Thoughts Towards Attrition

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kevin Miller, Alison Clark, Julie Davis

## **LaToya Free-Williams**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Middle School Teachers' Perceptions of Understanding Social-Emotional Learning and their Experiences Teaching Historically Marginalized Black Students

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Ann Frkovich, Sheilah Jefferson-Isaac

## **Ann Gleason**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Creating a Supportive and Inclusive Environment for Military-Connected Adolescent Students within U.S. Public Schools

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Katherine Green, Craig Schilling, Arthur Safer

## **Alexander Hofeldt**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: What Are the Preferred "Big Five" Personality Traits for Teachers as Identified as High-Impact by Participants Eighteen to Twenty-Five Years Old

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Paul Sims, Jan Perney, Lynette Zimmer

## **Thomas Karolewski**

**Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Bullying, Mobbing and Harassment in Orthotics and Prosthetics: How do people respond to negative behavior?

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Pamela Konkol, Patricia Hinchey, Arthur Safer

## **Katherine Lauson-Iriarte**

**Leadership: School Leadership-Initial Leader**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Exploring Ethical Leadership During A Pandemic: A Phenomenological Study Exploring Middle School Principals' Ethical Leadership Skills Utilizing Ohio Standards for Principals

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Adam Hiebel, Peter Sullivan, Rebecca Hornberger

## **Shalyn Leighner**

**Leadership: School Leadership-Initial Leader**

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Impact of PBIS on High School Attendance

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Peter Sullivan, Dennette Foy

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**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Examining Burnout During the Career Life Cycle of Special Education Teachers Working With Students Identified with Emotional Disturbance

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Tamara Korenman, Kathleen Briseno

## **Regina Mangieri**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Leaders' Perceptions of Maintaining Student Equity and Engagement When Disaster Strikes

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Denise Glasgow

## **Donna McLeod**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teachers' Perceptions of the Impact of Danielson Framework for Teaching on Instructional Techniques

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Dennette Foy, Sheilah Jefferson-Isaac

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**Leadership: Reading, Language, & Literacy**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Adult Learners' Views of a Community College Adult Education Program

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kari Pawl, Angela Tagaris, Margaret Trybus

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**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Perceptions of Leadership Preparation Programs: Meeting the Needs of Black Students

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Cheli Thomas, Pamela Konkol, Sarah Militz-Frielink

## **Yamuel Perez**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Factors that Impact Teachers' Decision to Retire in Puerto Rico

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Matthew Basham, Craig Schilling

## **Sara Reed**

**Leadership: Educational Leadership**

DISSERTATION TITLE: Early Elementary Teachers' Perception of Experiential Learning and Directed Instruction

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Lauren Wellen, Angela Tagaris, Arthur Safer

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, *continued*

## **Adrienne Saverson**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teachers' Perceptions of Social-Emotional Learning in the K-5th Grade

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Brennan, Mary Ball Brant, Marlo Barnett

## **Robert Shaughnessy**

Leadership: Higher Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Relationships Between Female Online Adjunct Faculty's Perceptions of Job Satisfaction and Supervisor Leadership Style: A Quantitative Examination

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Dannelle Stevens, Peter Sullivan, Donna Knight

## **Anitra Simmons**

Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: Educators' Attitudes, Perceptions, and Beliefs and Their Understanding and Application of Equitable Practices in the Classroom

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Rebecca Hornberger, Adam Hiebel, Elizabeth Wallick

## **Vonita Thomas**

Leadership: Higher Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: Organizational Change in a Higher Education Institution: Faculty Perspectives on Online Course Offerings

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: William Spears, Mary Ball Brant, Denise Glasgow

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Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Secondary Teacher's Perspectives of Teacher-Student Relationships from the Attachment Construct of Secure Base and the Impact on Student's Social-Emotional Development

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Joan McGarry, Cheli Thomas, Michael Jenkins

## **Majalise Tolan**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Hiring, Supporting, and Retaining Female Secondary Athletic Directors: A Study of the Problem

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Paul Sims, Pamela Konkol, Krista Parent

