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Group of 15 Introduced to Campus During Orientation and Faculty Retreat

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University welcomes 15 new faculty members to campus for the 2019 Fall Semester. The new professors are listed below in alphabetical order:

– Ms. Mari Chadwick – Assistant Professor in the
Physician Assistant Studies Program

Master of Physician Assistant Studies and Bachelor of
Science – Campbell University

Interests/Hobbies: Hiking and baking



Mari Chadwick, PA

– Dr. Kathryn Davis – Professor of Physical
Education/Health Education

Ph.D. – Temple University

Master of Arts – University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill

Bachelor of Science – University of North Carolina at
Greensboro

Interests/Hobbies: Playing tennis and golf.



Dr. Kathryn Davis

– Ms. Heather Deibler – Assistant Professor in the
Physician Assistant Studies Program

Master of Science, Arcadia University

Bachelor of Arts, Furman University

Interests/Hobbies: Basketball; French and foreign languages and culture; leading Bible studies; participating as a singer on Worship Team

– Mr. Zach Hatton – Lecturer/Experiential Lab Coordinator in the College of Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Ashland University

Interests/Hobbies: Cycling, hiking, anything in nature, basketball, softball, nature photography, cooking, nutrition, and holistic health



Heather Deibler

– Ms. Jessica Herndon – Instructor in the Godbold School of Business

Master of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts – Gardner-Webb University

Interests/Hobbies: Horseback riding, Photography, Pottery, Reading, Traveling



Zach Helton

– Dr. Brianne Johnson – Visiting Assistant Professor and Interim Director of Elementary Education in the School of Education

Ph.D. – University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Master of Education – University of Virginia

Bachelor of Arts – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Interests/Hobbies: Volunteering at church; running races from 5K to half marathons; training for triathlons



Jessica Herndon

– Dr. Julia Kaye Knauff– Assistant Professor and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator

Doctor of Nursing Practice – Chatham University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing – Johns Hopkins University

Bachelor of Science – St. Andrews Presbyterian College

Interests/Hobbies: Caring for my husband and four awesome children, ages 6-14 years, walking, running, hiking, reading, and planning innovative ways to improve things



Dr. Brianne Johnson

– Dr. Arielle McKee – Assistant Professor of English

Ph.D., Master of Arts – Purdue University

Bachelor of Arts – University of Texas

Interests/Hobbies: Ecocriticism; children's and young adult literature and film; and fantasy, science fiction and other form of speculative fiction

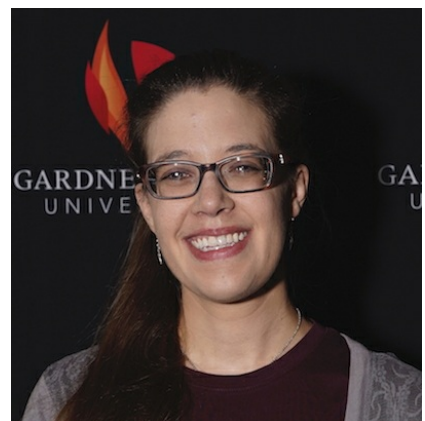


Dr. Julia Knauff

– Ms. Susan Parker – Instructor in the Hunt School of Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Associate Degree in Nursing – Gardner-Webb University

Interests/Hobbies: Yard work, spending time with friends and family



Dr. Arielle McKee

– Dr. Mitchell Porter – Assistant Professor and Quality Assurance Coordinator in the School of Education

Ph.D. – The University of Alabama

Master of Arts – California State University Long Beach

Bachelor of Arts – University of Idaho

Interests/Hobbies: Cycling, hiking, and camping with family; watching documentaries on various subjects (travel, food, nature, history); playing the piano

– Dr. Mark Reiber – Medical Director in the Physician Assistant Program

MD – University of Cincinnati

Bachelor of Science – Ohio State University

Interests/Hobbies: Erg rowing, traveling and taking business classes toward an Master of Business Administration at Gardner-Webb

– Dr. Cheresa Simpson – Assistant Professor in the School of Education, Master of Teacher Leadership in Curriculum and Instruction Program Coordinator

Ph.D. – North Carolina A & T University

Master of Education – North Carolina Central University

Bachelor of Science – Florida A & M University

Interests/Hobbies: Sewing, crafting running, swimming, cycling, traveling, participating in community service for underserved populations, teaching self-care strategies

– Ms. Donna Suttle – Instructor in the School of Education

Education Specialist – East Carolina University

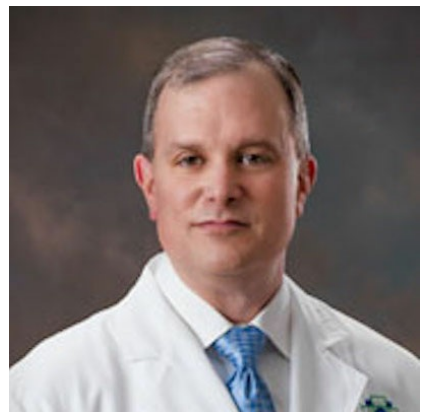
Master of Education, Bachelor of Arts – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Susan Parker



Dr. Mitchell Porter



Dr. Mark Reiber

Interests/Hobbies: Playing tennis. swimming, walking, spending time and creating projects with my three grandchildren

– Dr. Aihua Zhang – Assistant Professor of History

Ph.D. – State University of New York at Stony Brook

Master of Arts – Bowling Green State University

Bachelor of Arts – Northwestern Polytechnic University,
Xi'an, China

Interests/Hobbies: Walking, running, reading, traveling to
experience different cultures and customs, visiting
museums and historical sites



Dr. Cheresa Simpson

– Ms. Jesse Xiong – Instruction Librarian

Master of Library and Information Science – University of
South Carolina

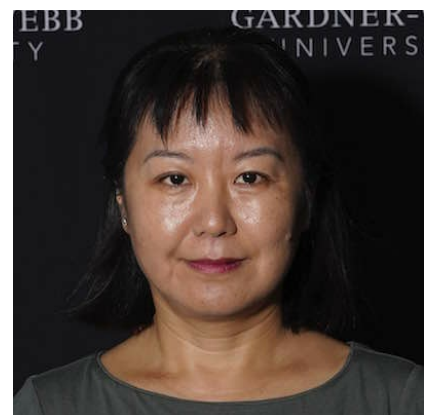
Bachelor of Arts – Gardner-Webb University

Interests/Hobbies: Cooking, history, health sciences, and
ballet



Donna Suttle

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experience and rigorous academics to prepare students to
become effective leaders within the global community.
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Dr. Aihua Zhang



Jesse Xiong