

# FULL-TIME FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

The faculty of Trinity Graduate School draws upon the regular and adjunct faculty of the other schools of Trinity International University. University teaching faculty who regularly teach and work with the graduate school include:

The date that follows the listing of each faculty member indicates the beginning year of service at Trinity.

**Gregory C. Carlson, 2007**  
**Director, Master of Arts in Leadership Program**  
**Professor of Christian Ministries and Leadership**  
 BA, Grace University (Omaha)  
 MACE, Biola University Talbot School of Theology  
 PhD, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Before Trinity, Dr. Carlson served as a pastor (13 years); dean of graduate studies and Christian education professor at Grace University (Omaha); and global training director for Awana Clubs International. Areas of research and teaching interest include leadership, educational ministry - family/youth and ministry skill development. He has authored and edited a variety of books including *Understanding Teaching Creatively Prompting Biblical Life-Change* (Evangelical Training Association) and *Rock Solid Teacher; Discover the Joy of Teaching Like Jesus* (Bethany). Dr. Carlson is an associate instructor with Walk Thru the Bible and often speaks in ministry and leadership settings. Dr. Carlson is the Director of the Division of Biblical, Religious and Philosophical Studies.

**Susan Corapi, 2015**  
**Assistant Professor of Education**  
 BA, Wheaton College  
 MA, Denver Seminary  
 DipCS, Regent College (Vancouver)  
 MLS, Texas Woman's University  
 PhD, University of Arizona

Dr. Susan Corapi teaches literacy classes in the Division of Education. Her work is influenced by the years she spent teaching K-12 students in public and private schools, her experience as a youth services librarian in a public library, the networking she did to generate community support for literacy development, and the international perspectives she gained while living in four countries on three continents. Her research interests center around the use of global children's and adolescent literature to support the development of intercultural competence. She is also interested in teacher study groups as a form of professional development.

**Thomas H. L. Cornman, 2015**  
**Senior Vice President for Academic Administration**  
**Dean, Trinity College and Graduate School**  
 BS, Cairn University  
 MDiv, Talbot School of Theology  
 MA, Temple University  
 PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

In 1982 Dr. Cornman joined the faculty at Moody Bible Institute, where he taught, served as the chair of the General Education program, and completed his service as the Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. In 2009 Dr. Cornman was appointed Vice President of Academics and Chief Academic Officer at Cedarville University. While there he taught

in the field of Church History. Dr. Cornman has been involved in the Council of Independent Colleges Chief Academic Officer (CAO) institutes, speaking on topics related to higher education. In addition, he served as the chair of the Council of CAOs for the Southwest Ohio Council on Higher Education. Dr. Cornman has authored and edited books and book chapters in the area of American Religious History and practical Christian ministry.

**Bruce L. Fields, 1988**  
**Professor of Faith and Culture**  
**Joint Appointment at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School**  
 BA, University of Pennsylvania  
 MDiv, ThM, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
 PhD, Marquette University

Dr. Fields has served on the staff of Cru in the Native American Ministry, with Athletes in Action, and on campus staff at the University of Michigan. His areas of expertise include the book of Philippians, liberation theology, and Black theology. He is the author of *Introducing Black Theology: Three Crucial Questions for the Evangelical Church*. He has taught theology and chaired the Biblical and Systematic Theology Department at TEDS and has taught New Testament and theology at Trinity College.

**Karl J. Glass, 2001**  
**Associate Professor of Health Science**  
 BA, Spring Arbor College  
 MS, Indiana State University

Professor Glass earned his Bachelor of Arts in physical education from Spring Arbor College and the Master of Science with a specialization in athletic training from Indiana State University. He comes to Trinity with extensive experience in the clinical practice of athletic training for a major health care system in Detroit. He supports the position that the role of the athletic trainer is primarily in the prevention of injuries through education of safe sports participation. He has served many years as a state board member for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. Professor Glass is chair of the Health Sciences Department.

**Don Hedges, 1999**  
**Associate Dean, Trinity College and Graduate School**  
**Professor of Music**  
 BS, Faith Baptist Bible College  
 MM, PhD, Indiana University

Dr. Don Hedges serves as an Associate Dean of the College and Graduate School. While at Trinity he has chaired the music department, taught a number of music courses, directed musical theater, and supervised church music interns. Before coming to Trinity, Dr. Hedges served as Associate Pastor for Music and Worship at Richview Baptist Church in Toronto, Ontario, and taught music and Christian worship at North American Baptist College and Edmonton Baptist Seminary (Edmonton, Alberta).

