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Dan Rogers, '92, graduated from EIU with a master of science in education in guidance and counseling and has worked for the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee since 1998. He currently serves as their Director of Marketing and Communication. Dan co-authored the 2014 book, *Backstage at the Grand Ole Opry*. He has graciously hosted EIU graduate students in the College Student Affairs program with personal tours of the Opry over the years.

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Eastern Illinois University Outstanding Graduate Alumni Awards







Since 1951 Eastern has offered advanced study with master's programming. Since that first offering thousands of students have earned graduate degrees, and EIU graduate alumni have changed the world we live in. In 2005 EIU celebrated more than 50 years of graduate education by honoring 50 graduate alumni as Outstanding Graduate Alumni. That same year the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board was created and met for the first time. Since those initial 50 honorees, the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board, the Graduate School, and EIU's graduate programs have continued to honor the achievements and accomplishments of our graduate alumni every year.

Center photo: The first three master's degree students at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1952. Pictured left to right Dwight Baptist, Anna Butler Brown, and Don Luallen. Dwight Baptist was honored as one of the original 50 Outstanding Graduate Alumni in 2005 and continues to serve on the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board.

college of arts and humanities

graduate programs offered in the college

Department of Art

Master of Arts in Art

Option in Art Education and Community Art

Department of Communication Studies

Master of Arts in Communication Studies

Option in Communication Pedagogy

Department of English

Master of Arts in English

Certificate in the Teaching of Writing

Department of History

Master of Arts in History

Option in Historical Administration

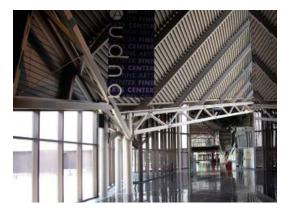
Department of Music

Master of Arts in Music

Option in Music Education









Aldroaldo Cauduro, '00

Nominated by the graduate program in Music

Adroaldo Cauduro is a composer and conductor, with a master's degree in music and conducting from Eastern Illinois University, a

bachelor of music and conducting from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), and a bachelor of civil engineering from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS). He has developed his career in a diversified manner, acting as a manager, university professor, researcher, artist, and conductor. His educational background includes diverse areas of knowledge anchored in differentiated experiences, practices that enabled him to develop a broad, flexible, and inclusive vision of the world. In fact, the social and community issues, the pursuit of a better, fairer, more citizen-centered society, where everyone can have a decent life with quality, have always guided his actions. Upon completion of his graduate degree in the United States in 2000, Adroaldo returned to Porto Alegre and joined the

UFRGS Music Course as a faculty member. Since 2001, he has lived in M a n a u s - Amazonas and until 2006, he worked in the L u t h e r a n University of



Brazil -ULBRA, acting as the Coordinator of Culture and conductor of the Chamber Orchestra and Choir of the institution. In 2003, he started as a faculty member of the Music College of Arts and Tourism School (ESAT) of the Amazonas State University (UEA), teaching the subjects of choral conducting, orchestral conducting, set of practice and organology. In the same year, he created the Amazonas Madrigal and the Symphonic Band of UEA, which are groups

of important trajectory in the artistic and cultural context of the city of Manaus and the Amazonas State.

From 2007 to 2012, Adroaldo worked as a Community Pro-Dean of the School La Salle of Manaus and also as a conductor of the institution's choir. Currently, he is a teacher of the subjects of choir conducting, orchestral conducting, and orchestration at the course of Music and Voice and Movement for the Theatre College at the School of Arts and Tourism - ESAT, Amazonas State University - UEA. He also occupies the chief conductor function at the Symphonic Orchestra and Amazonas Madrigal at UEA. As a composer, among other works, he has published the books, Singing the



Poet's Imaginary, with poems by Mario Quintana, music for mixed choir (SCTB) and, more recently, in 2014, Singing Poets Ibero-American which includes a set of poems Thiago de Mello, Tenorio Telles, Elson Farias, Bacellar Luiz Carlos Nejar, Fernando Pessoa and Federico Garcia Lorca, to music for choir, string orchestra, musicians and solo singers. This is a tribute to the Latin American poetry and the Ibero-American people. A Spectacle of the same name was held at the Amazonas Theater in Manaus - Brazil in 2014.

