

## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### Faculty Spotlight: Antonis Katsiyannis



**Name:** Antonis Katsiyannis  
**Title:** Professor  
**Department:** Teacher Education

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** The College of William and Mary in Virginia

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Christopher Newport University (VA); University of Nebraska -Kearney

**What is the best thing about your job?** Working with bright students and dedicated fellow faculty members

**Describe some of your current research projects.** Delinquency trajectories, particularly for adolescents with disabilities. Legal and policy issues in special education (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** Running

**Book:** Homer's Odyssey

**Movie:** Gone with the Wind

**Vacation destination:** Laos

**Music or musical genera:** Jazz

**Previously owned vehicle:** Chevy Nova

**Influential person:** My mother

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Albert Ellis

**Thing that makes you smile:** Children playing

**Advice received:** Stay focused

**Advice to give:** Always excel in all you do

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### Faculty Spotlight: Bob Barcelona



**Name:** Bob Barcelona

**Title:** Assistant Professor, Youth Development Leadership

**Department:** Youth Development Leadership Program; Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Management

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** Ole Miss (B.A.); Indiana University-Bloomington (M.S.; Ph.D.)

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Indiana University; University of New Hampshire; Clemson University

**What is the best thing about your job?** I really value the opportunities that I have to build relationships around my teaching and research interests with students, practitioners, and colleagues. I enjoy the freedom

to immerse myself in the things that I'm passionate about to help make a positive contribution to the classroom or in the community.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** My current research interest focuses on the developmental context of leisure activities and recreation programs for youth. Specifically, I am exploring the academic, physical, and psychosocial outcomes related to extracurricular activity involvement in both school and community-based programs. I am particularly interested in the growing professional orientation in youth development leadership, and am working on research and practice that supports training and education for youth leaders and volunteers. I recently co-authored a textbook titled Leisure Services Management which was published in the fall of 2008.

**Tell us about your family.** I've been married to my wife, Heather, for 10 years. I have two children, Madeline, a kindergartener at Clemson Elementary School, and Nathan, a 3-year-old who stays home with his Mom. We also have a 10-year-old Chocolate Lab named Kemah.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Watching almost all sports, but especially baseball, basketball, football, and hockey; running, hiking, and walking in the outdoors
- **Book:** Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin; The Last Amateurs by John Feinstein; Good to Great by Jim Collins
- **Movie:** Field of Dreams; A Man For All Seasons
- **Electronic gadget:** My computer
- **Vacation destination:** Downeast Maine (in the summer); Anywhere warm (in the winter)
- **Music or musical genre:** My iTunes playlists are eclectic – classical, rock, country, bluegrass, praise/worship – all of these are playing at some point, depending on my mood at the time
- **Previously owned vehicle:** Jeep Cherokee
- **Influential person:** There have been so many influential people in my life – too many to name – but all of them speak to the power of good mentorship and strong relationships
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Pope Benedict XVI
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Watching my kids when they are at play

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### Faculty Spotlight: Deborah A. Falta



**Name:** Deborah A. Falta

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Department:** Public Health Sciences

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** Franklin & Marshall College for my BA in Anthropology (also Pre-Med); Harvard School of Public Health and University of California-Berkeley for my Masters of Public Health; Clemson University for my Ph.D. from the department of Environmental Engineering & Science.

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Before my current position, I was an instructor in this department (called Health Science back then) for 7 years. I began teaching during the first semester that Health Science was an approved major.

**What is the best thing about your job?** It's a three-way tie between the wonderful students I get to know, the great people that I work with, and the ability to walk to lunch with my husband.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** My dissertation involved doing a cancer risk assessment of radionuclides in drinking water and I continue to work on projects related to drinking water health effects. More recently, I have begun to explore the use of the health impact assessment methodology for characterizing health risks associated with the environment and environmental policies. I also have an on-going Creative Inquiry dealing with pandemic influenza planning here at Clemson.