## **Sherevere Walker**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Overcoming Challenges of Alternative Instruction: Using Experiential Learning to Promote Student Success

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Juan Vives, Barbara Calabro, Mary Sanford

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Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Boys' Yeshiva High School Study: Successes, Challenges, Needs and Hopes

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kari Pawl, Angela Tagaris, Paul Sims

## **Hector West**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Discussions of Readiness: Teacher Perceptions of Postsecondary Readiness Development

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Juan Vives, Peter Sullivan, Barbara Calabro

## **Jason Williams**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: An Exploratory Study of the Relationship Between Transformative Technology Integration and 21st-Century Student Learning

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Margaret Trybus, John Schwartz, Samuel Kwon

## **Karl Williams**

Leadership: Special Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: Connecting Cultures and Diverse Teaching Experiences: A Basic Qualitative Study on The Lived Experiences of Immigrant Teachers Working with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Minority Elementary School Students in Public Schools in The Mid-Atlantic Region

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Dinaro, Jie Lin, Kathleen Briseno



# CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### **Ibtisam Aldawsari**

Leadership: Educational Technology

DISSERTATION TITLE: Students' Experiences With Smart Devices in Online Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Christopher Dignam, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Hillyn Sennholtz

### **Fatimah Aljawad**

Leadership: Educational Technology

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Influences of Educational Technology on Comprehension among Elementary School Students during the COVID-19 Pandemic Period in Saudi Arabia

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Helga Hambrock, John Schwartz, Mary Zaharis

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Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: Understanding and Exploring the Use of Graphic Organizers by Teachers to Support ELLs in Elementary School

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Pamela Konkol, Paul Sims, Arthur Hendricks

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Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Relationship between Perceptions of Response to Intervention (RtI) and the UAE Middle and High School Students MAP Growth Performance in Mathematics

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Katherine Green, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Julie Davis

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Leadership: Educational Technology

DISSERTATION TITLE: High School Teachers' Perceptions of Technology Integration into Students' Learning

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Denise Glasgow, Mark Gordon, Arthur Safer

### **James Gates**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: School Board Member Perceptions of the Race Based Academic Achievement Disparity

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Paul Sims, Angela Tagaris, Robert Wilhite

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Leadership: Early Childhood Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: Saudi Arabian Preschool Teachers' Perspectives of the Need for Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Lauren Wellen, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Nancy Cavaretta

### **Connie Kelly**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Lived Experiences of Middle School Teachers Who Have Been Victims of Student Violence

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Mary Crabtree, Warletta Brookins

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Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Assessing Career Readiness of Yiddish Speaking Yeshiva Graduates as it Relates to Their Chosen Careers Within Their Community

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Silverstein, Angela Tagaris, Paul Sims

### **Mitra Moazzen**

Leadership: Higher Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Role of Higher Education Leaders in Contingent Appointments: Contingent Contracts Impact Job Security and Academic Freedom

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: William Spears, Peter Sullivan, Arthur Safer

### **Kristina Passarella**

Leadership: Early Childhood Education

DISSERTATION TITLE: American Teacher Perspectives on the Implementation of a Reggio-Inspired Approach

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Lauren Wellen, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Nancy Cavaretta

### **Kateri Quinonez**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Meaningful Participation in Individual Education Program (IEP) Meetings: Understanding the Students' Perspective

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Andrea Dinaro, Pamela Konkol, Angela Huntington

### **Christiana Rennie-Varner**

Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: Perceptions of persistence: Identifying experiences high-risk students believe increase their academic success

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jamie Kowalczyk, John Schwartz, Aimee Krall-Lanoue

### **Mary Ruff**

Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: Teacher Mindset and Practices: Influences on Gifted Secondary Mathematics Students

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Elena Lyutykh, Hayal Kackar-Cam, Margaret Trybus



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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, *continued*

## **Liliana Ruiz**

Leadership: Reading, Language, & Literacy

DISSERTATION TITLE: How Culture Can Influence a Monolingual Teacher's Literacy Experiences and Practices, When Building Background Knowledge, With English Language Learners