**Kristin Lindholm, 1994**  
**Associate Professor of Communication**  
 BA, MA, University of Illinois  
 MA, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
 PhD, University of Illinois

Dr. Lindholm teaches how human communication occurs in a variety of contexts. She specializes in how people communicate about health-related concerns in interpersonal and organizational settings. Dr.

Lindholm has coauthored several papers and book chapters, and she has received four awards for her achievements in education. She is a member of the National Communication Association.

**Wendy L. Martin, 2006**

**Professor of Business**

**Wesley Anderson Chair of Business**

BS, University of Colorado

MBA, University of Michigan

PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Before beginning her career in teaching, Dr. Martin enjoyed a career in consumer goods marketing management at Procter & Gamble and Schering-Plough Healthcare Products. She joined Trinity after teaching for twelve years at another Christian college. Her primary research interest focuses on marketing for ministries, while her additional research efforts on intergenerational family businesses have yielded several awards, including best papers and the designation as a Family Business Research Scholar. Dr. Martin serves as the Director of the Division of Social Sciences.

**Laurie R. Matthias, 2007**

**Director, Trinity Graduate School Education Programs**

**Associate Professor of Education**

BS, Bob Jones University

MEd, EdD, Regent University

Dr. Laurie Matthias enjoys drawing upon her twenty-plus years in middle and high school English classrooms to prepare Trinity's teacher candidates in both the traditional and graduate programs. Her areas of interest in teaching include the philosophical foundations for educational choices, the integration of faith and learning, the inner life of the teacher, and faculty development.

**Annette Monk, 2019**

**Visiting Assistant Professor**

BS, Illinois State University

MS, University of Illinois

Annette Monk has experience as a clinician practicing as an athletic trainer in a variety of settings since 2006. She has taught in the athletic training program at University of Illinois where she received a master's degree in kinesiology. Her professional experience includes being the first athletic trainer at the Naval Special Warfare Preparatory program, a physical training course for Navy SEAL candidates. She also has experience working as an athletic trainer at the international level as well in the industrial and secondary school settings. Annette brings her clinical experience to teaching health science courses with hopes of inspiring future professionals to serve as leaders where God calls them forth. Her research interests include tactical athlete health and human performance and clinical athletic training education

**Kimberly Oram, 2005**

**Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology (Florida Regional Center)**

BA, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

MA, Nova Southeastern University

PsyD, Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Oram began teaching for the MA in Counseling Psychology program in the fall semester of 2005. Prior to accepting the position with TIU, Dr. Oram taught as an adjunct instructor for Southwest Virginia Community and Bluefield State Colleges. She also worked as a psychologist for

outpatient psychotherapy practices in Tennessee and Virginia. She completed her internship and postdoctoral residency years at the University of South Florida's Student Counseling Center, providing individual, group, and couples psychotherapy, career counseling, and psychoeducational workshops. Dr. Oram coauthored chapters in the 2009 edition of *Essential Psychopathology* and a chapter on *Child and Adolescent Therapy*. She has an active private clinical practice with specific interest in the treatment areas of health/wellness, chronic pain, emotion regulation, trauma, and marriage and family. She co-presented on a wellness related topic at the Christian Community Development Association's 2008 conference and presents on wellness and marriage and family topics at local churches. She is also an American Heritage Girls leader for a troop hosted by an EFCA church. Dr. Oram is a Qualified Supervisor in FL for mental health counseling registered interns. She is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC) and is the faculty advisor for TIUFRC's student chapter of the AACC.

**Ruby L. Owiny, 2013**

**Assistant Professor of Education**

BA, MA, Asbury University

PhD, University of Kentucky

Dr. Owiny worked for thirteen years in both private Christian schools and public schools in Lexington, KY. She served as an elementary classroom teacher and as a special educator. Her passion for teaching lies in the inner city where she spent 11 years of her career and worked to help create higher quality inclusive settings for students with disabilities. Her dissertation was based on virtual coaching of general education and special education teachers in Guatemala to train them in the use of specific praise. Her current research interests include identifying methods for improving the quality of inclusive settings, including strategies teachers use in their general education inclusive classrooms, evidence-based practice, high leverage practice, and the implementation of Universal Design for Learning in K-12 settings.