**Tell us about your family.** My husband Ron is the reason this California girl now calls South Carolina home. We have been married for over 18 years, and every year there is some new adventure. Our current project is living on a 100-acre farm in a log cabin, which we share with our 13- and 10-year-old daughters. The animal count includes two dogs, a cat, a rabbit, two horses (coming soon), a dozen deer, 50 or so turkeys, and hundreds of doves.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** being Mom-spectator at various events (horse shows, Lego League, ...)
- **Book:** I love so many (past favorite: *World According to Garp*; current: *Three Cups of Tea*)
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- **Vacation destination:** Edisto Island
- **Music or musical genera:** Current favorites include several songs from the musical *Wicked*
- **Previously owned vehicle:** Blue Ford F-150 truck
- **Influential person:** Dr. Paul Farmer
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** My grandfather who taught as a chemistry professor for 30 years and passed away before I began my teaching
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Goofy antics by either my kids, dogs, or students
- **Advice received:** 'Tis the set of the soul that determines the goal and not the storms nor the strife. ~*Russell P. Farkouh*
- **Advice to give:** Strive to be happy

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### Faculty Spotlight: Denise Anderson



**Name:** Denise Anderson

**Title:** Associate Professor/Graduate Coordinator

**Department:** Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management

**Hometown:** Milford, Ill.

**What college(s) did you attend?**

B.A. – Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, Ill.); M.S. – Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, Ill.); Ph.D. – University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Where have you taught?**

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Clemson University

**Briefly describe some of your current research projects.**

I have an ongoing project called Finding Your Voice, which is focused on bringing 50 middle school girls to the Outdoor Lab for a weekend camp focused on introducing them to non-traditional recreation activities. The project is a Creative Inquiry, and our research examines impact on physical self-efficacy, body image, perceptions of gender stereotypes in recreation, and self-esteem. A second project I have ongoing is an examination of leisure education's impact on college students' body image and physical self-efficacy.

**What is the best thing about your job?**

The freedom to teach and study something I have a passion for makes coming to work easy. I also love working on a college campus and the excitement and opportunities inherent in that – new students, new faculty, new projects, etc.

**What type of influence do you hope to have on your students?**

I hope that, after having me as a professor, my students are excited about working in PRTM and, more importantly, committed to always striving to be better – a better student, professional and person. I want students to feel that what I taught them both inside and outside the classroom can help them to do that. For my doctoral students, I hope that I can serve as a role model on how to balance work, family and leisure when they enter academia.

**Tell us about your family.**

My husband, Dan, is the director of the department's Leisure Skills Program and teaches the PRTM legal liabilities class. We have been married for 15½ years and met when we were both working in community recreation in Champaign, Ill. Our son, Hayden, is a 2nd grader at Clemson Elementary, and we also have three dogs – Charlie, Gilbert and Mollie.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Baking, reading, boating, trying new restaurants
- **Book:** Bossypants, The Secret Life of Bees, Gone Girl, Life after Life, Free Range Kids, State of Wonder
- **Movie:** Movie: "My Dog Skip," "Elf," "Inception"
- **Electronic gadget:** My iPad
- **Vacation destination:** Isle of Palms, S.C.
- **Musical genre:** I prefer to listen to "This American Life" on NPR ☺, but if I have to choose one, I would choose indie pop or bluegrass.
- **Influential person:** The most influential people in my life are my husband and son, but if I have to choose someone "famous," I would choose Mother Teresa.
- **Advice received:** "Everything in moderation – not just food or drink, but the hours you spend working as well. If you live your life with that in mind, you can enjoy most everything it has to offer."
- **Advice to give:** "In the grand scheme of life, get a really clear sense of what matters. It usually comes down to very few things – family, friends and happiness (which is not the same as being the 'best' at something)." I don't always follow my own advice, but when things get difficult, remembering it helps.

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### Faculty Spotlight: Fran Mainella



**Name:** Fran P. Mainella

**Title:** Visiting Scholar, 16th Director National Park Service (2001-2006), Former Florida State Park Director (1989-2001)

**Department:** Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** University of Connecticut – B.S., Central Connecticut State University – M.S. and Honorary Doctorate of Public Service

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Clemson University – Visiting Scholar, Florida State University – Adjunct Professor, Florida A&M University – Adjunct Professor

**What is the best thing about your job?** The opportunities to teach students, work with a great faculty/administration, and explore areas of interest such as reconnecting children and adults to nature, and communicating the importance of play throughout life.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** I serve as Co-Chair of the U.S. Play Coalition housed here at Clemson and work with researchers throughout the world whose findings further substantiate the value of play. Also,

I am Chair of the upcoming Conference on the Value of Play to be held here at the Madren Center February 6-9, 2011. Our speakers will include leaders of play from across the world including keynoters Penny Wilson from England and Dr. Joe Frost, Professor Emeritus from the University of Texas. Both are renowned leaders and speakers on play. Our audience for the conference includes educators, parks and recreation professionals, health professionals, landscape architects, parents, and anyone interested in the value of play.

