

Oregon **TECH**

Oregon Institute of Technology

*Celebrating Our Legacy
&
Embracing the Vision
For Our Future*

Convocation

**PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST
AND WELCOME**

September 20, 2022



President's Welcome

Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow



Dear faculty and staff colleagues,

As we enter the 2022-23 academic year, we will have many opportunities to reflect on Oregon Tech's past 75 years while also envisioning our next 75 years. You will hear about this special celebration continuously over the next year, thanks to the special efforts of the 75th Anniversary Committee. Many activities are already planned, with even more envisioned and organized.

Our 75th anniversary is not just a ceremonious occasion to celebrate; it is an important opportunity to offer respect and appreciation for those who came before us and built Oregon Tech into the university it is today. The success that we enjoy

was achieved through the determination and hard work of countless alums, faculty, staff, and supporters who are committed to the success of this great university.

To our returning faculty and staff, thank you for your continued commitment to Oregon Tech and our students. To new faculty and staff, welcome. You are joining us for an exciting time of gratitude for our past and optimism for our future.

I want to express my thanks to the faculty, staff, and community who are serving on the 75th Anniversary Committee: co-chairs Doug Halvorsen and Dr. Christopher Syrnky, and committee members Diana Angeli, Jacen Bridges, Rebecca Burken, RaShell Carvalho, Katie Cavendish, Willow Charlton, Carrie Dickson, Stacy Drury, Dr. Ken Fincher, Lori Garrard, Michael Garrard, Iris Godwin, Marcus Harrell, Josie Hudspeth, Todd Kepple, Monica Lopez, Barb Meng, Karen Molineaux, Hallie Neupert, Zoe Smiley, Paul Titus, and Dr. Jennifer Wilson. I encourage you to contact a member of this group if you are interested in becoming more involved in the upcoming celebrations and offering new ideas.

I look forward to celebrating with all of you in the upcoming year and building Oregon Tech together for a prosperous 75 years ahead. I wish you all a great academic year.

Sincerely,

Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow

President

I extend gratitude to Oregon Tech's executive staff for the work they do. The purpose of the executive staff is to actively support the President in navigating the strategic directions of the university. Each of them oversees and brings their expertise to an essential component of the university, dedicating a huge amount of time, and energy every day. I certainly could not do my job without their advice, support, and dedication.

- **Dr. Abdy Afjeh**, Associate Vice Provost for Research and Academic Affairs
- **Connie Atchley**, Associate Vice President for Information Technology Services and CIO
- **Dr. Dina Battaglia**, Associate Vice Provost of Academic Excellence
- **Dr. Ken Fincher**, Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- **Dr. Erin Foley**, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
- **Dave Groff**, General Counsel & Interim Board Secretary
- **John Harman**, Vice President for Finance & Administration
- **Sandi Hanan**, Associate Vice President for Human Resources
- **Dr. Tomas Keyser**, Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology and Management
- **Dr. Beverly McCreary**, Assistant Vice Provost of Faculty Relations
- **Dr. Joanna Mott**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and SEM
- **Adria Paschal**, Senior Executive Assistant to the President
- **Dr. Dan Peterson**, Dean of the College of Health, Arts and Sciences
- **Douglas Tripp**, Director of Resilience, Emergency Management and Safety
- **John VanDyke**, Director of Athletics Department
- **Dr. Jennifer Wilson**, Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Cultural Engagement

Provost's Welcome

Joanna Mott, Ph.D.



Dear faculty and staff,

I am very pleased to welcome everyone for our 2022-23 academic year.

Returning to an in-person convocation after two years of virtual events is a wonderful opportunity for us all to get together and greet each other. We are also welcoming many new faculty and staff joining the Oregon Tech community at one of our campuses.

This year we look forward to many new initiatives and opportunities in Academic Affairs, spearheaded by our new Academic Master Plan. I want to express my appreciation to

everyone who has participated in developing this guidance for our next five years, including all the steering committee members led by Dean Peterson and those who attended the various forums across campus and provided valuable feedback. We will be starting the implementation of the plan this fall.

As part of the campus community, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of our university, and I thank everyone who has participated in planning this year's events.

Finally, I thank you all for your dedication to our students and efforts to support them through their college careers.

