Commencement

MAY 5, 2017 and MAY 6, 2017
The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

O say, can you see by the dawn's early light what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous fight o'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
Spring Commencement

105th ACADEMIC YEAR

Friday, May 5, 2017
3:00 p.m.

and

Saturday, May 6, 2017
9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Murphy Athletic Center, Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Middle Tennessee State University has graduated 133,369 students since its inception in 1911. These students have received associate, bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Our first Doctor of Arts degrees were conferred on December 22, 1972, the first Educational Specialist degrees on December 20, 1974, the first Doctor of Philosophy on May 10, 2003, and the first Doctor of Education on August 6, 2016.

There have been 399 Doctor of Arts degrees, 1,827 Educational Specialist degrees, 246 Doctor of Philosophy degrees, and 14 Doctor of Education degrees awarded.

Although degree candidates are listed in this program by academic degree sought, the names of undergraduates are called alphabetically by colleges. Graduate names are called alphabetically by degree. The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.
Program

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Processional: “Rigaudon” from Idoménée, by André Campra

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Men, please remove hats for the singing of the National Anthem and the moment of silence.

National Anthem

Moment of Silence

Presiding.................................................................................. Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
President

Comments from Graduate Studies .................................................Dr. David L. Butler
Vice Provost for Research and Dean, College of Graduate Studies

Graduate Address .............................................................................Dr. Michael Hein
2016 Career Achievement Award Recipient

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees............................................. Dr. Mark Byrnes
Interim University Provost

Conferring of Degrees...............................................................Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
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Alma Mater.....................................................................................Ms. Jessica Brown
2017 Graduate, School of Music

Recessional: “Hornpipe” from Water Music by G. F. Handel
Audience, please remain standing until the procession has left the arena floor.

Mace Bearer ..................................................................................Dr. Norma Dunlap
Professor, Department of Chemistry

Organist...........................................................................................Mr. Windell Little
Names of Students Receiving Diplomas

Doctoral Candidates read by...........................................................Dr. Scott Handy
Interim Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

Master’s and Specialist’s Candidates read by....................Dr. Jennifer Vannatta-Hall
Assistant Professor, School of Music

Assisting with Diplomas.................................................................Ms. Jaye Kiblinger
Executive Aide, Department of Marketing

Commencement Marshal
Dr. Laurie Witherow
Associate Vice Provost for
Admissions and Enrollment Services

Heralds
Ms. Yvonne Elliott, Ms. Anne Ford, Mr. Tyler Henson,
Mr. Isaac Taylor, and Ms. Pat Thomas

Commercial photographers will photograph each diploma presentation. These pictures will be available to graduates for purchase. For this reason, no additional photography will be allowed on the floor of Murphy Center.

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Friday, May 5, 2017

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Dean, University Honors College

Ms. Bonnie Allen
Dean, James E. Walker Library
Dr. Michael Hein first came to Middle Tennessee State University in 1990 to take on a challenge: improve the master’s degree in Industrial/Organizational (I/O) Psychology. And improve the program, he did. He has taken the program from its local beginnings to a model national program. His leadership is marked by using best practices in regional and national recruitment, implementing a cohort class structure, and importantly, improving the applied experience of student internships. As a curricular innovator who recognized that a strong graduate program should have underpinnings in a strong undergraduate program, he also developed one of the few stand-alone undergraduate majors in I/O Psychology in the country—with its graduates highly sought after by business and industry. A professor of Psychology in the I/O Psychology program, Hein is also the director of MTSU’s Center for Organizational and Human Resource Effectiveness (COHRE), which he helped establish. He received his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in I/O Psychology from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Northern Iowa.

In 2016, Hein received MTSU’s Career Achievement Award. He has served as director of MTSU’s I/O Psychology master’s program, taught graduate courses, and developed four graduate courses, a graduate lab, and a hybrid course. Over the past 25 years, he has supervised 50 completed theses and has served on another estimated 100 thesis committees.


Widely sought after as a consultant, Hein also has more than 25 years of experience working with clients in a variety of industries. Some of his past clients include Toshiba, Jack Daniel’s, Square-D, SSR, Ingram Books, Kroll Background America, and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center. A consistent grant award recipient, Hein has most recently served as an evaluator on A Catalyst to ADVANCE the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic STEM Careers at MTSU (National Science Foundation-funded, $15,000) and worked in collaboration with colleagues Cen Li, John Wallin, and Qiang Wu on MTSU Student Success: Improving Minority Student Success through Data-Driven Comparative Analysis (Tennessee Board of Regents-funded, $40,000).