Additionally, I serve on a committee working with the National Park Service, three state park systems, CCIT, and the Cooper Library on the Open Parks Grid, a cyber infrastructure to help connect the widely distributed parks community. Recently, we've received a combined grant of over \$1.5 million to further this research.

Also I assist the efforts of the Hartzog Lecture held annually here at Clemson, honoring the 7th Director of the National Park Service George B. Hartzog Jr. I assist with obtaining the speakers for the event, including this year's presenter Dr. Gary Machlis - the inaugural science advisor to the Director of the National Park Service. I also contribute in determining the award recipients given during the Hartzog luncheon including the bi-annual Fran P. Mainella Award for leadership by women in resource management.

I am also an HEHD faculty representative for "The Will to Lead: A Campaign for Clemson" fundraising initiative. It is an effort to raise more than \$600 million in support of Clemson students and faculty by July 2012.

While representing Clemson, I speak nationally on the value of play and parks. I also serve on the Boards of the Children & Nature Network, the National Park Trust, and Chair the National Recreation and Park Foundation, while also Chairing the Public Lands Advisory Committee to the National Environmental Education Foundation.

**Tell us about your family.** I am happily married to my husband Bob Landers for nine years, who teaches Leisure Skills classes here at Clemson. I also am a Grandmother of two wonderful children, Ross and Lincoln. I am able to be with my father and sister frequently residing in South Florida.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** Golfing and hiking

**Book:** Richard Louv's Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

**Movie:** Dirty Dancing

**Electronic gadget:** Blackberry

**Vacation destination:** National Parks

**Music or musical genera:** My husband's band – Olde Towne Blues

**Previously owned vehicle:** 1965 Corvette Convertible (red of course!)

**Influential person:** I have had many mentors change my life but my parents have been the most influential. They always supported me and taught me never to fear. They believed that if you work hard, anything is possible – including being the first woman to serve as National Park Service Director!

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Stephen Mather – 1st Director of the National Park Service

**Thing that makes you smile:** It makes me smile when I see the success of my former students, particularly when they have successful careers in the area of public land management.

**Advice received:** My parents told me to work hard, be kind, and success will follow.

**Advice to give:** To be successful today, effective communication is the key. You must be able to speak well, write clearly, but most importantly, listen.

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## Faculty Spotlight: Gregory Ramshaw



**Name:** Gregory Ramshaw

**Title:** Assistant Professor – Heritage Tourism specialization

**Department:** Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management

**What colleges did you attend as a student?**

Undergraduate – University of Alberta (Major: Political Science)

Masters – University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Heritage Education and Interpretation)

Ph.D. – University of Alberta (Physical Education and Recreation)

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?**

Metro Community College (Edmonton, Canada)

University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)

**What is the best thing about your job?**

I think my job is a lot like show & tell (which was my favorite part of elementary school!) Everyday, I get to learn about interesting topics and share what I found out with others.

**Describe some of your current research projects.**

My current research involves the social and cultural construction of sport heritage sites as tourist attractions. Through this research, we are learning about how sport heritage sites (such as halls of fame, museums, stadiums, etc.) are socially and culturally constructed, what affects and alters these constructions, why particular narratives are adopted or ignored, and what role tourism has in this entire process!

