Faculty Spotlight: New Faculty Members

University of Dayton
School of Education and Health Sciences

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The School of Education and Health Sciences faculty take pride in fulfilling our vision "to prepare distinctive graduates who will effectively and efficiently utilize the highest quality of learning, leadership and scholarship to build strong learning communities and develop collaborative, caring partnerships." We are happy to introduce our new faculty members and are proud to have them on board to educate and lead our students.

JACKIE MARSHALL ARNOLD PH.D.; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, TEACHER EDUCATION

Dr. Arnold is an assistant professor in Teacher Education where she teaches classes in early childhood education. Arnold received her M.S. from the University of Dayton and her Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. Dr. Arnold's research interests include literature, professional development, and literacy methods. She has served on the Children's Literature Assembly Board, been a reviewer for the Journal of Literacy Research and Dragon Lode, and participates in ongoing professional development for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools regarding the integration of the Archdiocese Course of Study for the English Language Arts.

When asked why she chose UD, Dr. Arnold responds "My roots are long and deep at UD. I am deeply committed to the Marianist spirit that is central to our vision and mission as I engage in research, teaching, and service."

To learn more about Dr. Arnold, visit her faculty profile >>

MARY-KATE SABLESKI PH.D.; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, TEACHER EDUCATION

Dr. Sableski is an assistant professor in Teacher Education where she specializes in Literacy and Special Needs. Sableski received her M.S. from the University of Dayton and her Ph.D. from the Ohio State University. Dr. Sableski's research
interests include struggling readers, diversity in children's literature, and literacy professional development. She has served on the Editorial Board as a Guest Editor for *Children and Libraries*; and the Executive Board for the Children's Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Why UD? Dr. Sableski says "Ever since the first day I walked on campus as a first year undergraduate student, UD has been home. The Marianist spirit matches my own values and supports my beliefs about what makes an effective teacher. UD is part of my family, my community, and my faith, and taking this next step in my career here was a natural step in the journey."

To learn more about Dr. Sableski, visit her [faculty profile >>](#)

**MOLLY MIDDLETON, M.D.; MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION**

Dr. Middleton is the Medical Director for the [new Physician Assistant program](#). Middleton received her B.S. in Biology from the University of Dayton and her M.D. from the University of Cincinnati. She is American Board of Family Physicians certified and serves as a part-time physician contractor for Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc. She has participated in several international medical mission trips, traveling as far as Ibo, Mozambique which was only accessible via helicopter.

When asked why she chose UD, Dr. Middleton replied "because I love UD! I grew up coming to campus and basketball games with my family, then attended UD for undergrad. I appreciate the Marianist mission and sense of community that UD is known for."

To learn more about Dr. Middleton, visit her [faculty profile >>](#)

**ANDREA KNAPKE, M.S., PA-C; CLINICAL FACULTY, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION**

Knapke is a clinical faculty member for the [new Physician Assistant program](#). She received two undergraduate degrees, one from the University of Toledo and one from the Massachusetts College Of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where she also received her M.P.A.S.

Why does she love UD? "Since joining the PA faculty in April, I have found the UD environment to be very welcoming and supportive. I am proud to call myself a Flyer!"

To learn more about Andrea Knapke, visit her [faculty profile >>](#)

**New Administrative Posts**

Along with the pride for UD's mission, our faculty are dedicated to serving students and the UD community as a whole, often times through administrative posts within SEHS.
ALAN DEMMITT PH.D.; CHAIR, COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dr. Demmitt returns as the Department Chair of Counselor Education and Human Services after serving the school as an associate professor for the human services and school counseling programs. Demmitt received his M.A. from the University of Louisiana and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He has been with UD since 1995. Dr. Demmitt’s research interests include couples counseling, communication, and family counseling.

To learn more about Dr. Demmitt, visit his faculty profile >>

CORINNE DAPRANO PH.D.; CHAIR, HEALTH AND SPORT SCIENCE

Dr. Daprano fulfills the role as the Department Chair of Health and Sport Science after serving the school as associate chair of HSS and associate professor for the sport management program. Daprano received her M.Ed. from Cleveland State University and her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. She has been with UD since 2001. Dr. Daprano’s research interests include strategic human resource management in sport and recreation organizations and service learning as pedagogy in higher education and its application to sport management programs. She has served on the Sport Management Review Editorial Board; the Sport Management Education Journal Editorial Board and been a member of the North American Society of Sport Management; Ohio Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance; and National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

To learn more about Dr. Daprano, visit her faculty profile >>

LINDA HARTLEY PH.D.; ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE LEARNIN

Dr. Hartley comes to the School of Education and Health Sciences from the College of Arts and Sciences where she has served for 24 years as a professor of music and program coordinator for undergraduate and graduate music education. Hartley received both her graduate degree in music and Ph.D. from Kent State University. She has been with UD since 1991. Dr. Hartley’s research interests include adult music learning, gender and ethnicity in educational leadership roles, and instrumental music pedagogy. She has served as clinician and adjudicator for high school and middle instrumental music ensembles; Music Director for the University of Dayton New Horizons Music Program for senior adults; Editorial Board Member for Contributions to Music Education research journal; Global Education Seminar participant; and Higher Education Resource Services Summer Leadership Institute participant as well as authored book chapters and research journal articles.

Why did she choose UD? Dr. Hartley says “this year I’ll be celebrating my 25th year working at UD. Consistently I have found our university to be a place where individuals are supported to explore, create, and pursue professional interests. UD’s strong commitment to service, community, and the educational environment is why I have made UD and Dayton my home. I am particularly excited to begin my term as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Learning and serve our outstanding School of Education and Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students.”

To learn more about Dr. Hartley, visit her faculty profile >>