Faculty Experts

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Arts and Humanities

Adeline Bethany, Ed.D.
Professor, Fine Arts

- Music history/ appreciation
- Music education
- Chorus
- Diversity

Don Dempsey, M.A.
Associate Professor, Graphic Design

- Graphic design
- Computer graphics
- Multimedia design

Member of the *American Institute of Graphic Artists* and the *University and College Designer Association*

Seth Frechie, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, English

- Composition and rhetoric
- 20th Century American and British Literature
- Creative writing
- Contemporary American Poetry
- Theories of Realism, Modernism, Postmodernism

Publications include co-editor of *The Prentice-Hall Newspaper Reader (2004)*; author of *Gauguin (1996)*; and author of *Three Strains (1990)*

Cynthia Halpern, Ph.D.
Professor, Romance Languages

- Spanish language and Spanish literature

Member of the *American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese;* the *American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages;* and the *Association of Departments of Foreign Languages*

Marilyn Johnson, Ph.D.
Professor, English

- English literature
- Public speaking
- 17th and 18th Century literature
- Milton
- Poetry
- The short story
- The novel

Thomas Stretton, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, Education

- Broadway
- Hollywood
- Memory
- Musical theater
- Public education
- Secondary education

Nicholas Uliano, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, Romance Languages

- Foreign language pedagogy
- International educational opportunities
- Spanish language and literature

Member of the *American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese;* the *American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages;* and the *National Association of Foreign Student Advisors*

Jerome Zurek, Ph.D.
Professor, English

- English literature
- Shakespeare
- Mass communication
- Journalism
- Social justice education
- Public relations
- Radio

2005 CASE Professor of the Year for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; faculty advisor to *The Loquitur,* Cabrini's weekly student newspaper

Business Administration

Mary Harris, Ph.D., CMA
Assistant Professor, Business Administration

- Public finance
- International trade and finance
- School finance
- Banking industry

Member of the *Institution of Management Accountants;* the *American Education Finance Association;* and the *American Economic Association*

John Heiberger Jr., MBA
Associate Professor, Business Administration

- Management
- Marketing
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Personal finance

Brian Metz, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Business Administration

- Management
- Labor relations
- Leadership and supervision

Ruby Remley, MBA
Assistant Professor, Business Administration

- Marketing
- Management

Member of the *Advisory Council of the Philadelphia Special Olympics* and the *Marketing Advisory Board of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Cancer Society*

Ann Servey, MBA
Associate Professor, Business Administration

- Accounting
- Income taxes

Communications and Media

Amy Persichetti, M.A.
Instructor, English and Communication

- Community-based research curriculum

Dawn Francis, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, English and Communication

- Presentation communication
- Integrated marketing communication
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Public speaking
- Organizational communication
- Career preparation
- Career development in communication

Member of the *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication* and the *American Marketing Association*

Catherine Yungmann, M.A.
Associate Professor, Communication

- Video production
- Convergence
- Broadcasting
- Mass media

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Crime and Criminal Punishment

Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Sociology

- Criminology
- Conflict studies
- Race and ethnic studies
- Cross-cultural studies
- Sociology of religion
- Urban sociology

Member of *the American Sociological Association; the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; the Society for the Study of Social Problems; the Justice Studies Association;* and *the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*

Education

Edna Barenbaum, Ph.D.
Professor, Psychology

- Learning disabilities
- Depression and anxiety in youths
- Youth literacy levels

Carol Kessler, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Education

- Assessment of young children
- Theories and activities for early childhood education
- School, parent and community relations
- Human development
- Issues and trends in development disabilities

Member of the *National Association for the Education of Young Children;* the *Council for Exceptional Children;* and the *American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education*

Colleen Lelli, M.Ed.
Instructor, Education

- Content area reading
- Study skills
- Math and reading learning disabilities
- Print awareness

Philip Matilsky, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, Education

- Teaching training
- Special education
- Inclusion/ institutional support
- Ethical issues in education

Member of the *Council for Exceptional Children;* the *American Association on Mental Deficiency;* and the *American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists*

Dawn Middleton, Ed.D.
Professor, Education

- Curriculum
- Instruction

Member of the *National Association for the Education of Young Children;* the *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development;* and the *National Council of Social Studies*

Rocco Paolucci, Ed.D.
Associate Professor, Information, Science and Technology

- Interactive learning systems
- Web-based instructional systems
- Effects of institutional technology on learning and cognition

Member of the *Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education;* the *International Society for Technology in Education;* and the *American Society for Training and Development*

Thomas Stretton, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor, Education