**Tell us about your family.**

I have been married to my beautiful wife, Shawna, for a little over a year. We have one "kid" – our two-year old shih tzu Abernathy. My parents – Bruce and Mary - live in Edmonton, Canada, while my older brother Rob lives in Halifax, Canada.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** I am a sports-nut and love attending live sporting events – of nearly every type and variety! However, I have been an ice hockey goaltender most of my life, and still enjoy playing from time to time (even in South Carolina!)
- **Book:** Lenin's Tomb: The Last Days of the Soviet Empire by David Remnick, Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby, and An Instance of the Fingerpost by Iain Pears.
- **Movie:** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
- **Electronic gadget:** I cannot live without my iPod!
- **Vacation destination:** Northumberland in northeast England.
- **Music or musical genera:** Folk – in particular Justin Rutledge and Blue Rodeo
- **Previously owned vehicle:** 1986 Chrysler Daytona – broke down all the time!
- **Influential person:** So many friends and family are inspiring, it would be impossible to pick just one.
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** My grandfather – teacher, scholar, and excellent cricket umpire (so I am told).
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Coming home to see my wife and dog; going to the ballpark/arena/stadium to see a game.
- **Advice received:** Do something you love, and the rest will fall into place.
- **Advice to give:** "If you are going through hell – keep going" - Churchill

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### Faculty Spotlight: Hans Klar



**Name:** Hans Klar

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Department:** Leadership, Counselor Education, and Human and Organizational Development, Eugene T. Moore School of Education

**Hometown:** Hollis, Maine

**What colleges did you attend?**

University of Southern Maine in Portland, Maine (B.S.); University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia (M.S.); University of Wisconsin-Madison (Ph.D.)

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?**

Shanghai University; University of Technology, Sydney; Clemson University

**What is the best thing about your job?**

The best thing is being able to work with colleagues at Clemson and across the world, while helping current and future school leaders meet the challenges of educating children in South Carolina.

**Briefly describe some of your current research projects.**

I am working on three main projects. The South Carolina Successful School Principals' Project is focused on identifying the practices of successful principals in high-poverty schools in South Carolina. Leadership 2.0 and 3.0 are two programs developed in partnership with a consortium of South Carolina school districts to support mid-career principals and their mentors. Fostering Leadership Capacity is a project focused on understanding how high school principals help other adults in their buildings grow as leaders. I have been very fortunate to work with great faculty and graduate students from Clemson on all of these projects.

**What type of influence do you hope to have on your students?**

I hope to inspire them to make a difference in their schools and communities that will ultimately help children become successful in their own lives.

**Tell us about your family.**

My wife, two children and I live in Clemson. We enjoy sports and exploring the Upstate in our free time.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Archery. I competed for Australia and coached at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games. Now my hobby is watching my children play soccer.
- **Book:** The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. It is written through the eyes of a British boy with autism.
- **Movie:** "The Shawshank Redemption"
- **Electronic gadget:** My iPhone
- **Vacation destination:** Northern Maine and northeastern Australia
- **Musical genre:** I like to switch between a variety of stations on Pandora.
- **Influential person:** I have been fortunate to have many great mentors in my life.
- **Advice received:** Don't sweat the small stuff.
- **Advice to give:** Try to live up to the good advice you receive.

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## Faculty Spotlight: Joel Edward Williams



**Name:** Joel Edward Williams

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Department:** Public Health Sciences

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** Lander University (B.S. in Exercise Studies); University of South Carolina (M.P.H. & Ph.D. in Health Promotion, Education & Behavior; Certificate of Graduate Study in Applied Statistics).

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Lander University; University of South Carolina; Clemson

**What is the best thing about your job?** I grew up a Clemson athletics fan, so it is awesome to be a faculty member here. I love the diversity of my job and that I get to interact with top notch students and a really cool group of fellow faculty members.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** A large part of my time involves evaluating the Zest Quest school-based health promotion model in 15 elementary schools. Sarah Griffin (Public Health Sciences) and Katherine Cason (Food Science & Human Nutrition) are also involved in that project. I am currently pilot-testing a walking promotion program, called STRIDE, with adults in Pendleton, Seneca, and Abbeville. I am also working closely with Cheryl Dye in evaluating her lay health model for managing chronic disease.

**Tell us about your family.** My wife, Leslie, and I have been married for 10 years. We have a four year old son named Evan, a one year old daughter named Maura. We are expecting another daughter to be born in July - her name will be Hannah Kate. I grew up in Abbeville, SC and Leslie grew up in Saluda, McCormick and Ninety Six, SC. Most of our family members live in western and northwestern SC.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

**Hobby:** I like to do anything outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and water skiing.

**Book:** Tales from Margaritaville by Jimmy Buffett is a great pleasure read. Buffett is one of my favorite musical artists and story tellers.