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kari Pawl, Angela Tagaris, Lauren Wellen

## **Stacey Tetloff**

Leadership: Reading, Language, & Literacy

DISSERTATION TITLE: From Professional Practice to the Classroom: Industry Expert Adjunct Faculty Perspectives on Writing-in-the-Disciplines

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Gena Lewis, Jie Lin, Michael Hollis

## **Max Weinberg**

Leadership: Educational Leadership

DISSERTATION TITLE: Strengthening School Belongingness for Adopted/Looked After Students: A Case Study on Educator Practice

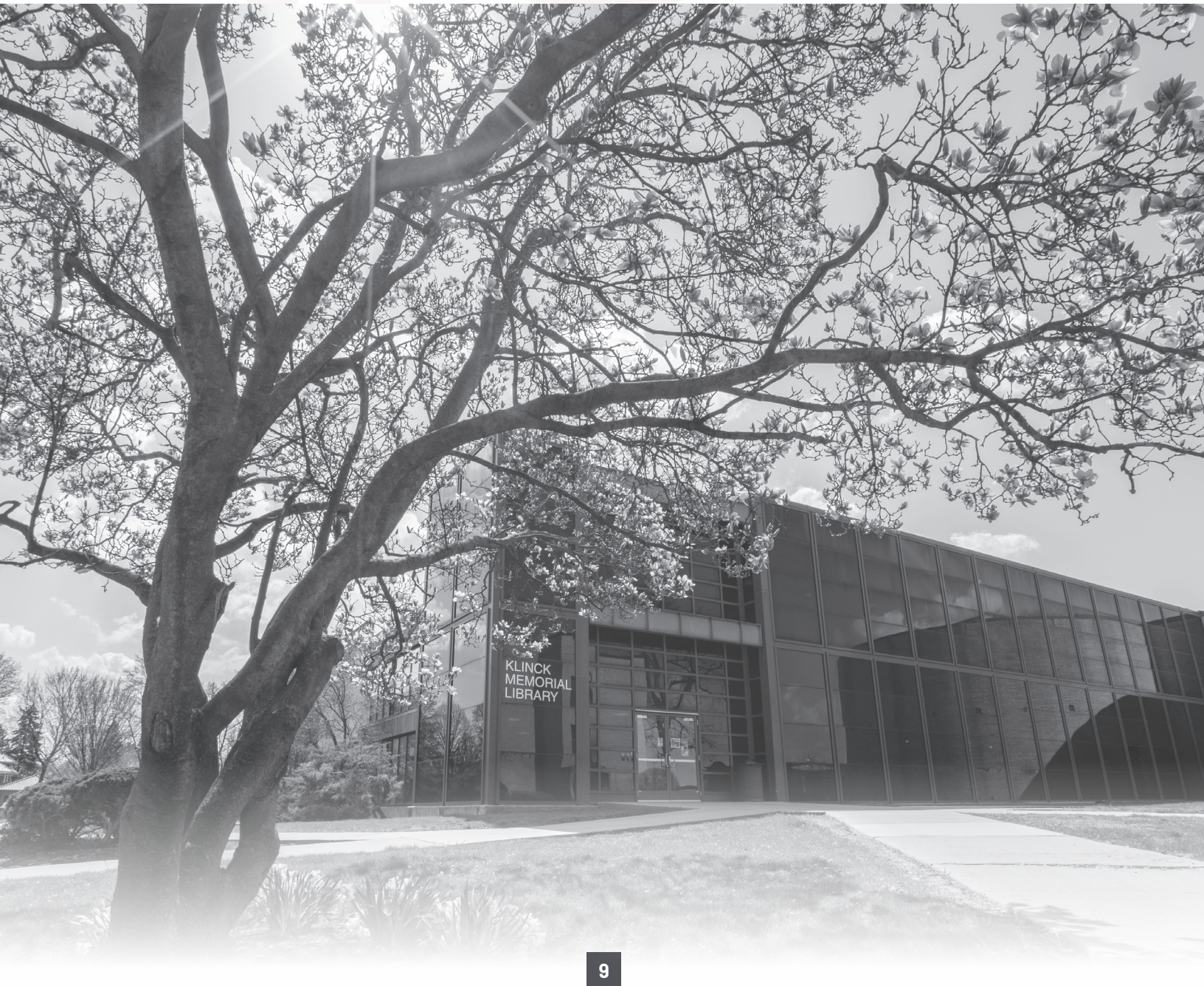
DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Pamela Konkol, Edd Taylor, Arthur Safer