Hein’s public service most recently includes a TBR Regents Online Community Collaborative (ROCC) organizational performance measurement, ROCC onboarding process, and a state Human Resources Measurement Workshop III.
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Presentation of Colors (morning) ......................... ROTC Cadet Color Guard

National Anthem

Moment of Silence

Presiding................................................................. Dr. Sidney A. McPhee

President

Morning Address...................................................... Mr. Randy Boyd

Founder and Executive Chairman, Radio Systems Corp.

Former Commissioner of Tennessee Economic and Community Development

Afternoon Address ................................................. Dr. Mike Looney

Superintendent, Williamson County Schools

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Interim University Provost

Conferring of Degrees............................................ Dr. Sidney A. McPhee

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Afternoon recipients .............................................. listing begins on page 43

Alma Mater (morning).............................................. Dr. Joshua Zink

Lecturer, School of Music

Alma Mater (afternoon)................................. Rebecca Buckley, Garrett Doo, Laura Kulp

2017 Graduates, School of Music
Retirement of Colors (afternoon) .................................ROTC Cadet Color Guard

Recessional: “Hornpipe” from Water Music by G. F. Handel
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Middle Tennessee State University Brass Ensemble
Angela DeBoer, Conductor
Kasey Walker and Tyler Bouttavong, trumpet; Holly Smith, horn;
William Churchwell, trombone; Anthony Anderson, tuba

Organist ...........................................................................................Mr. Windell Little

Names of Students Receiving Diplomas read by ..................Dr. H. Stephen Smith
Associate Dean, Liberal Arts
Professor, School of Music

Dr. Larry Burris (morning)
Professor, School of Journalism

Ms. Angela Tipps (afternoon)
Instructor, School of Music

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Alumni Association President

On behalf of the Middle Tennessee State University National Alumni Association, I congratulate you on joining a very special group. With today’s ceremony, you move from being a student to joining more than 130,000 MTSU alumni. As an alum, you are a vital part of the Middle Tennessee State University family. We count on you to represent us to this nation and the world. We hope that your experiences as a student will serve you well in the future.

Always be proud of your alma mater and stay connected to your University. If you would like to be involved in the Alumni Association, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-533-MTSU (6878) or visit mtalumni.com.

Welcome to the future and to your National Alumni Association.

Don Witherspoon (’64)
President, MTSU National Alumni Association Board, 2016–17
Platform Party
Saturday, May 6, 2017

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Morning Speaker
Saturday, May 6, 2017

Randy Boyd
Founder and Executive Chairman, Radio Systems Corp.
Former Commissioner of Tennessee Economic and Community Development

Randy Boyd recently served as commissioner of Economic and Community Development for the state of Tennessee. His tenure was marked by a commitment to reach all 95 counties to create job opportunities for rural and urban areas alike. Under his leadership, the private sector pledged to create 50,000 new jobs and invest $11 billion in the state’s economy.

In 2012, Boyd served in the administration of Gov. Bill Haslam as an unpaid advisor on education. His work resulted in creating the Drive to 55 campaign and the Tennessee Promise. Tennessee Promise empowers more first-generation students to enroll in community colleges and technical schools than ever before, with no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Boyd was born in south Knoxville and graduated from Doyle High School at age 16. He worked nights running plastic injection molding machines at his father’s business to pay his way through college. By age 19, he was the first in his family to graduate from college and is a proud alum of the University of Tennessee. Because of higher education, Boyd is a lifelong entrepreneur and advocate for expanding economic and educational opportunities in Tennessee.

As a young entrepreneur, he sold electric fencing out of the back of his Dodge van to small farm stores throughout the Southeast. Meeting with customers face-to-face convinced Boyd that he could drastically improve an industry by simply listening to the customer. At the age of 31, with his wife working as a court reporter and a 2-year-old at home, he sunk his entire life savings into the design of a new product, the Invisible Fence. Over 25 years later, his company, Radio Systems Corp., is known worldwide by the brand names Invisible Fence, PetSafe, and SportDOG. Today RSC is ranked as a top workplace by Forbes magazine, employing more than 700 people and producing more than 4,000 pet-related products.

Boyd and his wife Jenny have been married for 32 years and have two children, Harrison and Thomas, and a daughter-in-law, Lindsey. They reside in Knoxville and are members of Erin Presbyterian Church.
Dr. Mike Looney
Williamson County Schools Superintendent

Dr. Mike Looney has served as superintendent of Williamson County Schools since December 2009. Last fall he was named the 2016 Tennessee Superintendent of the Year.

