

Millersville University New Faculty – Fall 2021

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences



Prof. Stephanie Jerstad
Assistant Professor
Criminology, Sociology and Anthropology

As a professor of criminology, Prof. Stephanie Jerstad focuses her research on corrections, criminological theory, the criminal justice system, criminal justice policy, survey methodology, and mixed-methods. Primarily, her research concentrates on macro- and micro-level policies with an emphasis on sexual offending. This has allowed her to examine lines of inquiry not yet attempted through scholarly research. Prof. Jerstad's dissertation research focused on the willingness of long-term care facilities to accept persons convicted of sexual offending into their care as residents. The study examined state policy and data collected at the facility and individual levels.

Prof. Jerstad is finishing her Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University and received her M.S. degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. During her time at Southern Illinois University, she taught courses in Criminology and the Criminal Justice System.

Prof. Jerstad has assisted in collecting survey data from residents living in high-crime areas as part of a community-based crime reduction program in two Midwestern cities. Also, using evidence from the Philippines, she has analyzed qualitative interviews to examine factors related to re-entry success and failures.

Most recently, Prof. Jerstad was appointed by the Mayor of Carbondale, Illinois to serve as a commissioner on the Board of Fire and Police. During her time in Carbondale, she also served as the President of the Sparrow Coalition, a non-profit organization serving the homeless population, and was instrumental in creating the city's first warming center.

College of Education and Human Services



Prof. Rachel MacIntyre
Assistant Professor
Psychology

Prof. Rachel MacIntyre is completing her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology, a program that is jointly sponsored by Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, and Eastern Virginia Medical School. She previously earned her M.S. in Experimental Psychology from Old Dominion University (ODU) and B.S. in Animal Behavior from Bucknell University. Throughout her graduate studies, she has provided therapy and psychological assessment in a variety of clinical settings, including medical settings, college counseling centers, and elementary and high schools.

In research, Prof. MacIntyre is interested in studying dynamic social influences on adaptive and maladaptive aspects of body image and related health behaviors (e.g., eating, exercise). For her dissertation, she studied social contributors, including the role of women's social networks, on the effectiveness of a well-known body image intervention on college campuses, the Body Project.

In addition to her work aimed at increasing women's body satisfaction, Prof. MacIntyre has also developed a passion for instruction and supervision through the courses she taught at ODU and her supervisory experiences at ODU and the Towson University Counseling Center, where she completed her predoctoral internship. She is excited to direct her passion and experience to her work at Millersville by joining the Psychology undergraduate and Clinical Psychology graduate faculty.



Dr. Hannah Osborn
Assistant Professor
Psychology

Dr. Hannah Osborn holds a Bachelor's in Psychology from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Ohio University in Athens, OH. She joined Millersville University after serving for two years as a teaching-focused faculty member at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dr. Osborn teaches several undergraduate courses in psychology and maintains an active research program centered on social identity. Beyond these responsibilities, Dr. Osborn enjoys applying her experience in undergraduate advising, assisting students with topics ranging from degree completion to career

paths in psychology, to the graduate school process.

Outside of Dr. Osborn's professional life, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, cooking (...and eating), getting outside (most recently, to play disc golf!), hanging with her pets, and binge-watching TV shows. She is excited to be joining the Millersville University community!"

College of Science and Technology



Dr. Jessica Fellmeth
Assistant Professor
Biology

Dr. Jessica Fellmeth has been a dedicated science educator for more than half her life. She started as an outreach educator for the Philadelphia Zoo and then became a high school biology teacher before returning to graduate school at Rutgers University in the Institute of Human Genetics using mouse oocytes to study sterility-associated genes in meiosis. As a graduate student, Dr. Fellmeth taught general biology, genetics, and worked on the Rutgers Science Explorer Bus (an outreach program bringing laboratory science to underprivileged districts).

