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**Quinn P. Dauer** earned a BA in history and Spanish from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 2005 and a PhD in Atlantic and Latin American history from Florida International University in 2012. He currently serves the School of Social Science at Indiana University Southeast as an assistant professor of history and international studies. His research broadly examines how states and societies have responded to natural disasters, and he is working on a study of the 1939 Chillán earthquake and its legacies in 20th-century Chilean history.

**Dr. Tina Ebenger** is an associate professor of political science at Calumet College of St. Joseph. She is also program director of the General Studies program. Her research interests include voter turnout, constitutional law, and local politics. She is also currently pursuing a master’s degree in psychology to become a licensed mental health counselor.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and psychology, **Tracey McCabe** spent five years in corrections, first as an officer at Westville Correctional Facility, then as a correctional counselor and a correctional case manager. While working at Westville Correctional Facility, she also earned her master’s degree in criminal justice and joined the hostage negotiation team. Seeking new experiences, she decided to work with juveniles and their families, taking a job as a psychiatric service specialist at Camp Summit Boot Camp for close to four years. Ms. McCabe next transferred to Indiana State Prison, where she worked with the severely mentally ill population, protective custody, and the intensive detention unit. She has worked as a mental health case manager at a work-release facility and as a therapist at a women’s therapeutic residential program (treatment prison). She has also recently completed her MBA.

**Sarah E. Heath** is an associate professor of history and is chair of the Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy at Indiana University Kokomo. She teaches courses about 20th-century cultural history in the United States.

**Ryan Lee** is an assistant professor at the University of La Verne. While finishing his PhD in economics at Indiana University in 2018, he was a visiting instructor at Wabash College. His primary research focuses on the determinants and outcomes of various international trade agreements including the World Trade Organization. His other research focuses on the role of language and other cultural facilitators of international trade.

**Vijay Lulla**, PhD, is an assistant professor of geography at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. He studies geographic information science, spatial statistics, and the cartographic visualization of quantitative data. He has investigated the health hazards of extreme heat events in urban areas and used satellite imagery to model the effects of
urban tree canopies. He is very interested in developing a curriculum that integrates humanities and sociology (liberal arts), especially ethical calculus, and STEM.

**Owen Dwyer**, PhD, is a professor of geography at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. He studies the interplay between society and space in the context of cultural landscapes of parks and memorials. He is coauthor (with Derek Alderman) of *Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory* (2008, The Center for American Places at Columbia College Chicago).

**Denise Lynn** is an associate professor of history and is the director of Gender Studies at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. She has been appointed vice president of the Historians of American Communism. Lynn writes a monthly blog for *Black Perspectives*, a publication of the African American Intellectual History Society. Her research focuses on gender and race in the American Communist Party and has been published in *American Communist History Journal, Journal of Cold War Studies, Radical Americas, Journal for the Study of Radicalism, and Women’s History Review.*

**Sakina Hughes** is an assistant professor of history at the University of Southern Indiana. She specializes in the 19th and 20th centuries and comparative African American and Native American histories. She completed her doctoral degree at Michigan State University in 2012. Hughes has published several articles, including “Under One Big Tent: Native Americans and African Americans in the 19th Century Circus” in *Beyond Two Worlds: Critical Conversations of Language and Power in Native North America* and “The Community Became an Almost Civilized and Christian One’: John Stewart’s Mission to the Wyandots and Religious Colonialism as African American Racial Uplift” in *Native American and Indigenous Studies*. Hughes was featured in the PBS *American Experience* documentary “The Circus” in 2018.

**Aimee Adam** is an assistant professor of psychology at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Indiana. She earned a doctoral degree in psychology, specializing in social psychology, in 2009 from the University of Alabama after earning a doctoral degree in mass communication, also at the University of Alabama, in 2006. Her research focuses on the effect of the media on romantic relationships, the formation of parasocial relationships, and teaching-related issues and has been published in the *Journal of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, Teaching of Psychology, Interpersona*, and *Health Psychology.*

**Delmira Monteiro**, MA, is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at the University of Indianapolis. Her research interests involve topics pertaining to racial/ethnic minorities and the LGBTQ community, namely the intersectionalities of race and LGBTQ issues as well as societal and mental health inequities. She was also recipient of the APA Division 44 Transgender Research Award in 2017.

**Mixalis Poulakis**, PsyD, is an assistant professor in the University of Indianapolis School of Psychological Sciences. He immigrated to the United States from Greece in 1992. Dr. Poulakis graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a degree in clinical
psychology. His research interests lie in the areas of multiculturalism, addictions, South Asian psychology, and LGBT issues.

James Paul Old is an assistant professor of political science and international relations at Valparaiso University. He holds a PhD in political science from the University of Notre Dame. He has research interests in literature and politics, political behavior, and the politics of Northwest Indiana. He is associate director of the Community Research and Service Center at Valparaiso University and served for 11 years as editor of Valparaiso University’s journal The Cresset, a review of literature, the arts, and public affairs.

Kimberly Fields is an assistant professor of African American and African studies at the University of Virginia. She received her doctorate in political science from the University of Pennsylvania. One of her recent publications is “Beyond Protest: The Effects of Grassroots Activism on Maryland and Pennsylvania’s Responses to Environmental Justice” (Environmental Justice, February 2018). Her research interests focus on government responses to environmental inequality and related discrimination. She is currently completing a manuscript based on this research.

Stella A. Ress is a public historian and an assistant professor in the Department of History at the University of Southern Indiana, where she teaches courses on public history and U.S. history, and in the new program of Arts and Heritage Administration. She graduated in 2014 from Loyola University Chicago with a PhD in U.S. history and with minors in public history and in women and gender history. Her research is varied and focuses on the history of families, women and girls, and popular culture. She is also published and has presented in the field of public history.

