

**Betsy K. Ahlersmeyer
Instructor of Journalism
Burris Laboratory School**

Betsy served as a Burris Laboratory School middle and high school teacher beginning in 1998. Her journalism class was one of Burris' first dual credit courses. In her career, she has advised 25 high school yearbooks, 20 of them at Burris Laboratory School and the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities. She also advised 18 elementary yearbooks at Burris. In addition to the yearbooks, she also advised the student newspaper and taught photography, journalism, film literature, and technical writing.

Betsy continues to support Burris by providing substitute teaching with the absence of a faculty member. She and her husband Larry are avid Burris supporters. They attend every home game of every sport played at the school. They often can be found sitting in the stands of away, sectional, and regional games as well. They attend concerts and plays and show their Owl spirit at every opportunity. She currently serves as an adjunct professor of journalism at Ball State and Taylor University.

Charlene M. Alexander
Associate Provost for Diversity, Director of the Office of
Institutional Diversity, and Interim Associate Provost for
Community Engagement
Academic Affairs

Charlene wore many hats during her 20 years at Ball State including directing the school counseling program, serving as the Faculty Athletic Representative, and leading the diversity mission, activities, and plans for the University. Her service to the University is extensive and includes memberships on presidential search committees, chair of the Faculty Retention Task Force, and co-chair of the Gender Equity Task Force.

She still roots for the Cardinals, but her time is now spent being a member of Beaver nation. Charlene left Ball State last summer to become the Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer at Oregon State University, so she is hardly retired.

Omar M. Benkato
Professor
Department of Finance and Insurance

Omar joined the then Department of Finance at Ball State in 1989, and he was promoted to associated professor in 1992, and to professor in 2003. He taught various finance courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels, including corporate finance, investments, and portfolio management. He was the recipient of several Miller College of Business teaching awards, served on a variety of committees at the department and college levels, and served on the University Senate for many terms.

Omar will be relocating to Noblesville, IN to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Marilyn R. Chalupa
Associate Professor
Department of Information Systems and Operations Management

Marilyn joined Ball State in August 1988. Evolution of technology and workplace changes required the department of Information Systems and Operations Management to change, and thus she has taught more than 20 different course titles in 30 years. She served on many University, college, and department committees.

In addition to accomplishments printed in the program, Marilyn has been involved in many activities in the Muncie community including serving on the school board and being a technology consultant for St. Mary School and volunteering her expertise to teach keyboarding to 5th-8th graders. She also served as president of Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee for Muncie Schools for 4 years as well as serving as a parent representative for textbook adoptions and the Executive Leadership Program with the School Board. She has also been invited to judge 4-H computer projects for several counties in Indiana.

In retirement, Marilyn plans to volunteer in the community and travel. She already serves on the Board of Directors for the Back to School Teachers Store.

**Stanley M. Geidel
Campus Liaison
Sponsored Projects Administration**

Stan will be retiring after 27 years of professional service. He arrived at Ball State first as a doctoral student in music. After completing his doctor of arts degree, he was as a contract faculty member in the School of Music, served in a variety of roles at Bracken Library, moved to the then Office of Academic Research and Sponsored Programs, served as the associate dean in the College of Fine Arts, and later returned to his previous office, which is now known as Sponsored Projects Administration.

In his retirement, Stan plans to fish, fish, work for Mrs. Geidel, and fish some more. He will also spend time fishing with his grandchildren.

Mary E. Gluff
Instructor of Primary Education
Burris Laboratory School

Mary joined Burris Laboratory School in 1998 after a successful career teaching middle school in Muncie Community Schools. She taught hundreds of first-, second-, and third-grade students during her career at the school, instilling a love for reading into her students. Recognizing her husband's service as a Marine veteran and her love for our country led her to develop and coordinate Burris' annual Veterans Day programs. She was a guiding force in creating social experiences to provide times for teachers to develop friendships and celebrate life's successes.

In retirement, Mary plans to enjoy spending time with her new grandson. Her son, Aaron, was recently married as well.

Jeffrey J. Green
Associate Professor
Department of Economics

Jeff joined the then Department of Management Science at Ball State University in 1977. He moved to the Department of Economics in 1993. He has since taught many courses focusing on applied statistics. He has served the department and the University well over his many years, serving on committees such as the Economics Department Curriculum Committee, Miller College of Business Scholarship and Awards Committee, Undergraduate Education Committee, among others. Additionally, he has been a frequent contributor to University governance serving on University Senate and Faculty Council and Campus Council committees, always offering to serve where needed. Jeff reports that his plans for retirement include “whatever his wife tells him to do.”

Susan M. Johnson
Associate Dean
College of Sciences and Humanities

Susan joined the Department of Biology in 1982 as a contract faculty member, teaching a 16-hour load when Ball State was on the quarter system. A year later, she was hired into a tenure-track position as an associate professor, and in 1987, she was promoted to professor. Dr. Johnson served as associate dean in the College of Sciences and Humanities from 1994–2018.