**Movie:** I don't really have a favorite movie. Braveheart was a really cool "guy" movie that is one of the few movies I can watch over and over. Now if you want to talk television, I am a LOST fanatic. I expect to experience withdrawal symptoms after next season! I hope they make a movie (movies would be even better) once the show ends.

**Electronic gadget:** PDA. Where would we be without them? It does almost everything (and likely will do everything in the future). I feel like mine is permanently attached.

**Vacation destination:** Charleston or Hilton Head.

**Music or musical genera:** I like different types of music but I think blues music really stirs up one's emotion.

**Previously owned vehicle:** My first (and most memorable) car was a 1978 Chevy Monte Carlo, black with solid red interior.

**Influential person:** I credit the late Dr. Joe V. Chandler, who was Department Chair of Physical Education and Exercise Sciences at Lander University when I was in undergrad, with getting me involved in the health field. He convinced Leslie and me both to attend Lander (although we both had our "sites" set on other schools). We credit him with putting us in the same place at the same time, and of course eventually married. Our son's middle name (Chandler) was selected in memory of Dr. Chandler. Dr. Chandler worked hard and played hard. He was a gifted educator that inspired the desire to learn, work hard, do well and have fun.

**Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Jesus Christ

**Thing that makes you smile:** My children make me smile every day.

**Advice received:** "Never give up" - a famous Dr. Chandler quote that was a general life motto for him, but one we also usually heard right after he gave a test back.

**Advice to give:** Try to find a balance in your life so that you can make a positive impact in the world, be healthy yourself, and spend as much time with loved ones as possible.

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### Faculty Spotlight: John J. Whitcomb



**Name:** John J. Whitcomb  
**Title:** Assistant Professor  
**Department:** Nursing  
**Hometown:** Rockville, Ind.

**What colleges did you attend?** Medical University of South Carolina (B.S.N.), Marymount University, Arlington, Va. (M.S.N.-Critical Care and Nursing Administration), University of San Diego, (Ph.D.-Resuscitative Outcomes)

**Where have you taught?** University of Virginia and Clemson University

**What is the best thing about your job?** Knowing I am making a difference in the future of nursing – in particular, acute and critical care nursing.

**Briefly describe some of your current research projects.** My research projects include:

- Delirium in the ICU – assessment of the sleep cycle and its influence on the development of delirium
- Capturing resuscitative outcomes via Codenet documentation – improving cardiac arrest outcomes
- Therapeutic hypothermia post-cardiac arrest and the use of biomarkers to determine neurological outcomes

I am involved as a co-investigator on studies that seek to understand:

- Female military service members' experiences with community reintegration after an injury
- Extent of Lean operations implementation in hospitals

**What type of influence do you hope to have on your students?** I hope that I influence them to simply be the best at what they do and do it with class.

**Tell us about your family.** I am married to Kathy and have three children and two grandchildren.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Attending NASCAR and college football events
- **Book:** Robin Cook series
- **Movie:** Harry Potter series
- **Vacation destination:** Italy
- **Music or musical genera:** Pop, 70-80's
- **Advice to give:** "Remember the past, make a difference in the present, and prepare for the future."

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### Faculty Spotlight: Julie Eggert



**Name:** Julie Eggert, Ph.D.

**Title:** Associate Professor and Healthcare Genetics Doctoral Program Coordinator

**Department:** School of Nursing

**What colleges did you attend as a student?**

- The University of Kansas (BSN);
- Texas Woman's and transferred to Wichita State University (MN);
- Clemson University (PhD Microbiology); and
- Clemson University (Post-Master's Certificate GNP).

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?**

- Texas Woman's University;
- Tulsa University;
- Loretto Heights College, Denver Colorado;
- University of Utah; and
- Clemson University

**What is the best thing about your job?** The students!

**Describe some of your current research projects.** Use of the Wii® to improve involvement in elders living in long-term care. Also, DNA activity in the white blood cells of women with a risk for or new diagnosis of breast cancer.