- Broadway
- Hollywood
- Memory
- Musical theater
- Public education
- Secondary education

Martha Waring-Chaffee, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Graduate Education

- Developmental reading
- Emergent literacy
- Qualitative research

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Dean, Academic Affairs

- Contemporary rituals
- Rites of passage
- Sports and society
- Traditional culture
- Youth culture

Author of *The Newspaper Reader (*Prentice Hall, 2005*),* and *Adolescent Cruising: On the Road to Adulthood (*Johns Hopkins University Press and the Center for American Places*)*

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- Family values
- The mother-daughter relationship

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- American folklore
- Angels
- Christmas
- Contemporary Catholicism
- Cults and sects
- Ghosts
- Halloween
- Vampires
- Voodoo
- Witchcraft

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Melissa Terlicki, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Psychology

- Cognitive neuroscience
- Spatial ability and mental rotation
- Multimedia/ videogame effects on spatial ability
- Gender differences in spatial ability
- Sports/ exercise psychology and spatial ability

Member of the *American Psychological Association* and the *Psychonomic Society*

Government and Politics/ History

James Hedtke, Ph.D.
Professor, History and Political Science

- American presidency
- Baseball and the American tradition
- Civil war
- Terrorism

Author of *Lame Duck Presidents: Myth or Reality* (The Edwin Mellen Press, 2002)

Darryl Mace, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, History

- Antebellum Slavery
- Colonial Race and Gender
- 20th Century Black History
- African History.
- United States Southern History
- African-American History
- U.S. Civil Rights historiography
- Race Relations historiography

Health

Maria Elena Hallion, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Exercise Science and Health Promotion

- Heath promotion
- Disease prevention
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Stress management
- Weight loss

Tony Verde, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Exercise Science and Health Promotion

- Sports science
- Sports medicine

Affiliations with the Toronto Raptors, the Philadelphia Flyers, the Chicago Black Hawks, the Toronto Blue Jays and several Olympic Sports Governing Bodies

Member of the *American College of Sports Medicine;* the *Canadian Association of Sports Sciences;* and the *International Society of Exercise Immunologists*

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Mathematics

John Brown, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Mathematics

- Calculus
- Linear algebra
- Complex variables

Member of the *Mathematical Association of America* and the *American Mathematical Society*

Carol Serotta
Associate Professor, Mathematics

Philosophy

Harvey Lape
Instructor, Philosophy

- History of philosophy
- Ethics
- Critical thinking and logic
- Political philosophy
- Philosophy of science, religion and human nature

Joseph Romano, Ph.D.
Professor, Philosophy

- Education and social policy
- Ethics
- Existential philosophy
- Greek philosophy

Sharon Schwarze, Ph.D.
Professor, Philosophy

- Political philosophy
- Applied ethics
- Philosophy of science
- Spacetime
- Critical thinking

Author of *Thinking Socratically*, second edition (Prentice Hall, 2000)

Member of the *American Philosophical Association* and the *American Society of Legal and Political Philosophy*

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Anthony Tomasco, Ph.D.
Professor, Psychology

- Educational psychology
- Research and measurement
- Evaluating dimensions of psychosis

Member of the *American Psychological Association;* the *Eastern Psychological Association;* and the *American Association of University Professors*

Religious Studies

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Science

Kimberly Boyd, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Biology

- Biological evolution
- DNA Technology
- Human anatomy

Member of the *American Physiological Society* and the *Biophysical Society, among others*

Anne Coleman, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Life and Physical Sciences

- Biology
- Neuroscience
- Techniques of neuropsychological testing
- Radiation safety

Member of the *Society for Neuroscience* and the *National Association for Biology Teachers*

David Dunbar, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Biology

- Cell and molecular biology
- Genetics
- DNA and RNA
- Developmental biology

Member of the *Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences;* the *RNA Society;* the *American Society of Cell Biology;* the *American Society for the Advancement of Science*

Sheryl Fuller-Espie, Ph.D., DIC
Associate Professor, Biology

- Theory and practice in biotechnology
- General microbiology
- Immunology
- Genetics
- Nutrition
- Animal behavior
- Earth science

Member of the *Eastern Pennsylvnania Branch of the American Society for Microbiology*; the *Mid-Atlantic Association of College Biologists*; the *Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists*; and the *American Association for the Advancement of Science*

Contributing author to *Pathology and Immunology of Transplantation and Rejection* (2001); *Transplantation and Clinical Immunology XXIII* (1991); and *Genetic Engineering, Volume 6* (1987)

Joseph Smith, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Chemistry

- Organic chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Science and society
- Astronomy

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