In retirement, Susan plans to visit Svalbard to see the polar bears while there are still polar bears. Go on safari in Africa to see elephants while there are still elephants. Visit Australia and New Zealand. Become an expert on classical music. Write grants as a member of non-profit boards. Maybe be a snow bird to California or Florida. Work on becoming a better person, finding ways of using my considerable talents and skills to do good for others.

Kevin S. Kenyon
Interim Associate Vice President for Human Resources and
Administrative Services
Business Affairs

Kevin began his career at Ball State University in 1999 as the associate vice president for Facilities Planning and Management, bringing with him more than 20 years of management experience in large complex Organizations. Along with his professional background, his educational background in chemical engineering and business administration with an emphasis in innovation and change management, helped to propel Ball State through a significant growth period for nearly two decades.

Kevin's impending retirement has been on the horizon for a few years while his generous spirit allowed us more time with him in critical interim positions; meanwhile, Kevin continues to build his environmentally friendly home in Massachusetts from a distance.

**Laurie K. Lindberg
Assistant Professor
Honors College**

Laurie is completing a 21-year term at Ball State. In the initial years, she taught English composition and literature courses; in recent years, she has been a full-time faculty member of the Honors College. She teaches a broad range of courses in the college, including the humanities sequence, inquiries in contemporary American culture, and various colloquia. She has led several Honors College colloquia on British literature which included field studies in England. She has been the coordinator of the Honors Peer Mentors program since 2004.

Laurie looks forward to frequent visits with her grandchildren, quality time with her dog Sugar, and trips to London and Copenhagen.

Scott E. Pattison
Professor
Department of Chemistry

In 1988, Scott and his family moved to Muncie where he assumed the chair of the Department of Chemistry for four years. In 1994, he and his family resided in Murewa, Zimbabwe, where he taught upper division chemistry. Upon returning to the United States, he resumed his position at Ball State. He has enjoyed serving on many doctoral committees, especially with the Human Performance Lab working with Dr. Scott Trappe. Additional contributions have been serving on many committees within the University including University Senate.

Known for his quiet and gentle spirit, he will continue work in his church. Scott's retirement plans include working with Habitat for Humanity, becoming a Master Gardener, and spending time with his wife and family, especially his little grandchildren. Oh, and finally, he hopes to have time to train his dog!

Paula B. Sampson
Assistant Professor
Department of Marketing

Paula spent 23 years in the College of Applied Sciences and Technology's family and consumer sciences program before joining the Department of Marketing. She taught courses in apparel design and fashion merchandising including design through draping, apparel manufacturing and wholesaling, visual merchandising, and fashion promotion. Her class projects have involved developing products from display fashion shows to textile products designed, manufactured, and sold by the class members.

Paula's retirement plans include work on projects at home, such as gardening, home and yard improvement, working on her family genealogy, some sewing and artistic things like photography, do some volunteer work (hopefully at ARF in the cat house!), staying involved with organizations she belongs to like Phi U and Master Gardeners. Also, she is looking forward to joining friends for activities and meals out. And she wants to travel. In 2019 she is planning a trip to Asia that includes traveling the Silk Road.

Kenneth G. Stuart
Instructor of Social Studies
Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and
Humanities

Ken is an inaugural instructor of the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities, which opened its doors in the fall of 1990 with just a junior class. He served as the original social studies instructor, assisted in hiring four colleagues for the second year and guided the social studies department for 28 years. He was active in summer educational projects across the country and abroad throughout his 42 years of teaching, including as a Fulbright Scholar to Israel, a National Endowment for the Humanities recipient of institutes at Holy Cross University in the early 1990s, and studying the English Industrial Revolution at University of Nottingham in 2000.

Ken was instrumental in developing and nurturing a reading and discussion course unique to the Indiana Academy called Colloquium. When Academy alums come back for reunions, the most requested activity is for Mr. Stuart to lead a Colloquium session.

Ken's retirement plans include reading the 640+ books he's accumulated over the years in his travels around the world.

Srinivasan Sundaram
Professor
Department of Finance and Insurance

Srini is retiring from the Miller College of Business after 27 years. He was awarded the Teacher of the Year in 1995. He has received numerous dean's teaching awards, and several student organizations have recognized him for his work in the classroom. He routinely taught courses in global finance, investments, and financial management. He also received several research awards in his career. As a member of the Department of Finance and Insurance, he's represented them well in various committees at the University, college, and department levels. He also served as chair of the department.

His plans for retirement include moving to Round Rock, Texas later this month, to be closer to children and grandchildren.

Lee W. Van Donselaar
Assistant Director for Training and Psychologist
Counseling Center

Lee retired as the assistant director for training and psychologist at the Counseling Center after working at Ball State for more than 18 years. He started his career as a psychologist in the Counseling Center in 1999. His work with therapists in training led to him being appointed assistant director for training and coordinator of the Doctoral Practicum Program in 2002. Beyond his work as a therapist and supervisor, his presence was felt on campus through his work with the Sexual Assault Prevention Team from 2003–2010 and *Concerned Charlie*, the online advice column.

In retirement, Lee is working part-time in private practice. He is enjoying his free time - playing with his grandkids and playing golf when it is nice.”