Looney earned his Specialist in Education degree and doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Alabama. He received his bachelor’s degree in Business Management and master’s degree in Education from Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

His work has been published in professional journals, and he has presented for regional and national audiences on a wide range of educational and leadership topics.

Looney has served on several distinguished panels, including President George W. Bush’s National Reading Leadership Panel in Washington, D.C.

For four years prior to coming to Williamson County, Looney was superintendent of the Butler County School District in Alabama. Under his leadership, the school district realized significant student achievement gains, improved the graduation rate, and established the district’s first magnet school. In recognition of his work there, he was selected as Citizen of the Year in Greenville, Alabama, in 2008.

Before arriving at Butler, he served as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in Alabama’s Montgomery Public Schools. During his tenure, the district of 61 schools and 31,000 students received national notoriety for its improvement in reading achievement scores.

A public educator since 1994, Looney also has served in the roles of classroom teacher, assistant principal, and principal. As a principal, his school was recognized for closing the achievement gap for underprivileged and minority students. His school was highlighted at both the state and national levels and was named a National Title I Distinguished School.

Prior to entering the field of education, he served as finance manager for a privately held corporation with 50 employees in Anniston, Alabama. His responsibilities included corporate finance, marketing, and human resource management.

Looney is a military veteran, having served for seven years in the United States Marine Corps before being honorably discharged with a service-related injury. His military service was distinguished by four meritorious promotions, and he was selected as Marine of the Year for MCRS Montgomery serving Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. In addition to other medals and ribbons, he was the recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Looney’s military duties took him all over the world and included a six-month tour on the USS Raleigh with the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Amphibious Force. However, his favorite assignment was as a course marshal at the Owasi Golf Course in Okinawa, Japan.

His wife Gina is a school teacher in the Franklin Special School District, and the couple has four children.
Originally a medieval knight’s weapon, the mace evolved into a symbol of royal scepters in various crown jewel collections. Large versions of the scepter have come to represent the power and authority of institutions such as our University. The mace measures 50 inches in length and is made of Tennessee cherry wood embellished with solid sterling silver and lapis lazuli. The Tennessee flower, the iris, denotes the public the University serves who, by their loyalty, give it strength and power. The leaves form a crown to symbolize the ennobling achievements of our graduates. Tennessee freshwater pearls, the official state gem, suggest the inestimable value of inquiring young minds. The streamer on the wood shaft carries the names by which the University has been known since its founding. The finial at the base of the mace is a stylized nut, representing the core, the seed from which springs the mighty tree of those committed to lifelong learning.

The chain of office worn by the president is made of solid sterling silver. The lapis lazuli gems, mounted on scroll shapes, represent the colleges within the University. The knotted components depict the interdependence of knowledge and the various academic programs of MTSU. The sterling and lapis lazuli represent the University colors of blue and white. The Great Seal of the State of Tennessee embellishes the medallion suspended from the chain, representing the University as part of the Tennessee Board of Regents system.

These unique emblems of authority were designed and crafted by Professor Klaus Kallenberger, formerly of the Art Department. The mace and chain of office are a generous gift to the University from the MTSU Foundation.

Dr. Norma Dunlap, a professor of Chemistry, completed a B.S. in Chemistry from Eastern College in Pennsylvania, a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Wyoming, and an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. She then carried out research in the pharmaceutical industry for six years as a senior scientist, primarily at Hoffman-La Roche in New Jersey. She entered academics by teaching at Vanderbilt University for six years and then joining the MTSU faculty in 1998.

Dunlap’s research in organic and medicinal chemistry is primarily focused on the synthesis of biologically active molecules, with primary emphasis on the synthesis of novel cyclopropyl peptidomimetics. This work at MTSU has led to the synthesis of compounds with the potential to treat Alzheimer’s disease, hepatitis C infection, and cancer. Another synthetic project, on novel analogs of podophyllotoxin, resulted in compounds with promising anti-cancer activity. Dunlap recently has been involved in the isolation and identification of bioactive compounds from plant extracts, in collaboration with the Tennessee Center for Botanical Medicine Research at MTSU. The extract project has resulted in the isolation of many pure compounds, with antiviral, antitrypanosomal, and anti-cancer activity. She also has researched improvements to teaching in organic chemistry laboratories.

Dunlap is writing a textbook on medicinal chemistry, due for spring 2017 publication. She has published many articles in peer-reviewed journals, and all her publications while at MTSU are with student co-authors. She and her students have also made numerous research presentations at national and international meetings, plus have several patents. Her research at MTSU has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and MTSU’s Faculty Research and Creative Activity Committee.

