

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

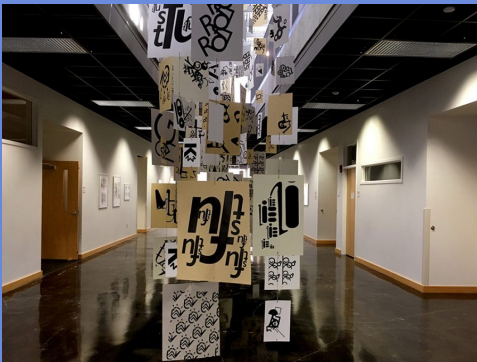


EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY™

Exciting *new*
developments
since you last
joined us!

Dr. Barbara Bonneken, Dean
Dr. Michael Cornebise, Associate Dean
Dr. Chris Mitchell, Associate Dean

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



- Art + Design, Music, and Theatre
- Independent as department units but with dedicated governance structure allowing pathways for collaboration

ART + DESIGN



- Our new, endowed undergraduate student gallery space in DFAC 1910 ("Gallery 1910"). Upgrading is still in progress but the gallery is in full, active use throughout the year
- Student work visible in 1st floor Art Wing and Passage Galleries as well
- Continuing success of our new Fashion Merchandising and Design program

MUSIC



David Commanday



Jonathan Young



- The BA in Audio and Recording Technology and the new minor in Music Technology are active
- New hires: Director of Choral Activities and Organ
- The department has partnered with the Theatre Department in the creation and launch of the new concentration in Musical Theatre

THEATRE



Larry Cox, Jr.



Dr. Christiana Harkulich



for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf
2019

- Welcoming Dr. Christiana Harkulich as our new Generalist of Theatre
- Musical Theatre Emphasis is growing, led by Larry Cox, Jr.
- Producing virtual theatrical events for Fall 2020
- Productions in progress:
 - THE SEAGULL by Anton Chekov, adapted by Anne Thibault (October)
 - RENEWAL devised by the ensemble (November)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM



Drew Britton



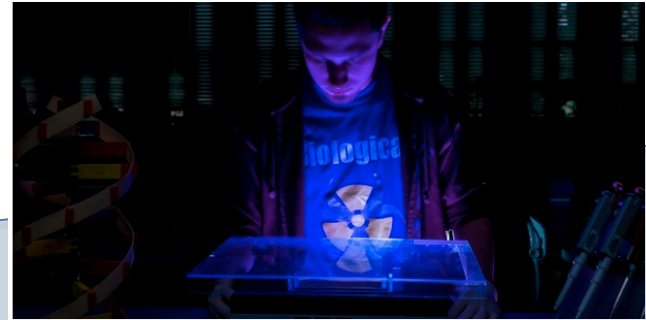
Nora Heist

SC&J Welcomes Two New Faculty Members

- Drew Britton, Television & Video Production faculty and filmmaker
- Nora Heist, Director the CMN Basic Course (Intro to Speech) and CMN Studies faculty

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- 15 research-active faculty with broad expertise
 - New hire- Elliot Zieman, Ph.D. (Parasitology/Immunology)
- Career path options
 - Biological Sciences
 - Zoology
 - Botany
 - Environmental Biology
 - Molecular Biology/neurobiology
 - Microbiology
 - Pre-Health- Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Optometry, Chiropractic, Physical Therapy, Physician's Assistant
 - Teacher Certification
 - Clinical Laboratory Science
- Undergraduate Research opportunities – 50 students each semester in undergraduate research projects
- 9 active student clubs



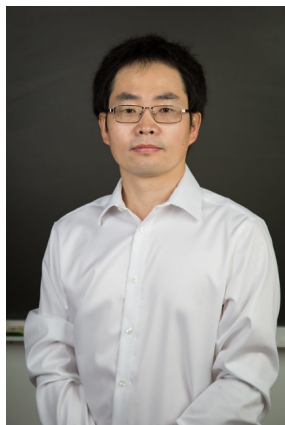
CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Programs: B.S. in Chemistry, Chemistry Management, and Biochemistry
B.A. in Chemistry, B.S. in Science with Teacher Licensure (Chemistry)
Accelerated BS/MS and BA/MS (5-year program)
Ability to major and pursue pre-health option, as well as Departmental Honors
Minor in Chemistry and **(NEW!) minor in Biochemistry**
(NEW) Non-thesis option Master's program

New faculty hire:

Dr. Zhange Feng

(analytical chemist working on fuel cells)



X-Ray Diffractometer Facility

Now fully operational again and collecting data
Director looking for collaborations / outreach experiences