**Michael D. Reynolds, 2006**

**Associate Professor of Christian Ministries**

**Executive Director and Associate Academic Dean, South Chicago Regional Center**

BS, Illinois State University

MAR, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

DMin, McCormick Theological Seminary

Prior to his appointment as an associate professor at Trinity College, Dr. Reynolds served in both traditional and nontraditional programs as an affiliate professor of psychology and sociology. He also held an appointment as affiliate professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has taught courses in preaching, counseling, sociology, education and urban ministry at Trinity's Deerfield campus, at its regional centers, and at various extension sites. He has special interests in mentoring and urban leadership development. Dr. Reynolds' research interests include the study of theological issues in the urban setting. He was the senior editor of the *Urban Devotional Bible* published by Crossway in 2007. He has also been a senior pastor for more than twenty-five years.

**Joyce A. Shelton, 1988**

**University Assessment Officer**

**Professor of Biology**

**Director of the Division of Science Technology and Health**

BS New Mexico State University

PhD, University of New Mexico School of Medicine

Dr. Shelton's pre-doctoral research was in immunology and developmental biology. Prior to coming to Trinity she did postdoctoral research at Northwestern University in biochemistry, immunology, and reproductive biology, and has publications in these areas. She also has interests in the field of bioethics. She is the academic advisor for the MA in Bioethics/BA dual degree. She has served as the director of The Bioethics Institute for Undergraduates and Professionals at the annual Bioethics Conference for many years and is on the editorial board of two bioethics journals. While at Trinity she has been Chair of the Health Sciences Department, Associate Dean of Trinity Graduate School, and Interim Dean of Trinity Graduate School and REACH/EXCEL. She is currently Director of the Division of Science, Technology, and Health.

**Elizabeth Y. Skjoldal, 1994**

**Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology**

Director, Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology Program (Florida Regional Center)

BS, Florida Southern College

MS, PhD, University of Miami

Prior to assuming her position at Trinity International University, Dr. Skjoldal served as supervising psychologist at the University of Miami Medical Pain and Rehabilitation Center and in the Department of Behavioral Health at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, California. She has lectured at a number of professional societies, including The Southern Pain Society and The American Pain Society. Dr. Skjoldal often speaks to women's, youth, and parenting groups. Her areas of interest include multicultural issues in counseling, group process, behavioral medicine, assessment of bilingual students, and the provision of counseling to underserved populations. She is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and the American Counseling Association. Dr. Skjoldal also consults and does psychological and educational assessments in Miami schools.

**Ryan D. Wilkinson, 2015**

**Associate Professor of Athletic Training**

**Athletic Training Program Director**

BS - Athletic Training, Concordia University Wisconsin

MS - Athletic Training, Indiana University

EdD - Health Care Education, Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Wilkinson has served in various roles within athletic training higher education since 2002. Prior to joining TIU in 2015, Dr. Wilkinson served as Interim Program Director and Director of Clinical Education in the Athletic Training Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). Prior to starting at UWM in 2010, he served as Coordinator of Clinical Education and Associate Athletic Trainer at Concordia University Wisconsin for eight years, providing athletic training services primarily for the football program. In the past, he has served the state, district, and national athletic training organizations in a variety of roles, including President of the Wisconsin Athletic Trainers' Association (WATA) and Chair of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) State Association Advisory Committee. He is currently President of the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association (GLATA), a regional membership association representing more than 10,000 athletic trainers and athletic training students in the midwest. His scholarly interests center on athletic training education (classroom and clinical), the scholarship of teaching and learning, and leadership and professional development.

**Karen A. Wrobbel, 2003**

**Professor of Education**

BA, Biola University

MA, Wheaton Graduate School

EdD, University of Minnesota

Dr. Wrobbel taught missionary kids (MKs) and other international students in Christian schools in Spain and Venezuela for more than twenty years before joining Trinity's faculty. Her school experience extends across the grade levels and includes teaching self-contained elementary classrooms, various subjects at the middle and high school levels, and administration. She continues to be actively involved internationally with Christian education through conference speaking and accreditation work. Dr. Wrobbel is associate (volunteer) staff for SHARE Education Services, a group that serves expatriate families, and formerly was a member of the Latin America Accreditation Commission of the Association of Christian Schools, International. Her expertise and research interests include the education of MKs and other global nomads, languages and education, and intercultural communication. Dr. Wrobbel's articles have appeared in several publications, including *Missiology*, *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, and *Christian School Education*. Dr. Wrobbel is the Director of the Division of Education.