Dr. Nicole Maki Weller is an associate professor in and chair of the Department of Sociology at Indiana University Kokomo. Her area of expertise is examining the sociodemographic predictors for risky health behaviors among American adolescents and young adults, including sexual health and drug-use behaviors. She is a quantitative medical sociologist with experience using large secondary data sets. She is currently working with two community-based research programs that support these research interests: (1) HOPE Mentoring, a statewide mentoring program in long-term juvenile correctional facilities that recruits and trains undergraduate students to serve as mentors to youth involved with the criminal justice system, and (2) Overdose Lifeline, Inc., a statewide Indiana nonprofit dedicated to helping individuals, families, and communities affected by the disease of addiction and substance-use disorder through advocacy, education, harm reduction, prevention, resources, and support.

Kathy Parkison joined Indiana University Kokomo in 1993. She is a professor of economics in the School of Business. She holds a PhD from Purdue University, in addition to an MBA in marketing and a bachelor of science in chemistry from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She recently completed a two-year term as the faculty representative on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Kathy is an award-winning teacher and a member of FACET. She teaches graduate and undergraduate
courses in economics and business ethics. She has also taught in the freshman learning communities and the honors program.

Steve Cox joined Indiana University Kokomo in 1992. He serves as a professor of finance in the School of Business. He received his PhD in finance from the University of Florida and holds an MBA from the University of Northern Iowa, as well as a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Iowa. Dr. Cox passed the CPA and CMA exams in 1984 and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Management Accountants, and the Indiana CPA Society. He previously taught at the University of Florida and at the University of Northern Iowa. He also worked in public accounting at Ernst and Whinney and at R.W. Cox and Company. Steve is an award-winning teacher and a member of FACET. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in finance, accounting, and economics. He has also taught in the freshman learning communities and the honors program.

Micheal Plummer is a May 2018 graduate of Indiana University Kokomo, from which he earned a bachelor’s degree with concentrations in management and economics/finance. Throughout his undergraduate career, he participated in the IU Kokomo Honors Program. As part of the honors program, he was required to complete a research project and a presentation at a conference. Micheal chose to do a project on ethics, and this paper is the result of his efforts. Currently, Micheal is the assistant business manager for the Kokomo Jackrabbits.

Molly Whitted attended Indiana University East, majoring in anthropology and history, until she was sentenced to prison in 2013. She was transferred to her current facility in 2016 and became heavily involved in the Higher Education Program, enrolling in Holy Cross College classes. She is also part of the History Project, a group of currently and formerly incarcerated women researching and writing about the history of the prison. In 2017, along with Michelle Williams, Molly won second-place honorable mention in the Peggy Siegel writing contest for all Indiana undergraduates. She is also part of the poetry/writing group Power of a Sentence and has had poetry published in the Midwestern Review. Whitted is currently working in the prison-based community outreach program One Net-One Life Mosquito Net Project, which makes mosquito nets for Africa and South America, provides dresses for girls in Haiti, and provides menstrual kits. In addition, Williams also participates in the History Project, wherein currently and formerly incarcerated women research Indiana carceral history, write papers, and present at
conferences. In 2017, with Molly Whitted, Michelle won second-place honorable mention in the Peggy Siegel writing contest for all Indiana undergraduates.

**Zachary Havlin** is a recent graduate of Wabash College (Crawfordsville, Indiana), where he studied psychology with a research focus in child development. He achieved distinction on comprehensive exams, received the Distinguished Senior in Psychology award, and graduated summa cum laude. He is currently pursuing a master’s degree in early childhood education, after which he plans to teach preschool and then move into administration at the early education level.

**Calvin Bellamy** is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Law (1967). For 24 years, he was chair and CEO of Bank Calumet (Hammond, Indiana). He was a partner in the law firm of Krieg DeVault LLP. For 11 years, he was president of the Shared Ethics Advisory Commission. He has published articles on a variety of topics, including banking services for nondocumented immigrants, the 25th amendment, item veto, impeachment, banking, estate planning, business succession planning, and leadership.

**Katie Smolucha** is enrolled as a student at the Indiana Institute of Technology (Indiana Tech). Ms. Smolucha is studying criminal justice and has interned at Allen County Corrections in the Case Manager Division in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In spring 2018, Ms. Smolucha won the Alumni Scholarship at Indiana Tech. Her research interests include human behavior and what leads a person down the path to criminal behavior. Ms. Smolucha is set to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice in December 2019.

**Dr. Tyler Counsil** is national director of Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) for Zero Abuse Project. Previous to that, he was an associate professor of criminal justice at the Indiana Institute of Technology (Indiana Tech) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Before his tenure with Indiana Tech, Dr. Counsil worked for the Indiana State Police in the Laboratory Division of Biology Section as a forensic scientist, and he has worked in the private laboratory industry as a microbiologist, DNA analyst, and QA/QC manager. Between his private and public lab tours, Dr. Counsil was the head of Oakland City University’s Criminal Justice Department (Oakland City, Indiana). Dr. Counsil’s research interests currently focus on novel forensic science applications, forensic science ethics, and forensic child interviewing. Dr. Counsil has had publications in *Biologia*, the *Journal of Liberal Arts and Sciences*, and the *Journal of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences*. He is a manuscript reviewer for the *Journal of Dairy Science* and the *Journal of Food Protection*, in addition to being an editorial board member for Ball State University’s journal *Fine Focus*. His most recent academic award was a Lilly Endowment Grant in 2018 to help facilitate the development of forensic science-based laboratory coursework and facilities for Indiana Tech.