The inter- and intra-personal relationships, friends, and especially family are priorities in his life. The well-being of his family is his personal obsession. He has been married for over 25 years to his beloved wife Maria Heloisa and together they generated the greatest joy of their lives, their daughter Júlia.

Ellen Endslow, '91

Nominated by the graduate program in Historical Administration



Ellen E. Endslow is the Director of Collections/Curator at the Chester County Historical Society (West Chester, PA), where she has worked since 1999. Her museum experiences began much earlier in high school with the first of numerous internships from Ohio to New York. While mentors at each institution and at Oberlin College, from where she graduated in 1987, had a significant impact on her professional development, the Historical Administration Program at EIU was pivotal in her career. Coursework, professional networking and practical experiences vastly expanded her professional opportunities.

After graduating from EIU in 1991, Ellen worked at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society (NY) and the Fairfield Historical Society (CT) before moving back to her home state of Pennsylvania. Influenced by the example of EIU HA professors David Maurer, Patricia Miller, Michael Cook and Duane Elbert, she became

involved in professional museum organizations. Opportunities have included sharing professional experiences in annual meeting sessions and being on national program committees for the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), along with state and regional organizations. Ellen is completing her second term as the Chairperson of the Curators Committee of AAM, where she is also the Vice Chairperson of the Professional Network Council. She served on the Collections Stewardship

Committee of StEPs (Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations), developed by AASLH. Recently, Ellen has been a webinar presenter for both AAM and AASLH to national audiences on a variety of collections management and exhibition subjects. She

> also gives back to the profession agencies.

by serving as a grant application reviewer for regional and national

Outside of work, Ellen is active in PEO (Philanthropic Organization) Educational at the local and state levels. PEO educational promotes opportunities for women. She is a chancel and chamber choir member at First Presbyterian Church (West Chester) and was

recently elected as an Elder. Occasional volunteer projects have included Stop Hunger Now, Habitat for Humanity, The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, and United Way of Chester County.

lumpkin college of business and applied sciences

graduate programs offered in the college

School of Business

Master of Business Administration

School of Family and Consumer Sciences

Master of Science in

Family and Consumer Sciences

Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics

Master of Arts in Aging Studies

School of Technology

Master of Science in Sustainable Energy

Master of Science in Technology

Certificate Programs in:

Computer Technology

Technology Security

Training and Development

Quality Systems

Work Performance Improvement







Jill Crowder, '99, '00

Nominated by the graduate program in Nutrition and Dietetics

Jill Crowder earned her bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences with an option in dietetics in May, 1999 with summa cum laude honors and received her master's degree in dietetics in December, 2000 both from EIU. While in the graduate program Jill worked as a graduate assistant in the Introductory to Foods class. She started her employment career in acute care as a Clinical Dietitian at Provena United Samaritan's Hospital in Danville, IL. In August 2001, she accepted a Clinical Dietitian position with Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL. While at Carle, Jill managed medical nutrition therapy for surgical and medical patients, assisted in training dietetic interns, and was involved with the medical nutrition therapy for pediatric hematology and oncology patients.

In June 2004, Jill joined Petersen Health Care based in Peoria, IL as one of two dietitians on staff for a long-term care company with 17 facilities throughout Illinois. As Petersen Health Care grew, so did her responsibilities. She became the company's first Director of Dietary Operations in 2005 and by 2008 she had interviewed, hired, and trained seven additional dietitians to serve Petersen's 90 facilities in Illinois and Missouri. Her additional responsibilities as Director of Dietary Operations included overseeing all food

service operations, authoring and implementing Petersen's dietary policy and procedure manual, training dietary managers and registered dietitians on state and federal long term care regulations, and managing the ongoing relationship with Petersen's food distributor company.

