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## Lycoming College Experts Resource Guide

The Lycoming College Office of College Relations has compiled this Experts Resource Guide to assist the media and community organizations in identifying speakers from the College who can provide insight on a variety of topics.

Members of the media interested in arranging an interview with a Lycoming expert are asked to contact Jerry Rashid, director of college relations, at (570) 321-4137 or [rashid@lycoming.edu](mailto:rashid@lycoming.edu). Community organizations interested in scheduling a guest speaker should contact Sandy Jansson, college relations administrative assistant, at (570) 321-4037 or [jansson@lycoming.edu](mailto:jansson@lycoming.edu).

### **Neil Boyd, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Management

*Areas of expertise:* general management issues, organization development, action research, strategic management, human resource management, non-profit management, sustainable business practices, and organizational behavior issues (leadership, motivation, team-based workplaces, planning)

### **Michelle Briggs, Ph.D.**

Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Biology

*Areas of expertise:* plant science, poisonous plants, traditional and modern medicinal plant use

### **David Broussard, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Biology

*Areas of expertise:* birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians

### **Mary Broussard**

Instructional Services Librarian

Coordinator of Reference and Assessment

*Areas of expertise:* librarianship and related information issues, as well as social media and other Web technologies

### **Len Cagle, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages

*Areas of expertise:* German language, literature and film and the history and culture of Berlin

### **Cullen J. Chandler, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of History

*Areas of expertise:* ancient Greece and Rome, medieval Europe, Islam and the Middle East, and crusades

## LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPERTS RESOURCE GUIDE (Continued)

### **William Ciabattari, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Music

Director of Bands

*Areas of expertise:* music education, conducting and music performance

### **William G. Dever, Ph.D.**

Distinguished Professor of Biblical Archaeology

*Areas of expertise:* history and archaeology of the Ancient Near East and the Bible

### **Richard R. Erickson, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Astronomy and Physics

*Areas of expertise:* astronomy and astrophysics; also physics, geology, paleontology, climatology, railroad history and technology, and dam engineering

### **Lynn Estomin**

Associate Professor of Art

*Areas of expertise:* documentary film, video and photography, and art for social justice

### **Sascha Feinstein, Ph.D.**

Professor of English

*Areas of expertise:* poetry, memoir and jazz

### **David G. Fisher, Ph.D.**

Department Chair and Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy

*Areas of expertise:* physics, space flight, planetary science and paleontology

### **Pamela Gaber, Ph.D.**

Professor of Archaeology and Judaic Studies

*Areas of expertise:* archaeology and Judaic studies

### **Amy Golahny, Ph.D.**

Professor of Art History and Chair, Art Department

*Area of expertise:* visual art, Italian Renaissance, art in Williamsport, Pa., and Dutch art, especially Rembrandt

### **Stephen Griffith, Ph.D.**

Professor of Philosophy

*Areas of expertise:* philosophical issues, intelligent design and the Shroud of Turin

### **Thomas A. Griffiths, Ph.D.**

Provost and Professor of Biology

*Areas of expertise:* anatomy, evolution and mammals (especially bats)

## **LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPERTS RESOURCE GUIDE (Continued)**

### **Jerry Hammaker**

Men's and Women's Swimming Head Coach

Assistant Athletic Director

Assistant Director of Recreation for Aquatics and Intramural Sports

*Areas of expertise:* swimming, pool design, aquatics and NCAA compliance

### **Claude Hardy**

Assistant Professor

Technical Director/Lighting Designer

*Areas of expertise:* stage design and Russian theatre

### **David B. Heffner**

Chief Information Officer

*Areas of expertise:* technical, financial and planning leadership for all aspects of technology including: business and instructional computing, telecommunications, cable TV, Web development, and related technologies in security and facilities

### **Richard Hughes, Ph.D.**

Professor of Religion

*Areas of expertise:* Civil Rights Movement/Martin Luther King, Jr. and other movement leaders, the ecumenical movement and religious exemption clauses

### **Jane C. Keller**

Adjunct Professor of English

*Areas of expertise:* Quakers and their history; prison conditions and the death penalty

### **Geoffrey S. Knauth**

Computer Science Instructor

*Areas of expertise:* software engineering, rowing, flying and Russian language

### **Bonita Kolb, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Business

*Areas of expertise:* marketing of arts and culture, management of nonprofit organizations, tourism marketing and small town economic development

### **Christopher Kulp, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy

*Areas of expertise:* general physics, astronomy, chaos theory and nonlinear dynamics

### **Diane Langley**

Visiting Instructor of Corporate Communications

*Areas of expertise:* conflict management, supervisory skills, leadership, boardsmanship, communication skills, behavior assessment, works with organizations in a traumatized state (e.g. layoffs, loss, etc.)

## LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPERTS RESOURCE GUIDE (Continued)

### **Bob Larson, Ph.D.**

Professor of History

*Areas of expertise:* military affairs and past wars

### **Andrew B. Leiter, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of English

*Areas of expertise:* American literature, southern literature, African-American literature, literature about race and race relations during the segregation era

### **Charles H. Mahler, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Assistant Dean

*Areas of expertise:* inorganic and physical chemistry

### **Betty L. McCall, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Sociology

*Areas of expertise:* aging, community assessment, grant writing, health and medicine, non-profit management, program evaluation, race and ethnicity

### **Mehrdad Madresee, Ph.D.**

Department Chair and Professor of Economics

*Areas of expertise:* economic development and calculation of loss of earnings

### **Daniel P. Miller, Ed.D.**

Vice President for Student Affairs

*Areas of expertise:* college student life and college choice and selection

### **John Mitchell**

Adjunct Faculty in Psychology

*Areas of expertise:* clinical psychology and hostage negotiations

### **Mary E. Morrison, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Biology

*Areas of expertise:* biology, cell biology, neuroscience, developmental biology, immunology, infectious diseases, science and social policy, animal tracking, bighorn sheep, desert animals and plants; bird watching activities, bird feeding and bird feeders; evolution and intelligent design, including the relevant Supreme Court case history

### **Jeff Newman, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Biology

*Areas of expertise:* microbiology, molecular biology, genetics and biochemistry

## LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPERTS RESOURCE GUIDE (Continued)

### **Peter J. Petokas, Ph.D.**

Research Associate in Biology

*Areas of expertise:* ecology and restoration of streams, rivers, wetlands and watersheds; biology of amphibians and reptiles

### **John F. Piper Jr., Ph.D.**

Professor of History and Dean of the College Emeritus

*Areas of expertise:* local history, Lycoming College history, American religious history and Reformation history (16th century)

### **Todd Preston, Ph.D.**

Department Chair and Assistant Professor of English

*Areas of expertise:* literature and language of medieval and Renaissance England

### **Amy Rogers**

Department Chair and Instructor of Education

*Areas of expertise:* teacher education and pre-service teachers; certification programs, middle-level and secondary education, literacy across the content areas

### **Susan Ross, Ph.D.**

Chair, Criminal Justice Department

Associate Professor of Sociology

*Areas of expertise:* family sociology and military-civilian relations

### **Kathy Ryan, Ph.D.**

Professor of Psychology

*Areas of expertise:* relationship violence (sexual, physical and psychological aggression), playful aggression and narcissism

### **N. J. Stanley, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Theatre

*Areas of expertise:* Western theatre history, women in theatre, contemporary American drama, acting and directing

### **Arthur Sterngold, Ph.D.**

Chair, Business Administration Department

Associate Professor of Marketing

*Areas of expertise:* surveys, opinion polls and focus groups; economic impact studies and feasibility analyses.

### **C. Townsend Velkoff**

Director, Counseling Services, licensed psychologist

*Areas of expertise:* treatment and evaluation of sexual offenders, and Megan's Law

## **LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPERTS RESOURCE GUIDE (Continued)**

### **Shanna Wheeler**

Assistant Director, Academic Resource Center/Writing Center

*Areas of expertise:* composition, creative writing, poetry writing and professional writing

### **John M. Whelan Jr., Ph.D.**

Professor of Philosophy

*Areas of expertise:* contemporary moral and political philosophy, death penalty and insanity defense

### **Jonathan Williamson, Ph.D.**

Department Chair and Assistant Professor of Political Science

*Areas of expertise:* American electoral politics at the local, state and federal level, and congressional and presidential politics

### **Mel Zimmerman, Ph.D.**

Professor of biology and Director of the Lycoming College Clean Water Institute

*Areas of expertise:* aquatic biology (stream and lake ecology), use of fish and macro invertebrates for monitoring water quality, riparian buffers, stream restoration, ecology of coral reefs, water quality of the Susquehanna River watershed, sewage treatment, environmental sustainability issues and scuba diving