**Tell us about your family.** We have two sons. One is an attorney and married an attorney who was his classmate. They live in Chicago and are very poor as they pay off student loans. Our younger one is currently in law school. He is becoming poor, too. I think that it's so strange that no one wanted to go into healthcare. My husband has two autoimmune diseases, so we decided that he should stay at home to take care of us and our home in order to decrease the stress in his life. I'm not certain that "staying home" and taking care of me has been effective at decreasing his stress. We have a beagle named Bailey. She talks to me, cuddles with me and just makes me feel so important when I open the door to come into the house.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Counted cross stitch
- **Book:** Any mystery
- **Movie:** Something with a complex plot
- **Electronic gadget:** My Blackberry. It is soo cool.
- **Vacation destination:** Well, my favorite place to go is the beach, but my fantasy is Alaska.
- **Music or musical genera:** Bluegrass and Bach
- **Previously owned vehicle:** My first car, a white Pontiac Custom S with blue interior
- **Influential person:** Winston Churchill
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** My father who died 6 years ago
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Teasing my friends
- **Advice received:** You can still make a difference even if you haven't yet started.
- **Advice to give:** Carefully notice the time with your children

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### Faculty Spotlight: Kathleen Meyer



**Name:** Kathleen Meyer  
**Title:** Senior Lecturer  
**Department:** Department of Public Health Sciences  
**Hometown:** Warrensburg, N.Y., a small town in the Adirondack Mountains

**What college(s) did you attend?**

I received a master of science in education-health education and a bachelor of science in health education and community health promotion at the State University of New York College at Cortland.

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?**

I taught middle school in the Port Byron School District and Skaneateles School District, and I was a high school teacher and district health education coordinator for Jordan-Elbridge Central School. All of these districts are in the central New York region. I was also honored to be an adjunct instructor in the department I graduated from at the State University of New York College at Cortland. I have been at Clemson University since 2000.

**Briefly describe your work.**

My ongoing and primary responsibility is as the internship coordinator for the department. All of our students are required to complete a 180-hour internship. I teach a professional development course for pre-interns and then place students for internships. Acquiring quality internship sites and conducting site visits are other responsibilities of this position.

**What is the best thing about your job?**

The best things are seeing the students grow as they complete their internships, and having so many students thank me for giving them the opportunity to intern at such a good site and be even better prepared for graduate school or employment.

**What type of influence do you hope to have on your students?**

I hope to provide students with the opportunity to gain real-world application of the skills and knowledge they have acquired while an undergraduate at Clemson.

**Tell us about your family.**

I have been married to my husband, Patrick, for 27 years. We have two children, Krystyna, a Clemson graduate who is a special education teacher, and P.J., a sophomore in college.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** I am an avid reader, and I recently started running again. My running buddy and I completed six 5K races this year.
- **Book:** I have many, but my current favorites include The Hunger Games series and Sue Grafton's Kinsey Milhoune series.
- **Movie:** My all-time favorite is "Gone with the Wind." I look forward to seeing "Catching Fire," the second movie based on the Hunger Games books.
- **Electronic gadget:** I've asked Santa for a Fit Bit Flex for Christmas.
- **Vacation destination:** Cayman Islands
- **Musical genre:** I really like Bruno Mars.
- **Influential person:** My mother
- **Advice received:** I am a fan of Eleanor Roosevelt's numerous quotes. One that I like to remember is, "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."
- **Advice to give:** Another quote from Eleanor – "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### Faculty Spotlight: Khoa D. Truong



**Name:** Khoa D. Truong

**Title:** Assistant Professor

**Department:** Public Health Sciences

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** Hue College of Economics, Vietnam (BS), University of Oslo (summer school), University of California at Davis (summer school), University of Colorado at Boulder (summer school), Williams College (MA), Georgetown University (doctoral coursework), Pardee RAND Graduate School (MPhil, PhD)

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Before joining Clemson University, I was a visiting faculty at the Hanoi School of Public Health.

**What is the best thing about your job?** There are too many great things about my job to pick one single best thing. It is the academic environment and combination of many elements. I love teaching and interacting with

students, appreciate the "protected time" to focus on research, and value the opportunity to provide my services to students, the university, communities, and society.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** My current research aims to provide scientific evidence for food, alcohol, and tobacco regulations. The latest papers proposed various ways to measure food environment and examine its relationship with individual BMI; investigated the spatial location and distributional pattern of alcohol outlets and their effect on underage drinking; modeled inter-generational effects of alcohol abuse; and analyzed cost-effectiveness of tobacco control policy with regard to tax revenue and health gain.