Dr. Cliff Welborn is an associate professor in the Department of Management and teaches Supply Chain, Operations Management, and Continuous Improvement courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. He earned a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Texas–Arlington, M.S. from Auburn University, and B.S from Kansas State University. Prior to joining MTSU in 2007, Welborn held progressive engineering and supply chain management positions in three Fortune 500 corporations. During his professional career, he established supply chain relationships with both domestic and international partners. Welborn has been awarded a U.S. patent, was the recipient of the Westinghouse Signature Award for Excellence, and is a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt.

As a strong advocate of applied learning, he is known for taking classes on site visits to observe supply chain management in action. Welborn’s students have visited several local facilities such as Frito-Lay, Ozburn-Hessey Logistics, General Mills/Yoplait, Rich’s Products, Store Opening Solutions, Barrett Firearms, and the Jack Daniel’s Distillery. He uses his prior work experience and connections with local companies to provide examples of real-world applications on how supply chain management...
Wyatt has conducted archaeological and archaeobotanical research in Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Belgium, and the Midwestern U.S. His research at the ancient Maya site of Chan in the Belize River Valley investigated the process of agricultural intensification and the role of farmers in the political economy. He currently is conducting ethnographic and ethnohistoric studies of Lacandon Maya household agricultural practices at Lake Mensabak in Chiapas, Mexico; paleoenvironmental reconstruction at the site of Motul de San Jose in Guatemala; and archaeological investigations of land-use practices in the Brazilian Amazon.

Before coming to MTSU, Wyatt taught at several colleges and universities, including the University of Illinois–Chicago; Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne; and Northeastern Illinois University. He teaches Introduction to World Prehistory, Ancient Civilizations, Mesoamerican Archaeology, and Environmental Archaeology, among other classes, at MTSU. Wyatt also has an archaeobotany lab on campus, where he is working with students and teaching them the methods and techniques of the identification of ancient plant remains. Although conducting research is important to him, Wyatt feels his most important task is mentoring students in the discipline of archaeology, helping them earn their undergraduate degrees, and working with them to successfully move on to the next stage of their lives.

Afternoon

Dr. Andrew R. Wyatt is an assistant professor and archaeologist in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Middle Tennessee State University. He received his B.A. in Literature from Antioch College in 1989 and his Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Illinois–Chicago in 2008. His research interests include human-environment interactions, agriculture and land use, and archaeobotanical studies of plant use in ancient societies.
Academic Regalia

The black gowns and colorful hoods traditionally worn in Middle Tennessee State University commencement ceremonies have their origins in the Middle Ages.

A statute in England in 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” wear gowns. In the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. Scholars were often clerics as well, and they adopted costumes similar to those of monastic orders. While the special attire covered rank or social status, thus lending a uniform look to ceremonies, it also served another purpose: warmth in drafty, unheated buildings.

As the universities began to pass from the control of the church, colors often were added to the somber robes and hoods, eventually signifying the degree and specialization.

The cut of the gown, which is usually black, also varies with the degree held—pointed sleeves for the bachelor’s degree; long, closed sleeves with a slit in the arm for the master’s degree; and round, open sleeves for the doctoral degree. While the bachelor’s and master’s gowns have no ornamentation, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet bars across the sleeves.

At Middle Tennessee, hoods are worn by holders of the master’s and doctor’s degrees, with the latter being longer. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the university which confers the degree; thus holders of degrees from MTSU wear hoods lined in blue and white. The velvet edging on the hood, and often the velvet edging on the gown, represents the candidate’s major academic field. Often holders of the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) will be seen with regalia in dark blue instead of a color symbolic of their discipline. This is accepted academic dress. Further, the velvet lining on the gown may be the same color as the discipline color of the hood, or may be black. Colors associated with various subjects follow:

- Agriculture - Maize
- Arts, Letters, Humanities - White
- Commerce, Accountancy, Business - Drab
- Criminal Justice - Midnight Blue
- Economics - Copper
- Education - Light Blue
- Fine Arts - Brown

Home Economics - Maroon
- Journalism - Crimson
- Law - Purple
- Library Science - Lemon
- Music - Pink
- Nursing - Apricot
- Oratory (Speech) - Silver Gray
- Philosophy - Dark Blue
- Physical Education - Sage Green
- Science - Golden Yellow
- Social Work - Citrine

The black cap, the mortarboard, is customarily worn. There is no general rule for the position of the tassel. In practice at Middle Tennessee State University, the tassel is worn on the right. It may be shifted to the left after the degree is awarded. Men may remove their caps during prayer, the playing of the alma mater, and during the commencement address.