In July 2009, Jill took on additional responsibilities with the hotel division of the company and is currently the

Vice President of Petersen Hotels. As vice president she is responsible for the day-to-day operations of each of Petersen's six hotels that generate in excess of \$11 million in annual revenue and employ over 150 staff. Jill oversees everything from sales performance and quality initiatives to financial management and business relationships.

Within her profession, Jill is a board member of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, which serves

promote tourism to the greater Peoria region and she has served on executive the search team and marketing subcommittee of this board. She is also

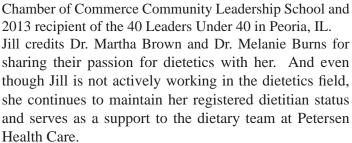


a board member of the Heart of Illinois Hospitality Association, which provides education and training to hospitality related industries in the Peoria area, and has held the office of treasurer and vice president during her tenure on this board. Jill is a member of the Bradley University Hospitality Leadership Board, which consists of four "community" representatives and Bradley faculty. The Hospitality Leadership Board assisted in developing the curriculum for Bradley's Hospitality Leadership degree that is offered within the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and the team continues to function to ensure the curriculum develops graduates that are prepared

> to be leaders in the hospitality industry.

> Devoted to her community, Jill is a volunteer instructor for Junior Achievement of





college of education and professional studies

graduate programs offered in the college

Department of Educational Leadership

Master of Science in Education in Educational

Leadership

Specialist in Education in Educational

Leadership

Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education

Master of Science in Education in Elementary Education

Certificate Program in Reading Instruction Certificate Program in English as a Second Language Instruction

Department of Counseling and Student Development

Master of Science in College Student Affairs

Master of Science in Counseling

Concentration in Clinical Counseling Concentration in School Counseling

Department of Secondary Education and Foundations

Master of Science in Education for

Master Teacher

Department of Special Education

Master of Science in Education in Special Education

Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies

Master of Science in Kinesiology and Sports Studies







Brett Lawless, '91, '96

Nominated by the graduate program in Elementary Education

Brett Lawless earned his bachelor's degree in business from Eastern Illinois University in 1991 and went to work for Health Alliance Medical Plans in Urbana, Illinois, but a decision to explore the educational field led him back to EIU in January 1995. Brett worked as a graduate assistant in the Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education while completing coursework toward his teaching certificate and master's degree. He received his master's in education in elementary education in 1996 and began his teaching career soon after in East Peoria, Illinois as a 4th grade teacher. A year in East Peoria was followed by fifteen years at Central School District 51 in Washington, Illinois where he carried out teaching and coaching assignments in the 6th-8th grades. In 2012, he completed the graduate program in educational administration at Illinois State University earning his administrative certificate as well as



a master's in educational administration. Brett was hired as the Central Primary School principal in the spring of 2012, and has served the District in that capacity to date. His association with excellent communities, learning institutions, and school districts has been fortunate, to say the

least. In various assignments during his years at Central, Brett was able to work with very



talented students, teachers, and administrators. Brett's tenure in the classroom has been recognized by virtue of his inclusion in the 2005-06 edition of the National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers and the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. In an effort to "bridge" the gap between classroom and real-world learning, Brett became directly involved with education-to-employment programs and educational trips to our nation's capital while teaching at Central Intermediate School. A string of coaching assignments at Central was highlighted by the 2001 State Championship in 8th grade girls basketball. The runner-up finish in 2000 (7th grade) and state championship the following year (8th grade) led to regional "Coach of the Year" recognition by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association in 2000 and 2001. Brett steadfastly attributes these successes to the individuals with whom he has worked so closely over the years, including students, parents, and colleagues. His memories of EIU are much the same and EIU has a long-standing place in Brett's family history. Both of his parents, Mike Lawless, '67 and Sheryl Bohn, '67, attended EIU, and Brett met his wife of seventeen years Jenny, '96, while in Charleston. Brett and Jenny now live in Washington, Illinois with their two children, Maddie 12, and Matthew 10. He credits EIU for the many opportunities and experiences he has been so fortunate to enjoy in the field of education. Brett would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their profound impact on his professional career: Dr. Carol Helwig, Dr. Noelle Greathouse, Dr. Linda Reven, Dr. Marylin Lisowski, and Dr. Richard White.