Dr. Fellmeth spent two years teaching at Hamilton College in New York State before completing her postdoctoral research at Rutgers University in the Waksman Institute of Microbiology, studying the centromere and kinetochore in *Drosophila* oocytes. Her research focuses on the meiotic mechanisms required to make a "good egg." She focuses on the building of the kinetochore which is necessary to prevent aneuploidy (the leading genetic cause of infertility and developmental abnormalities such as Down Syndrome). Many cancer-associated mutations also play a role in infertility and Dr. Fellmeth's work contributes to a better understanding of individual mutations. This work contributes to the larger body of knowledge fueling the future of individualized medicine. She is devoted to cultivating the next generation of critical thinkers that our world desperately needs.



Dr. Kelly Rotondo, DNP, RN, SCRNP, CTC
Assistant Professor
Nursing

Dr. Kelly Rotondo is an Assistant Professor in the College of Science and Technology. Prior to joining Millersville University, she was an adjunct professor at Eastern Mennonite University, University of Phoenix, and Millersville University. She also has held various healthcare positions at Penn State Health University, specializing in telehealth and nursing education and professional development.

Dr. Rotondo received her registered nurse diploma from Sewickley Valley Hospital School of Nursing, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from LaRoche University, and her Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice from Waynesburg University.



Dr. Charles Stricker
Assistant Professor
Applied Engineering, Safety and Technology

Dr. Charles Stricker holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA), an MBA from Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA), a doctoral degree in educational technology from Wilkes University (Wilkes-Barre, PA), and has been a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania since 2002. His experience includes over 14 years of industry (engineering) experience combined with 13 years of academic experience across all levels of academia, including teaching and curriculum development at the secondary and post-

secondary levels.

Dr. Strickler has taught Engineering Technologies (Mechatronics/Electronics/Robotics) at Berks Career and Technology Center since 2013, including Machining and Manufacturing Processes, Industrial Electronics, Industrial Mechanics, and Programmable Logic Controls (PLC). He also teaches Industrial Electricity Fundamentals at Penn State Berks as an adjunct, and has done so since the spring of 2019. Dr. Strickler also taught Mechatronics Engineering Courses at Reading Area Community College (RACC), as an adjunct, for the past three years. He has Pennsylvania Educational Certifications in Electromechanical Engineering Technology (Vocational II), Electronics Technology (Vocational II), Physics (Instructional II), Mathematics (Instructional II), Technology Education (Instructional II), and Business Education (Instructional II).

Dr. Strickler has spent more than 14 years in various engineering roles both prior to teaching and concurrent with teaching. The engineering roles included full-time positions and consulting roles for companies that focus on specialty metals manufacturers, engineering plastic

manufacturers, automotive equipment manufacturers, show action equipment, among others. His engineering roles' responsibilities ranged from product development to machine design, process engineering, through manufacturing engineering and automation.

Non-college Faculty



Dr. Kristen Lawson
Associate Professor
Academic Advisement and Student Development

Dr. Kristen Lawson has worked in higher education for almost thirty years and looks forward to working at Millersville University as an Advisement Coordinator in the Center for Advisement and Student Support for the College of Science and Technology. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Georgia. Soon after, she attended Georgia Southern University to receive a Master of Education in Adult and Vocational Education. Dr.

Lawson began teaching at a small, residential college in South Georgia. This is when she began teaching developmental education courses and found her niche. To better her educational foundation, she attended Columbus State University and took six master's level reading courses.

For the next several years, Dr. Lawson taught many first-year experience courses, such as freshmen orientation, college study skills, developmental reading, and Regents' Reading Review, after which she pursued her Doctor of Education in Adult and Career Education at Valdosta State University. For the next decade, Dr. Lawson continued to teach developmental courses and became an active member of the Georgia Association of Developmental Education.

After a 2-year hiatus from teaching that began in 2006, Dr. Lawson transitioned into administrative positions as chair of developmental studies and eventually dean, but missed the classroom and one-on-one contact with students. Therefore, she started teaching again at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lawson looks forward to working at Millersville University and advising students. In addition, she is excited to work with the faculty and college community.