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Professional & Scholarly Activities

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Chapters in Books


Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals


Scholarly Essays/Publications


**Presentations at Professional Meetings**


“Converging research and teaching: Engaging students with interpersonal and small group communication research in the classroom,” (Panel presentation). Central States Communication Association, Madison, WI, April, 2015.


Melanie Felton, Ph.D. Teach me to Play and Create! Pre-Service Teachers’ Journeys through Immersion and Service Learning at a Children’s Museum for the National Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators Conference Session, NAEYC Fall Institute. Dallas, TX, November, 2014.


Jeff Keyte, M.D. “College of Saint Mary Elementary Science Outreach Program: Creating a STEM Stimulating Community in an Omaha Neighborhood,” Nebraska Academy of Science. Lincoln, NE, April, 2015.


“Integrating audio-visual materials and mobile app technologies into chemistry Course curriculum” 26th International Conference on College Teaching And Learning. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, April, 2015.


Amanda Roe, Ph.D.  “60 years and 60,000 maggots: The current state of blow fly development,” Entomological Society of America. Portland, OR, November, 2014.


**Artistic Works, Exhibits, Performances**


Funded Research Grants or Proposals

Phyllis Higley, Ph.D.  

Jeff Keyte, M.D.  

Dunesh Kumari, Ph.D.  
“Can the Presence of Antioxidants Attenuate the formation of Acrylamide in French Fries?” Nebraska EPSCoR. April 2015-September 2015.

Ganesh Naik, Ph.D.  
“Can the Presence of Antioxidants Attenuate the formation of Acrylamide in French Fries?” Nebraska EPSCoR. April, 2015-September 2015.

Amanda Roe, Ph.D.  
CSM Elementary Science Outreach Project,” NASA. August 1, 2015-February 26, 2016.  

Professional Reviewer

Karla Bergen, Ph.D.  
“You can be anything you want, but you can’t do it all.” Manuscript reviewed for *Journal of Family Communication*, April, 2015.  

Sally Bisson-Best, J.D.  

Cristy Daniel, Ed.D, OTR/L  
Proposal Reviewer for the 2015 AOTA Education Summit

Dunesh Kumari, Ph.D.  

Lois Linden, Ed.D.  

Kristin Mattson, Ph.D.  
Heartland Campus Compact Conference, proposal reviewer. 2015.
Kristi Preisman, Ph.D.  
Proposal Reviewer for American Association for Teaching and Curriculum, 2014.

Roe, Amanda, Ph.D.  
Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences, 2015

Narcissus Shambare, Ph.D.  

Merryellen Towey Schulz, Ph.D.  
SITE Book 2015 Reviewed five manuscripts:  
- Teachers’ Role in 1:1 Initiatives: Integration: Engagement and School Culture in Middle School Classrooms. May, 2015.  
- Transformational Video Use to Explore Preservice Teachers’ Conceptualizations. May, 2015.
National Review Board, Teacher Education Quarterly. April, 2015-present  
- Preparing preservice teachers to meet the content and language needs of English language learners in mathematics through word Problems. May, 2015.  

Professional Conferences Attended

Mindy Barna, M.S.N.  
ATI National Nurse Educator Summit. San Diego, California, April, 2015.

Karla Bergen, Ph.D.  

Sally Bisson-Best, J.D.  

Steven Brewer, M.B.C.  
Annual Conference of International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. Baltimore, Maryland, April, 2015.  

Jing Chang, Ph.D.  
Mathematical Association of American for Nebraska and Southeast South Dakota. Wayne, NE, April 17-18, 2015.

Cristy Daniel, Ed.D, OTR/L  
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<td>National Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators Conference. Dallas, TX, November, 2014.</td>
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<td>National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, November, 2014.</td>
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<td>Nebraska Education Technology Conference. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.</td>
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<td>Tracey Green, M.S.N.</td>
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<td>14th Annual International Nursing Association for Clinical Stimulation and Learning Conference. Atlanta, GA, June, 2015.</td>
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<td>COTE Colorado Summer Institute-Designing Graduate Courses. Fort Collins, CO, June, 2015.</td>
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Jeff Keyte, M.D.  
15th Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference. College Station, TX, February, 2015.  
Nebraska Academy of Science. Lincoln, NE, April, 2015.