Patricia A.R. Martinez, '90

Nominated by the graduate program in College Student Affairs

Patricia Martinez earned her master of science in education degree in guidance and counseling at Eastern Illinois University in 1990 after achieving her bachelor's degree

at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Patricia has served the housing profession for over 20 years. Her career has encompassed both private and public institutions in the United States, primarily in the Midwest and Eastern part of the states. Currently she serves as the Director for Residential

Communities at Northern Illinois University. Her current portfolio includes providing vision for and oversight of the residential living component, housing over 5,000 students, oversight of over 350 staff, design and implementation of the residential curriculum, staff recruitment and training, student leadership, living



learning communities/ academic initiatives, operations, summer conferences and collaboration in areas of facilities management and planning. Previous experience includes admissions, assessment, Greek life, and student activities. Previous professional roles include Associate Director of Residence Life & New Student Programs at Miami University (OH), Assistant Director of Housing at Ball State University, and Associate Dean of Students & Director of Housing at Albright College. At Eastern Illinois University from 1991-1995, Patricia served as one of the inaugural Complex Directors of the Taylor/Lawson Complex. Previously she served as the full time Residence Hall Counselor of Taylor and Graduate Residence Hall Counselor of McKinney Hall. During her tenure at EIU, she served as the Coordinator of Illini Girls' State and the University Strategic Planning Coordinator for the Student Affairs Division. Professionally, Patricia served as the President of the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I)

in 2014. This culminated seven years of service on the ACUHO-I executive board where she served as the President Elect, Vice President, Finance & Corporate Records Officer, and Secretary.

She has been involved at the regional level as Past-President, President, President Elect, State Delegate and Professional Development Chair of the Great Lakes of College and University Housing Officers (GLACUHO) and the Conference Co-Chair of the Mid Atlantic College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO).

Patricia served as a faculty member/planning committee member for the ACPA Residential Curriculum Institute where Northern Illinois University was also cited as a Showcase Institution. She served as a member of the ACUHO-I training delegation to Southern Africa, keynoted at the Inaugural Student Success Forum at the United Arab Emirates University and presented at The Next European Residential Renaissance: Class of 2020 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2014 ACUHO-I Southern Africa Conference in Pretoria and served as an Educator in Residence at the Women's Leadership Institute. Patricia is a contributing chapter author to the ACUHO-I Campus Housing Management Book Series.

Through her involvement in the housing profession, Patricia met her husband, Dino at the ACUHO-I conference in Atlanta. They were married in 1993 and Dino became an Assistant Director of Housing at Eastern Illinois University. Currently, Dino works in housing at Northern Illinois University. They have been married for 21 years and reside in DeKalb, IL.

Patty reflects: "I am indebted to EIU and the lessons that have served me well throughout my career in Housing &

Student Affairs. A motto that I live my professional life by was shared by Lou Hencken, "People support and defend that which they help to create."



Jeff Zachwieja, Ph.D., '88

Nominated by the graduate program in Kinesiology and Sports Studies

Jeff Zachwieja, Ph.D., FACSM is currently Sr. Vice President for Nutrition Research, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs for the National Dairy Council (NDC). Jeff leads a team of more than ten people that is dedicated to advancing the NDC mission of fostering a healthier nation through nutrition research and education. In addition, he's charged with establishing public-private partnerships that increase the depth and breadth of the research and education programs he oversees. To that end he recently moderated a symposium at the American Society for Nutrition annual meeting, which emphasized opportunities and challenges for public, nonprofit and private sectors to jointly fund and transparently advance nutrition science.