Course offerings in COVID-19 era

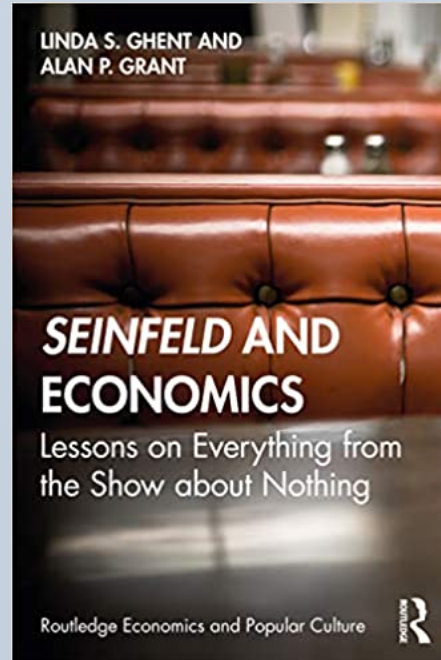
Offering both online and hybrid/face-to-face lectures
for general chemistry courses
Hybrid/face-to-face organic I and II lecture courses
Offering chemistry labs that meet face-to-face one
week, and online activity next week

Very active research

11 peer-reviewed publications last year, that include
10 student co-authors
3 faculty received EIU research awards
3 large external grants submitted

ECONOMICS

- Faculty engaged in work to make economics more accessible to students and the general public.



Linda S. Ghent

ENGLISH

English students
last year



English students
This year



- Annual creative writing festival, Lions in Winter, will be virtual this year (December and January events), and open free of charge to community college students
- Career placement for English teacher certification students in 2019 was 100%, making 3 years in a row of 100% placement
- New faculty member in English Education



Elizabeth Tacke

GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY



- Five new drones added to the department's fleet; to be incorporated into courses to get students hands on experience
- Graduated first student from the Accelerated PSM program in Summer, 2020
- New articulation agreements with
 - Rock Valley College, Geology and Geography versions – 2020
 - Richland Community College, Geology and Geography versions - 2020

HISTORY



Dr. Camden Burd

MINOR IN **PUBLIC HISTORY**



**PASSIONATE ABOUT HISTORY?
BRING THE PAST TO LIFE.**

- New Public History Minor
 - 18 c.h. in History and other disciplines
 - Includes internship and practicum experiences
- New Assistant Professor of US history and coordinator of Public History Minor

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE



- Streamlined path to Calculus I beginning Fall 2021. One Precalculus course as a prerequisite instead of two separate courses.
- Changes in prerequisites and required courses across all three degrees with the intent to increase access to higher level courses sooner in the degree program
- Increases in computer science and mathematics for licensure majors



Dr. Marshall Lassak, Chair

PHILOSOPHY

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY OPTION IN INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

This option enhances both personal development and professional prospects by allowing students to include courses from other disciplines in a flexible, mentor-advised major.