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Leadership: Curriculum & Instruction

DISSERTATION TITLE: Degree Satisfaction of Graduated International Graduate Students from Private Faith-based Universities: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of International Students' Concerns

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jenna Nelson, John Schwartz, Jamie Kowalczyk





## CANDIDATE FOR THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### **Antonette Jordan**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: Law Enforcement Officers' Perception of Fitness and Wellness in the Workplace: A Mixed Methods Approach

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Bridget Melton, Helen Bland, David Duke Biber

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### **Christine Beadle**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Effectiveness of a Novel Injury Prevention Program in Adolescent Soccer Players

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Theresa Miyashita, Helen Bland, Bridget Melton

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Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: A Comparison of Four Body Composition Methods in a Large Healthcare System

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jordan Moon, Michael Lane, James Tufano

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Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: Training to Increase Clubhead Speed: How Accumulated Fatigue Affects Putting Skill

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jeffrey McBride, Helen Bland, James Tufano

### **Chiquita Emel**

Leadership: Gerontology

DISSERTATION TITLE: Educators' Perspectives on Aging: Infusing Gerontology into Elementary School Curricula

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Katherine Green, Mixon Ware, Maria Carpiac

### **Jessi Glauser**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: Lacrosse Performance Enhancement: Force-Velocity Characteristics of Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Athletes

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Bridget Melton, Justin Kilian, Austin Smith

### **David Kawahata**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: Effectiveness and Feasibility of the Social-Supported Individualized Group (SIG) Fitness Program to Increase Habit Strength and Lower Body Fat Percentage in Women

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Bridget Melton, Helen Bland, David Duke Biber

### **Nicole Lepo**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Survivors' Experiences with Yoga: A Feminist Phenomenological Case Study

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Fritch, Pamela Konkol, Sandra Svoboda

### **Jimmy Reyes**

Leadership: Gerontology

DISSERTATION TITLE: Exploring the Role of Familismo in Diabetes Self-Management Among First- and Second-Generation Latino Elders with Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Edgar Ramos, Maja Miskovic, Victoria Russo

### **Sterling Richards**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: An exploratory investigation into clients' expectations of technology use in the fitness industry

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Bridget Melto, David Duke Bibe, Kathleen Fritch

### **Karen Sinclair**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: Exploring the Relationships Between Elementary Teachers' Physical Activity Behaviors and Attitudes and Their Integration of Classroom-Based Physical Activity

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Fritch, Kathleen Hibbert, Michael Thomas

### **Angela Stagliano**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: A Validation Study of a Wireless Blood Flow Restriction Device

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Fritch, F. J. Goodwin, Cory Smith



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COLLEGE OF HEALTH, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, *continued*

### **Lea Stenerson**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Utility of Integrated Resistance Training for Reducing Running-Related Injury Risk in Adult Recreational Runners

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Bridget Melton, Helen Bland, Greg Ryan

### **Joshua Watson**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Effect of Differing Potentiation Modalities on Acute Performance in Collegiate Athletes

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Jason Winchester, Jeffrey McBride, Vanessa Moreno

### **Matthew Wright**

Leadership: Health & Human Performance

DISSERTATION TITLE: The Effects of Exercise on Anxiety and Depression Symptoms in Physician Assistant Students

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Kathleen Fritch, Steve Song, Virginia Valentin

### **Amanda Young**

Leadership: Gerontology

DISSERTATION TITLE: Wellness Coordination in Continuing Care at Home Programs

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE: Brenda Ross, Mary Ball Brant, Robyn Stone



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