Jeff received a bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Illinois. He received a master's degree in physical education from Eastern Illinois University in 1988 after working closely with two mentors, Drs. Ben Timson and Tom Woodall. Jeff credits Ben with teaching him the fundamentals of research while Tom taught the importance of relationship building in order to get things done. These lessons combined served as an essential backbone for a career in academic and industry research.

Jeff earned his Ph.D., from Ball State University under the tutelage of Dr. David Costill. Costill, well-known for his research on marathon runners and swimmers, emphasized communication and presentation skills, two other competencies needed for a successful research career. While at Ball State Jeff utilized the muscle biopsy technique to study nutritional factors important for muscle glycogen resynthesis after

exercise. Following Ball State, Jeff entered the world-renowned post-doctoral training program directed by Dr. John Holloszy at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. There he honed his biopsy research skills and learned stable isotope infusion methodology to study whole body and muscle protein metabolism. Jeff's first academic appointment was at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC) in Baton Rouge, LA where he established the Exercise and Nutrition research program that remains in existence today. While at PBRC he trained and graduated four master's students and conducted

research on and published one of the first papers that described the effects of exercise training on adipose tissue expression of the "obesity" h o r m o n e leptin.



After six years at PBRC Jeff decided to try conducting research in an industry environment. In 2000 he joined the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI), at the time operated within the Quaker Oats Company and then later PepsiCo. Jeff held positions of increasing responsibility at GSSI over an 11 year period. Notably, he helped to establish the athlete testing and field research program, spearheaded the development of a technical product assessment program for innovation and was awarded along with other research & development associates four patents for beverage formulation and delivery systems, one especially for NASCAR drivers. Over the course of his career Jeff has published more than 60 research articles and scholarly reviews. He has given more the 70 invited presentations in the US and throughout the world. He has served on the editorial board of the American Journal of Physiology and recently completed a three year term as an



advisor to Nutritional Sciences Program at the University of Illinois. Jeff is a member of the American Society of Nutrition and a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Jeff married Lisa Faraci in 1987 and their first home was in married student housing at Eastern. They have been married nearly 28 years and have two grown daughters; Nicole, who recently completed a master's in exercise science and Becca a senior at DePaul University in public relations and advertising.

college of sciences

graduate programs offered in the college

Department of Biological Sciences

Master of Science in Biological Sciences

Certificate in Geographic Information

Sciences in Environmental Life Sciences

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Biological Sciences

Department of Chemistry

Master of Science in Chemistry

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Physical Sciences

Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences

Master of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Department of Economics

Master of Arts in Economics

Department of Geology/Geography

Professional Science Master's in

Geographic Information Sciences

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Physical Sciences

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Master of Arts in Mathematics

Option Elementary/Middle School

Mathematics Education

Option Secondary Mathematics Education

Department of Physics

Master of Science in Natural Sciences

Concentration in Physical Sciences

Department of Political Science

Master of Arts in Political Science

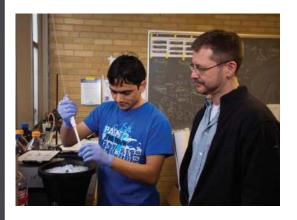
Certificate in Public Planning

Department of Psychology

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Specialist in School Psychology







James Arndt, '01, '03

Nominated by the graduate program in Political Science

James "Jim" Arndt serves as the City Administrator for the City of Effingham, Illinois. Jim is the first City Administrator for the City of Effingham and he accepted his post in November of 2010. As City Administrator, he oversees the day-to-day operations of the city and works with elected officials in the development of policy and ensures that policies are effectively implemented. Before moving to Effingham, he served as the City Administrator for St. Clair, Missouri for three years and as the Village Administrator for the Village of Union City, Ohio for nearly four years.