Jennifer Kolker, M.S.N.  

Colette Kroeten, M.S.N.  
Elsevier Faculty Development Conference. Scottsdale, AZ, January, 2015.  
Nurse Educator Conference. Lincoln, NE, June, 2015.

Jennifer Kuchta, M.S.N.  
12th Annual Teaching Professor Conference. Atlanta, GA, May, 2015.  

Dunesh Kumari, Ph.D.  
Agilent Technologies Seminar Tour on ‘Breaking Bad Chromatography Habits.’ Omaha, NE, June, 2015.

Kristin Mattson, Ph.D.  
Heartland Campus Compact Conference. Lincoln, NE, October 2-3, 2014.

Vicky Morgan, Ph.D.  
Midwest Association of Graduate Schools, St. Louis, MO, April, 2015.

Ganesh Naik, Ph.D.  
GOD, Creation & Climate Conference. University of Nebraska-Omaha, March, 2015.  
Sustainability Launchpad: Accelerating Innovative Urban Ideas in Food Systems And Policy. University of Nebraska-Omaha Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, April, 2015.

MJ Peterson, Ed.D.  
Nebraska Nurses’ Association Convention. Kearney, NE, October, 2014.  
Nebraska Educational Technology Association Conference. Omaha, NE, May, 2014.

Kristi Preisman, Ph.D.  
Nebraska Educational Technology Association. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.

Jennifer Reed-Bouley, Ph.D.  
Campus Compact Heartland Conference. Lincoln, NE, October, 2014.

Amanda Roe, Ph.D.  

Brenda Romero, Ph.D.  
Nebraska Women in Higher Education Conference. Omaha, NE, September, 2014.

Jennifer Rose-Woodward, Ed.D.  
Nebraska Women in Higher Education Leadership (NWHEL), University of Nebraska-Omaha. September 19, 2014.  
Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA). Omaha, NE, April 23-24, 2015.
Mark Sand, Ph.D.  
Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics. Lincoln, NE, January, 2015, with student Elizabeth Arnason.

Narcissus Shambare, Ph.D.  
Infotech Annual Conference, Century Link Downtown, Omaha, NE, April, 2015.  

Merryellen Towey Schulz, Ph.D.  
NETA (Nebraska Educational Technology Association). LaVista, NE, April 23-24, 2015.

Mary Smith, M.O.T.  

Claudia Wickham, M.S  
41st Annual AMLE Conference, Association for Middle Level Education. Nashville, TN, November 6-8, 2014.  

Kathleen Zajic, Ed.D.  
ATI Nurse Educator Summit. San Diego, CA, April, 2015.  
Teaching Professor Technology Conference. Denver, CO, October, 2014.  
Distance Education Technology Conference. Madison, WI, August, 2014.

Consultations

Melanie Felton, Ph.D.  
Nebraska Department of Education Early Childhood Education Folio Review Team Member. Lincoln, NE, October 8-9, 2014.  
Nature Explore Planning. CSM Spellman Child Development Center, Fall 2014.  
Nebraska Department of Education Onsite Accreditation Team Member, February 23-23, 2015.

David Filipi, M.D.  
Quality Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Omaha, NE, 2015.  
Professional Credentialing, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. Omaha, NE, 2015.

Christi Glesmann, Ed.D  

Kristin Mattson, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Reed-Bouley, Ph.D.  Catholic Social Teaching, Learning and Research Initiative Working Group. Notre Dame, IN, March, 2015, and Chicago, IL, June, 2015.


Leadership in Professional Organizations

Karla Bergen, Ph.D.  Secretary, Women’s Caucus, Central States Communication Association, April, 2015


Phyllis Higley, Ph.D.  Steering committee member, Nebraska INBRE. August 2013-present.