Honor graduates are distinguished by the stoles added to their gowns: gold for those graduating summa cum laude, 3.90 to 4.0 (overall grade point average); silver for magna cum laude, 3.75 to 3.89; and white for cum laude, 3.50 to 3.74. Graduates with University Honors wear blue and white cords and have completed at least 31 hours with a 3.25 average in the Honors program, a curriculum of special classes designed for superior students. Those who have maintained a minimum average of 3.65 in the Honors program are graduating with Distinction in University Honors. Honor graduates and persons graduating with University Honors, along with those who have been commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Army, are listed in this program after the degree recipients.

Some academic honor societies and programs may provide cords, ribbons, medallions, or lapel pins designating the achievement and involvement of their members.

Since 1993, graduates of the University Honors College have received the official Honors medallion in recognition of their final thesis defense and completion of special requirements of the college. The medallion itself is a replica of the official seal of the University Honors College and depicts a lighted torch, three Ionic columns, and a lightning bolt. Respectively, these symbolize the search for truth and knowledge, the stability and unwavering commitment to pursuing knowledge, and the flash of enlightenment or creative energy.
Military veteran students are distinguished by red, white, and blue cords in recognition of their admirable service to their country.

Experiential Learning Scholars are distinguished by blue, silver, and white cords. These scholars completed EXL-designated hands-on learning courses, an off-campus service activity, an on-campus service activity, and a portfolio of reflections on their EXL activities. The EXL program provides students with opportunities for hands-on experience, valuable networking, and an opportunity to explore career paths through real-world experience.

International students may wear colorful sashes that are representative of their country of origin. Each sash symbolizes, in color and design, their country’s flag.

Most American colleges and universities have adopted a uniform code. However, at any academic gathering, costumes often are worn that are not described by these guidelines. Some of these may be from foreign universities, others from American institutions that have preferred to remain with the European tradition of allowing each school to determine its own costume. Silver medallions worn by faculty denote 15 years of service, and gold medallions represent 25 years.

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Academic Banners

The banners carried and displayed at commencement represent the University; its nine colleges (Basic and Applied Sciences, Behavioral and Health Sciences, Business, Education, Liberal Arts, Media and Entertainment, Graduate Studies, University College, and University Honors); Walker Library, and Faculty Senate. Design and execution of the banners was a collaborative effort among Professor Janet Higgins, Art Department; her student Kristi Baughman; and Darrell Callis Burks, designer in Creative and Visual Services and 2000 B.F.A. graduate. The colors used in each banner represent disciplines within the colleges. The University seal centers each banner, symbolizing that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

BANNER CARRIER
Friday, May 5, 2017

College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Ellen K. Slicker, a professor at Middle Tennessee State University, will be retiring this summer after teaching for the past 25 years in the Department of Psychology and in the Professional Counseling program of the Womack Educational Leadership Department. She earned her Ph.D. from Texas A&M University in School Psychology, her Ed.S. from the University of Northern Colorado in Counseling Psychology, and her M.S. from the University of Kansas in School Counseling. Slicker also has worked as a mental health counselor for more than 45 years and as a school psychologist for many years. She is a Tennessee-licensed psychologist (Health Service Provider) with a part-time private practice in Murfreesboro and is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. In addition, Slicker is a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S). A past president of the Tennessee Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, she was awarded the Middle Tennessee Counseling Association Counselor of the Year Award for 2004–05, the Counselor Advocate of the Year Award for 2006–07 and 2009–10, and the Tennessee School Counseling Association’s Counselor Educator of the Year Award in 2012. Her work has included numerous research presentations at professional conferences, as well as research publications. Slicker previously was chair of the MTSU Graduate Council, secretary of the Faculty Senate, and administrative coordinator for the Professional Counseling program, plus served on numerous Faculty Senate committees.