Jim earned his master's degree in political science in December of 2003 from Eastern Illinois University and his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2001. During the course of his studies he was introduced to the profession of city management and immediately recognized this growing career track as a potential to serve the public where the proverbial "rubber meets the road". After graduation, he reached a crossroads and faced the decision to further his education and pursue his doctorate degree in political science or enter the field of local government management. Jim applied for and was accepted into the political science doctoral program at the University of Illinois at Springfield. At the same time, he applied to several local governments across the country to serve as a city manager. In April of 2004, Jim accepted the position of Village Administrator for a small community in western Ohio to begin his career in local government management. Throughout Jim's management career, he has continued to seek professional development opportunities to best serve the

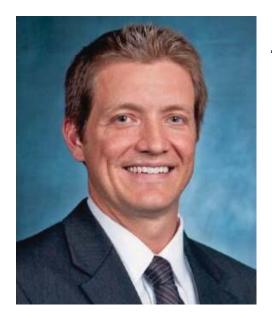
communities he works for. He became an International City Managers Association Credentialed City Manager in 2012, and



successfully completed courses in management and leadership provided by the Midwest Leadership Institute in 2013 and the Missouri University Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs Academy for Leadership Development in 2010. Jim's service to his community has been recognized by the constituents he serves and he was nominated for the St. Clair, Missouri Citizen of the Year Award in 2010; earned the City of St. Clair Employee of the Year Award in 2008; and was recognized by U.S. Representative John Boehner for his services to Union City, Ohio in 2007.

After ten years in the profession of city management, Jim still enjoys the daily challenges of local government service and plans to continue to serve as the City Administrator for Effingham, Illinois for as long as the city will allow him to serve in that role. Jim's ultimate desire, several years from now, is to retire from public service and take the path not taken back in 2004; the pursuit of his doctorate degree in political science. His ultimate desire is to combine the practical experiences of his management career with the educational experiences of his doctoral studies in order to teach and groom other young professionals in their pursuit of local government public service.

Jim and his wife Kim have two children, Billy at home, and Katie who is currently pursuing her undergraduate degree at EIU.



Matthew L. Kircher, M.D., '00, '02

Nominated by the graduate program in Biological Sciences

Graduating with his undergraduate degree in biology from EIU, Matthew

Kircher was considering PhD programs when he received a phone call from Dr. Britto Nathan, professor of biological sciences. Dr. Nathan offered Matthew a spot in his graduate program studying brain protein expression in a transgenic mouse model. When Matthew decided to take this opportunity offered by Dr. Nathan he had no idea it would turn out to be the single most important career decision of his life.

Under the direction of Dr. Nathan, Matthew learned self-directed and self-disciplined scientific critical thinking. The two year master's program was an eye-opening experience that allowed him to realize his full potential and ultimately changed his career path. After graduating with his master's degree from EIU, Matthew was accepted into medical school at Rush Medical College. After medical school, he completed Otolaryngology residency training at Loyola University Medical Center followed by a fellowship in Otology, Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery at the Michigan Ear Institute. These areas of medicine are competitive and sought after in the Physician Resident matching process.

Today Matthew L. Kircher, MD is an assistant professor of Otology, Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Loyola University Medical Center. His practice includes the medical and surgical treatment of patients afflicted with otologic and neurotologic conditions. His current clinical and academic interests include acoustic neuromas, skull base tumors, facial nerve disorders, hearing loss, vertigo and chronic ear disease.



He currently serves on the Constitution and Bylaws committee of the North American Skull Base Society, and is an active member of the American Neurotology Society and the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. To date he has authored eleven peer-reviewed publications and seven book chapters.

Dr. Kircher is a proud father to his two children, Mia and Jacob, and loving husband to wife Sheetal.



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