Jamie Hilderbrand, M.S.N.  Counselor, Sigma Theta Tau international at Large Board. June 2012 – present.

Jeff Keyte, M.D.  Member, NASA Nebraska Space Grant Technical Advisory Committee. April, 2014.

Colette Kroeten, M.S.N.  2nd Vice-President, Sigma Theta Tau. May 2015 – present.

Merryellen Towey Schulz, Ph.D
Conference Committee, SITE 2015 (Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education.

Kathleen Zajic, Ed.D.
Chairperson, Pottawattamie County Board of Health, 2014.

Non-Professional Publications

Yolanda Griffiths, O.T.D.

Kathleen Zajic, Ed.D.

Awards and Honors

Mindy Barna, M.S.N.
40 Under 40 Nurse Leaders nominee, Nebraska Action Coalition. Omaha, NE, September, 2014.

Karla Bergen, Ph.D.
Nominated for the Anita Taylor Outstanding Article or Book Chapter (Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender), 2015.

Melanie Felton, Ph.D.

Christi Glesmann, Ed.D
Outstanding Leadership Award, CSM. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.

Yolanda Griffiths, O.T.D.
Founding member, Leaders and Legacies Society, American Occupational Therapy Foundation. April, 2015.

Jamie Hilderbrand, M.S.N.
Outstanding Service Award, College of Saint Mary. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.

Jeff Keyte, M.D.

Amy Knox Brown, Ph.D.
Individual Artist Fellowship in Literature/Merit Award, Nebraska Arts Council. Omaha, NE, May, 2015.

Ganesh Naik, Ph.D.
Job Well Done award, Student Senate, College of Saint Mary. Omaha, NE November, 2014.
Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology, 26th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, April, 2015.
‘Friend of the Environment Award’ Earth Day Omaha Coalition. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.

Kristi Preisman, Ph.D. Outstanding Program Development Award, CSM. Omaha, NE, January, 2015.


Outstanding Faculty Member Award, College of Saint Mary Student Senate. Omaha, NE, May, 2015.

Amanda Roe, Ph.D. Job Well Done, CSM Student Senate. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.

Brenda Romero, Ph.D. Outstanding Advisor, College of Saint Mary’s Student Leadership and Organizations. Omaha, NE, April, 2015.

**Continuing Education and Training**


Using Technology in Paralegal Education, American Association for Paralegal Education. Summerlin, NV, October, 2014.

Attorneys, Paralegals and the Unauthorized Practice of Law, Nebraska Bar Association and Nebraska Paralegal Association. Omaha, NE, May, 2015.


Marcella Echternacht, M.S.N Integrating Recovery Model into Undergraduate Nursing Education. Omaha, NE, September, 2014.

Professional Communication in the Workplace & through Social Media. Omaha, NE, October, 2014.

Managing Major Depressive Disorder: Mapping Symptoms and Response to Evidence-based Treatment. Omaha, NE, November, 2014.


Clinical Challenges in Psychiatry: Focus on Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder. Omaha, NE, December, 2014.
Clinical Implications and Applications of the Adult Attachment Interview. Omaha, NE, January, 2015.

How to Decide on a PhD or DNP: How do Goals, Process and Outcomes Compare. Omaha, NE, January, 2015.


Sigma Theta Tau Winter Program. Omaha, NE, February, 2015.

Melanie Felton, Ph.D. CLASS PreK Training. Des Moines, IA, March 11-12, 2015.


Christi Glesmann, Ed.D Nursing Education. San Diego, CA, April, 2015.


Thermal Therapy. Omaha, NE, June, 2015.

Jennifer Kuchta, M.S.N. Sigma Theta Tau Gamma Pi At-Large Chapter 2015 Winter Program. Omaha, NE, February, 2015.


Kristi Preisman, Ph.D. WebEx Training. Omaha, NE, January-April, 2015.


Merryellen Towey Schulz, Ph.D. A Digital Intervention: Preparing to Take the 1:1 Leap, Education Week. March 26, 2015.

