

# UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL

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(effective August, 2025)

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Publisher, Interiors & Sources  
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Operations Vice President  
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President, Worldwide Field Operations,  
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**Rod Adams '95** (2022)  
Principal, Talent Acquisition and  
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Senior Manager, Global External Supply,  
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**Laura Randolph '92** (2014, 2018)  
Plastic Surgeon,  
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Director – Venture Capital Department  
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**Marc F. Talluto '94** (2017)  
Entrepreneur | Investor

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Metabolic Institute

**Jim Joslin '93** (2022)  
Partner & General Counsel  
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**Danielle M. Kays '01** (2019)  
Partner,  
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**W. Thomas Lawrence '80** (2007)  
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Ernst & Young LLP (retired)

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Wells Fargo Bank, (retired)

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Dallas, Texas

## Emeriti

**Marvin D. Bower '45** (1976)  
Scottsdale, Arizona

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Greenwich, Connecticut

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**Thomas J. Neis '70** (2002)  
Crystal Lake, Illinois

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**Robert K. Zimmerman '71** (2013)  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND STAFF

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| 1. Clinton W. Sears       | 1855-1857 |
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| 6. Edgar M. Smith         | 1898-1905 |
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| 9. William J. Davidson    | 1922-1932 |
| 10. Harry W. McPherson    | 1932-1937 |
| 11. Wiley G. Brooks       | 1937-1939 |
| 12. William E. Shaw       | 1939-1947 |
| 13. Merrill J. Holmes     | 1947-1958 |
| 14. Lloyd M. Bertholf     | 1958-1968 |
| 15. Robert S. Eckley      | 1968-1986 |
| 16. Wayne Anderson        | 1986-1988 |
| 17. Minor Myers, jr.      | 1989-2003 |
| 18. Richard F. Wilson     | 2004-2015 |
| 19. Eric R. Jensen        | 2015-2019 |
| 20. S. Georgia Nugent     | 2019-2024 |
| 21. Sheahon J. Zenger     | 2024-     |

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Athletic Director

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**Michael Wagner, M.S.**

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Director of Stewardship and Donor  
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Director of Conference Services

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Director of Esports

# THE FACULTY

## (effective August, 2025)

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### Emeriti

#### Teodora Amoloza, Ph.D.

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#### Miles C. Bair, M.A.

*Professor of Art* (1979, 2015)  
*Director of the School of Art* (1979-2015)  
B.S., M.Ed., Edinboro State College;  
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*Isaac Funk Professor* (2007-2019) and  
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*Linnaeus Sherff Professor of Botany* (2014-  
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**Isaac Funk Professorship (1866)**

*Joanne Diaz, Ph.D. (named 2022)*  
*Isaac Funk Endowed Professor of English*

**The R. Forrest Colwell Endowed Professor of English (1972)**

*James Plath, Ph.D. (named 2015)*  
*R. Forrest Colwell Chair of English*

**The McFee Professorship of Religion (1984)**

*Kevin Sullivan, Ph.D. (named 2024)*  
*McFee Endowed Professor and Professor of Accounting*

**The Dr. Robert S. Eckley Professorship of Economics (1986)**

*Bryan McCannon '98, Ph.D. (named 2023)*

*Robert S. Eckley Endowed Professor of Economics and Dean of the School of Business and Economics*

**The Edward R. Teling '46 Endowed Professorship of Business Administration (1987)**

*Robert Kearney, J.D. (named 2014)*  
*Edward R. Telling '46 Endowed Professor of Business Administration*

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*Robert Harrington Endowed Professor of Biology*

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**Byron S. Tucci Endowed Professorship (2010)**

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**Wendell and Loretta Hess Professorship of Chemistry (2012)**

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**B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames Professorship (2014)**

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