BANNER CARRIERS
Saturday, May 6, 2017

College of Basic and Applied Sciences

Dr. Vince Cobb joined the Department of Biology at Middle Tennessee State University in 2002 after eight years at two prior universities. He earned his Ph.D. at Idaho State University in 1994 and an M.S. degree in 1989 at the University of Texas–Tyler. His primary teaching responsibilities are in General Biology and Human Anatomy and Physiology. In 2015, he developed a tropical biology course and began taking students to Costa Rica in the summers to study biodiversity. He is a herpetologist and conducts research on the behavior and ecology of reptiles, particularly snakes. Cobb also is an active member of national herpetological societies, has
served on the board of editors for the journal *Southeastern Naturalist*, and regularly publishes research papers. For the past several years, his research group has been studying timber rattlesnakes in Tennessee. As a graduate faculty member, he has advised 11 students to completion of their master’s theses, served on the Graduate Council, and is currently the graduate program director of the Biology M.S. program.

**College of Behavioral and Health Sciences**

**Dr. Lee M. Wade** joined Middle Tennessee State University in 2011 and is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice Administration. Wade holds a B.S. in Criminology and a Master of Public Administration from the University of West Georgia, and he earned his doctorate in Criminal Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi. Previously, Wade was a police officer for 10 years in the state of Georgia, where he worked as a patrol supervisor, DUI task force officer, investigator, and in the office of professional standards. He currently teaches courses on law enforcement and crime scene investigations to both Forensic Science and Criminal Justice Administration students. His research interests involve use of force, police pursuits, police management issues, and crime scene investigation methods.

**Jennings A. Jones College of Business**

**Dr. Jinfeng Yue** is a professor in the Department of Management in the Jones College of Business. He received his Ph.D. in Business Administration from Washington State University and joined MTSU in 2001. Yue has published in top journals in the field, such as *Operations Research, Production and Operations Management, Decision Sciences Journal, European Journal of Operational Research, International Journal of Production Research, Journal of Operational Research Society*, and Omega. His article in *Operations Research*, the flagship journal of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, provides the answer to a 40-year-old unsolved operations management question and has been cited by many top scholars in the world. His is the only article from a Tennessee author to be published in this journal in the past 15 years. Yue received the Best Paper in Supply Chain Management Award from Decision Science Institute in 2009.

**College of Education**

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**Faculty Senate**

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**College of Liberal Arts**

**Dr. Gloria Wilson** is an assistant professor in the Department of Art. She holds a Ph.D. in Art Education from the University of Georgia and teaches courses that emphasize curriculum development, aesthetics, and creativity for pre-service teachers. Awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study art, education, and culture in Tokyo, she has presented her research nationally and internationally highlighting arts participation and the intersections of race, fine art, and popular culture. Wilson also has presented workshops exploring creative thinking dispositions for Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Project Zero and has been an invited artist/researcher for Spelman College’s Museum of Art BLACK BOX series. She has continued to further her studio and research practice by studying film editing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago’s Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art program, and her arts-based research collaborations have been exhibited at
Florida State University’s WBJ Art Gallery and MTSU’s Todd Art Gallery. Her current research interests examine critical arts-based approaches and are inspired by and committed to addressing the intersections of the social role of visual culture and educational systems, in order to affect transformation.

**College of Media and Entertainment**

Dr. Christine Eschenfelder began teaching at the MTSU School of Journalism in the fall of 2015, bringing to the classroom years of professional experience in television news. She has worked as a reporter, anchor, assignment manager, and producer in local TV markets. Eschenfelder has been honored with several industry awards, including the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award. Eschenfelder earned her Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the University of Florida. She is passionate about teaching the skills, theories, and ethics of the profession to young journalists. Media Ethics, Electronic News Writing, and Broadcast Announcing and Performance are among the courses she teaches at MTSU. Her research focuses on newsroom diversity, women in television news, work-life balance, and broadcast journalism education. In service, Eschenfelder has assisted with outreach to diverse groups of students, including the Summer Journalism Visitation Program at the University of Florida which provides instruction and resources for students from underrepresented groups.

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Dr. Rhonda McDaniel earned a Bachelor of Music Therapy from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and spent several years working for various businesses before receiving her M.A. in English Language and Literature from the University of Tennessee–Chattanooga and then a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University. She specializes in Old English language and literature and pursues research particularly on issues of gender and translation in the works of Aelfric of Eynsham.

McDaniel currently teaches undergraduate courses on the early Greek tradition, medieval European literature, medieval and early modern British literature, Chaucer, and the history of the English language. At the graduate level, she teaches courses in Old and Middle English, Beowulf, Chaucer, history of the English Language, and bibliography and research, plus continues to develop courses on special topics. McDaniel serves as the advisor for the graduate program in English, a position she has filled for several years. She has published articles on Old English and Middle English works, pedagogy, and gender in the Middle Ages and has a book manuscript under contract.

**University College**

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Through all the a-ges af-firmed and strong in truth.

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