Claudia Wickham, M.S  

Kathleen Zajic, Ed.D.  
ATI Nurse Educator Summit. San Diego, CA, April, 2015.  

Regional/Community Presentations

Sally Bisson-Best, J.D.  
Coalition Management and Strategic Planning, Keynote Speaker, Tobacco Free Nebraska State Conference. Lincoln, NE, April, 2015.  

Steven Brewer, M.B.C.  

Melanie Felton, Ph.D.  
Using Textmapping to Analyze Research Articles, CSM Faculty In-Service Roundtable Presentation. August 14, 2014.  
Turn On Their Brains! Creativity in Early Childhood Classrooms, Presentation For the Alegent CHI Child Development Center Staff. April, 2015.

Ganesh Naik, Ph.D.  
“Integrating STEM based iOS and Android mobile app technology tools into Classroom instruction to improve student learning outcomes,” Nebraska Academy of Sciences. Lincoln, NE, April, 2015.

Jennifer Reed-Bouley, Ph.D.  

Amanda Roe, Ph.D.  

Brenda Romero, Ph.D.  
Professional/Community Service

Mindy Barna, M.S.N.  
Member, Nebraska Assembly of Nursing Deans and Directors, 2012-Present.

Karla Bergen, Ph.D.  
Panel Chair, Central States Communication Association Conference, April April, 2015.  
2nd Vice President, Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, July 2014-June 2015  
Active Member, American Association of University Women

Cristy Daniel, Ed.D, OTR/L  
Item Development Meeting for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy. January 8-10, 2015 and July 30-August 1, 2015.  
Member of the Board of Directors, Nebraska Stroke Association, 2015.

Marcella Echternacht, M.S.N  
Member of Mental Health Action Team, Omaha Together One Community (OTOC). August 2014-present.

Melanie Felton, Ph.D.  
College of Saint Mary Spellman Child Development Center Advisory Board Member. Appointed Spring 2015.

David Filipi, M.D.  
Board Member, Douglas County Board of Health. 2014-2015.  
Medical Director, Hope Medical Outreach Coalition. 2014-2015.  
Director, Camp Calvin Crest Board. 2014-2015.

Christi Glesmann, Ed.D  
Resource Nurse, Building Blocks Daycare. Omaha, NE, 2008-present.

Phyllis Higley, Ph.D.  
2015 Pledge Team member, Unitarian Church of Lincoln. August 2014-present.

Jamie Hilderbrand, M.S.N.  
Faculty Advisor, Stent Nurses Association, present.  
Parish Council Catholic Women, Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, David City, NE.  
Member since 2002.  
Parent Teacher Association, Saint Mary’s Catholic School, David City, Ne.  
Member since 2002.

Colette Kroeten, M.S.N.  
Vice – Regent, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Angels #2253  
Evangelization Committee, St. Patrick’s Parish, member. Fremont, NE.
Jennifer Kuchta, M.S.N.  
Member and Treasurer, Parent Teacher Organization, Blair Elementary and Middle Schools. Blair, NE, 2012 – present. 
Member, National League for Nurses. 2012 – present. 
Member, Sigma Theta Tau. 2006 – present.

Lois Linden, Ed.D.  

MJ Peterson, Ed.D.  

Kristi Preisman, Ph.D.  
Member of School Advisory Council for St. Columbkille Catholic School; President (2014). 
Staff development facilitator to St. Columbkille Catholic School on the topic of Differentiation (2014-2015). 
Member of St. Columbkille Education Trust committee for St. Columbkille Catholic School.

Shari Prior, Ph.D.  
Board of Directors, Omaha Montessori High School.

Jennifer Reed-Bouley, Ph.D.  
Advisory Board Member, Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center. 2013–present.

Jennifer Rose-Woodward, Ed.D  

Mark Sand, Ph.D.  
Began the CSM Math Circle for area girls in grades 9 to 12 who want to explore more about mathematics. August, 2014.