24 HOURS IN PHILOSOPHY 39 TOTAL OPTION HOURS

PHILOSOPHY CORE – 12 HOURS

PHI 1900G – Logical and Critical Reasoning

PHI 2000 – Ancient Philosophy

PHI 3260 – Modern Philosophy

PHI 4480 – Seminar

ELECTIVES IN PHILOSOPHY AND/OR RELIGIOUS STUDIES - 12 HOURS

At least 9 hours must be from courses numbered 3000 or above

NONPHILOSOPHY ELECTIVES – 15 HOURS

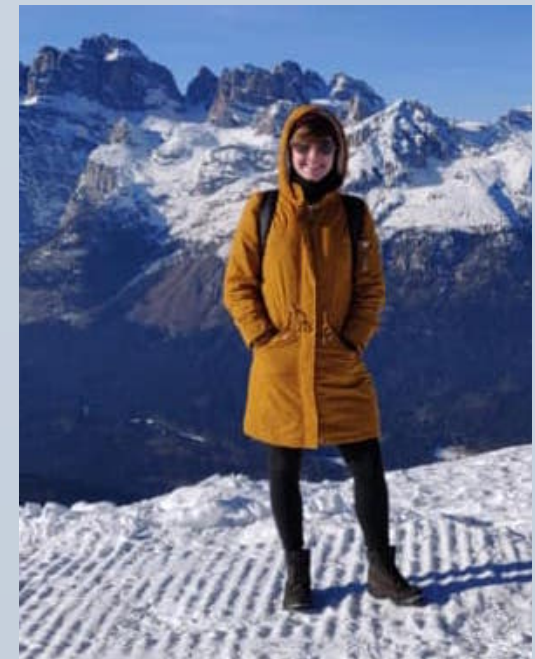
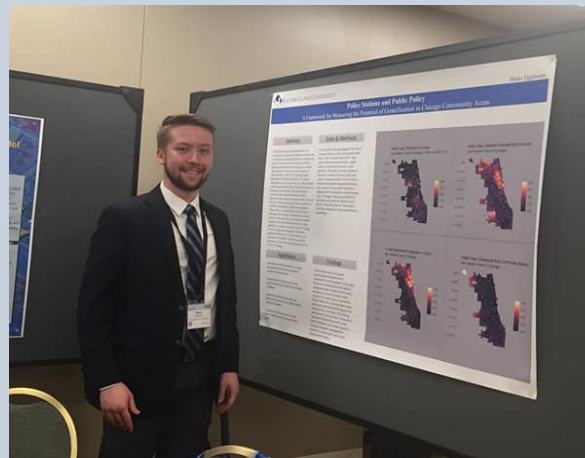
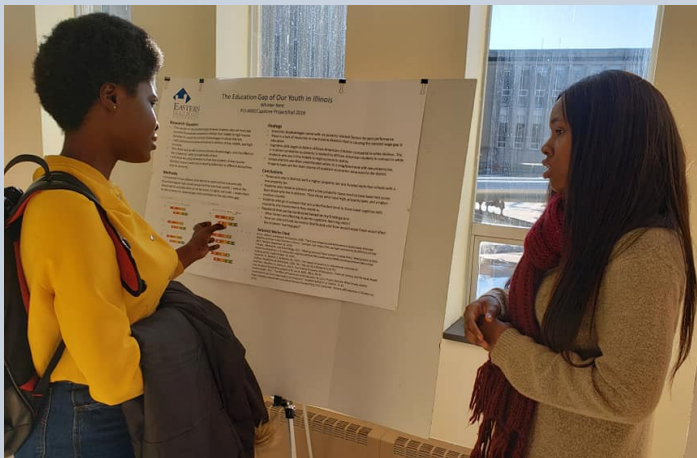
The student must complete 15 hours in an area of concentration from another discipline or disciplines. At least 6 credit hours must be from courses numbered 3000 or above. The student who plans an Option in Integrative Studies must develop a plan in consultation with a faculty member. The plan must be approved by the Philosophy Department Chair.

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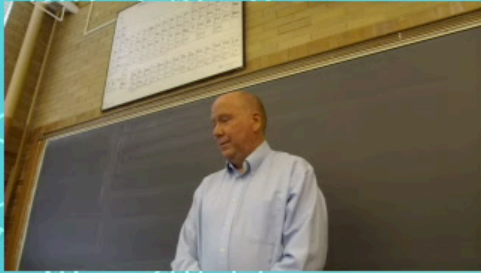
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

- High impact learning through research, internships, Model Illinois Government, Moot Court, and Study Abroad.
- Accelerated graduate program offers a 5-year BA and MA study plan.
- New courses in Religion & Politics in the US and the Politics of War & Conflict



PHYSICS



WELCOME TO THE EIU PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

STEVE DANIELS

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT CHAIR

PSYCHOLOGY

From Professor Jeff Stowell...



SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY and CRIMINOLOGY



Sociology and Anthropology Club Members



Dr. Caitlin Lynch

- We hired Dr. Caitlyn Lynch to support the Criminology and Criminal Justice program which continues to see a large influx of students
- The Sociology-Anthropology Club received an Outstanding Impact Award from the EIU Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism for organizing the Peace Meal coffee drive
- Dr. Vernon Woodley was appointed as our department chair on July 1st

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES



- Flexible Major in Spanish, French and German.
- Our Language Minor: One of the top 5 minors on campus.
- New: Online WLS 1112 Spanish for the Health Professions. Equivalent to 2nd semester Spanish. Meets FLG graduation requirement. Open to all majors.
- New faculty-led Study Abroad programs.

The background image shows a chemistry laboratory setting. In the foreground, a student with long dreadlocks, wearing a blue and white long-sleeved shirt, is working at a lab bench. Another student in a red shirt is visible behind them. The lab bench is equipped with various glassware, including beakers and flasks, and a small electronic device. A sink with a faucet is visible on the left. The background features large windows and lab cabinets.

Science Collaborations: iStem

- Brings together students from underrepresented groups in the STEM disciplines and faculty committed to encouraging and empowering these students.
- Faculty serve as mentors, and the group meets regularly to foster networking, social, and professional engagement.

MEI: “Making Excellence Inclusive”

- A high-energy collective composed of faculty and staff from across campus
- Dedicated events throughout the year to nurture a more inclusive and welcoming community

Our world-class arts facilities are still humming...



Doudna Fine Arts Center eiu.edu/Doudna

Outdoor and streaming performances during the “Phase IV” COVID recovery period, including winds, jazz, marching band— all your favorites, experienced in new, innovative ways!

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Tarble Arts Center eiu.edu/tarble

New director! Jennifer Baker

Fall 2020 Exhibition: Press Play, an outdoor site-responsive digital exhibition of video and audio works by four artists, two musicians, two poets, a dancer, and a healer

Opens October 9th!

Fall 2020 Programs: Tarble-to-Go art kits and online making events, Tarble Reads book club, and virtual workshops by visiting artists

The Tarble offers work study positions throughout the year and hosts student exhibitions every spring

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