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Music and tennis
- **Book:** On the search for well-being (Henry J. Bruton)
- **Electronic gadget:** My silver iPod nano
- **Previously owned vehicle:** Well, I preferred to mention my long-time bicycle since college. I brought it to Hanoi when teaching there. After several years of sedentary lifestyle (i.e. unused), every part of it made some squeaky noise except its bell! After some fixing, it ran really smooth except the bell never performed its duty again.
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** My grandmother who passed away 13 years ago.

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## College of Health, Education and Human Development

### Faculty Spotlight: Rob Knoeppel



**Name:** Rob Knoeppel  
**Title:** Associate Professor  
**Department:** Educational Leadership

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** B.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MEd University of Virginia, PhD University of Virginia

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Adjunct faculty at University of Virginia and George Mason University, full time faculty member at University of Kentucky and Clemson University

**What is the best thing about your job?** I love my job at Clemson! I have amazing colleagues and our students are dedicated educators. I really enjoy working with them.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** I have several projects underway. I am extremely interested in school finance and the alignment of resources to educational outcome goals. I'm working on a study of the school finance distribution model in South Carolina, I'm studying the impact of Act 388 and school finance in South Carolina with specific attention to the elasticity of sales and property taxes, and finally, I'm working on a study that applies the equity statistics of school finance to student performance in an attempt to better understand progress toward providing students with equality of educational opportunity.

**Tell us about your family.** I have a yellow lab named Cooper

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Swimming, hiking, watching college sports
- **Book:** The Great Santini
- **Movie:** A River Runs Through It
- **Electronic gadget:** Not in to electronic gadgets
- **Vacation destination:** Outer Banks of North Carolina
- **Music or musical genera:** All music
- **Previously owned vehicle:** Ford Explorer
- **Influential person:** Three important mentors in my career: Janie Clark Lindle, Deborah Versteegen and Blake Haselton
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Dean Smith
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Taking Cooper to the lake for a swim
- **Advice received:** Don't wish your life away; enjoy every minute.
- **Advice to give:** Never say no to an opportunity.

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### Faculty Spotlight: Vivian I. Correa



**Name:** Vivian I. Correa

**Title:** Distinguished Professor of Early Childhood and Special Education

**Department:** Teacher Education, Eugene T. Moore School of Education

**What colleges did you attend as a student?** Georgia State University (B.A.); University of Georgia (M.Ed.); George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University (Ph.D.)

**At which schools/colleges/universities have you taught?** Texas Tech University, Lubbock (1982-1985); University of Florida, Gainesville (1985-2007); Clemson University (2007-present)

**What is the best thing about your job?** The best thing about my job is teaching and mentoring doctoral students. I also enjoy teaching doctoral seminars in Grant Writing and Issues/Trends in Special Education.

**Describe some of your current research projects.** I am currently conducting research on the impact of

different early literacy curricula on the language development of children in PreK-4 and Preschool Disability Programs (PDP). I'm also involved in evaluating the impact of a multicultural course on preservice teachers' attitudes about children and families from diverse backgrounds. In 2009, I completed a pilot study of book-sharing strategies with Mexican mothers and their preschool children. We have had the opportunity to present this research in Paris and Alicante, Spain.

**Tell us about your family.** I am a native of Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. I have been married for 10 years to John Ziegert (Professor & Timken Chair in Design, Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research) and I have 2 stepdaughters, Ellie (27) and Abby (32).

**Please list your favorite(s).**

- **Hobby:** Weightlifting
- **Book:** *Love in the Time of Cholera*, Gabriel García Márquez
- **Movie:** *Out of Africa*
- **Electronic gadget:** iPhone; netbook
- **Vacation destination:** Anywhere with beautiful beaches
- **Music or musical genera:** Jazz
- **Previously owned vehicle:** 2001 Mercedes Benz
- **Influential person(s):** My parents, Lillian and Arnaldo Correa
- **Person with whom you would like to have a conversation:** Maya Angelou
- **Thing that makes you smile:** Sunset on the beach
- **Advice received:** There are only twenty-four hours in a day. Keep a balance in your life.
- **Advice to give:** Live each day to it's fullest.

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