Narcissus Shambare, Ph.D.  
Member of Greater Omaha Tech Talent Taskforce. Omaha Chamber, January 23, 2015.

Mary Smith, M.O.T.  
OTRCE, NBCOT. 2014-2015.

Claudia Wickham, M.S  
Parent volunteer at Rosewood Academy, Grace Abbott Elementary, and Stepper-ettes Studio. 
Teammates Mentor.

Kathleen Zajic, Ed.D.  
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), Member. 
National League of Nursing (NLN), Ambassador. 
Nebraska Assembly of Nursing Deans and Directors, Member. 
National Association of Local Boards of Health, Member. 
Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Gamma Pi Chapter, Member, Saint Albert Booster Club, President.
Visiting Nurse Association Board of Directors, Member.

**Other Activities**

**Karla Bergen, Ph.D.**


**Steven Brewer, M.B.C.**

Organized Business Careers Day event at College of Saint Mary, April, 2015. Attended by 30 business students from Mercy High School and Duchesne Academy. Four individual sessions followed by a panel discussion.

**Jing Chang, Ph.D.**


Chair of the Assessment Committee at College of Saint Mary in fall 2014 and spring 2015.

Gave a Talk about China to the class PSY 350 (Cultural Psychology) on April 21, 2015.

Advised two Biology students with data analysis of their senior research projects. Spring 2015.

Attended TLC Lunch and Learn session in February, 2015.

**Melanie Felton, Ph.D.**

Dissertation Committee Service

- Chair of Committee, Mary Schemmel, Research Proposal in process, Summer 2015.
- Committee Member, Patricia Wallinger, Research Proposal in process, Spring 2015.
- Committee Member, Mary Ritzdorf, Ed.D. Completed, Spring 2015.
- Committee Member, Vicki Londer, Ed. D. Completed, Spring 2015.

**Kristin Haas, O.T.D.**

Member of Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) Roster of Accreditation Evaluators. January 2014-present.

**Phyllis Higley, Ph.D.**


**Lois Linden, Ed.D.**


Amanda Roe, Ph.D.  CSM Latina Summer Academy (CSI@CSM), College of Saint Mary. Omaha, NE, June, 2015.
CSM African American Academy (CSI@CSM), College of Saint Mary, Omaha, NE, July, 2015.

Brenda Romero, Ph.D.  Arranged visit of author Ana Castillo to College of Saint Mary. Omaha, NE, October, 2014.
Organizer and leader of Study Abroad Trip. Spain, May 2015.


Merryellen Towey Schulz, Ph.D.  Volunteer Director of Arts and Crafts, Castelar Kids Night, monthly ministry to work with Latino children in South Omaha. January 2015-present.
Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church. June 2011-present.
Patron, Fontenelle Forest Association.
Patron, Lauritzen Gardens.

Molly Wernli, Ph.D.  Co-Leader, Study Abroad to Spain. May, 2015.
Opera Omaha Cotillion School Representative. Summer & Fall, 2014.
Contributors to the 2014-2015
Professional and Scholarly Activities Journal

Mindy Barna, M.S.N.
Instructor of Nursing

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Associate Professor of Communication

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Associate Professor of Paralegal Studies

Steven Brewer, M.B.C.
Instructor of Marketing

Jing Chang, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Cristy Daniel, Ed.D, OTR/L
Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy

Marcella Echternacht, M.S.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing

David Filipi, M.D.
Professor of Physicians Assistant Studies

Melanie Felton, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Education

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Tracey Green, M.S.N.
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Associate Professor of Biology

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Instructor of Nursing

Maureen Hoppe, M.A.
Fieldwork Coordinator and Instructor of Occupational Therapy

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Assistant Professor of Biology

Amy Knox Brown, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of English

Jennifer Kolker, M.S.N.
Instructor of Nursing

Colette Kroeten, M.S.N.
Assistant Professor of Nursing

Jennifer Kuchta, M.S.N.
Instructor of Nursing

Dunesh Kumari, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Lois Linden, Ed.D.
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