Sincerely,

Joanna Mott, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
and Strategic Enrollment Management

President's Breakfast and Welcome

College Union Crater Lake Complex, Second Floor

for Faculty and Staff

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet

8:30 am Welcome

Welcome remarks by President Naganathan

Special remarks by John Davis, *Chair, Oregon Tech Board of Trustees*

Faculty Promotions

New Faculty and Staff Introductions

Faculty and Staff Awards

10:00 am Break

10:15 am President's Address

11:00 am Break

11:30 am Lunch

12:00 pm Strategies for Closing Equity Gaps

Keynote: Northwest Commission on College and Universities

1:00 pm Board of Trustees Responsibilities and Shared Governance

John Davis, *Chair, Oregon Tech Board of Trustees*

Vince Jones, *Vice Chair, Oregon Tech Board of Trustees*

2:00 pm University Strategic Plan

3:00 pm Oregon Tech Financial Briefing, IT Infrastructure and Service Desk

4:00 pm Break

4:15 pm Staying on Brand

5:30 pm Faculty and Staff Social – CEET Commons



Katrina Alcon

Custodian

03/14/2022

Facilities Services

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Katrina Alcon relocated to Oregon around age 10. Currently working on an associate degree in Business Management and a realtor license, Katrina hopes to one day use these to help provide housing for lower-income individuals.

Katrina enjoys traveling and cooking with friends and family and is excited to be part of the team here at Oregon Tech.



Julia Betts

Executive Director

08/29/2022

South Metro STEM Hub Partnership

Julia Betts (she/her) is excited about the opportunity to join the Oregon Tech Portland-Metro community in her new role. She has served in STEM education for over a decade and worked as an Environmental Scientist in industry, academia, and government research and development. Julia is passionate about building long-term solutions to real-world problems through a culturally responsive, community-centered approach.

Raised in the Pacific Northwest and a member of the Chinook Indian Nation, Julia enjoys any opportunity to get outdoors with family and also loves running, yoga, and powerlifting.



Sonja Bickford, Ph.D.

Visiting Instructor

9/16/2022

Management

Sonja Bickford, Ph.D., relocated to Klamath Falls with her family this summer. Before her position at Oregon Tech, she served as an Associate Professor of Communication (Advertising and Public Relations) at the University of Nebraska Kearney (2015-2022) where she taught courses with a business emphasis such as Integrated Marketing Communication, Copywriting, Communication Software, and Advertising Campaigns.

With a doctorate in Global Business and Leadership, Dr. Bickford's research interests include topics in leadership, communication, and corporate social responsibility. She is also interested in international and transdisciplinary projects and addressing issues in martial arts, youth leadership, stakeholder engagement, and environmental and social impact assessments. Dr. Bickford served as the Director of Continuing Education, Study Abroad, and the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing programs at the University of Great Falls in Montana from 2008-2015, where she was also an Assistant Professor in the Business Administration department.

In her free time, Dr. Bickford enjoys spending time at the dojo training in various martial arts. She has black belts in taekwondo and karate. She also enjoys spending time with her family and their animals.



Nate Bickford, Ph.D.

Department Chair, Natural Sciences

09/01/2022

College of HAS

Nate Bickford, Ph.D., was born in Colorado in 1974 and has spent his life being curious about the natural world we inhabit. Dr. Bickford received his Bachelor of Science in Biology at Lenoir-Rhyne University in North Carolina, his master's from Appalachian State University in Biology, and his Ph.D. from Arkansas State University in Environmental. Dr. Bickford received a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship to continue his research work in Alaska, where he directed and mentored graduate student research.

Dr. Bickford's hobbies include falconry, fishing, hunting, and soccer.

Dr. Bickford's research constantly evolves and expands into new, relevant, innovative, and fundable areas. The subjects of his ecological research stretch from aquatics to birds. The conservation work ranges from habitat improvement to local food production.



Spencer Bradbrook

Machine Shop Manager

12/01/2021

Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology

Spencer Bradbrook joined the MMET department after receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biology-Health Sciences from Oregon Tech. He is the department's Lab Manager and teaches the Intro to Machining Processes Lab.

Spencer moved from Southern California to Klamath Falls in 2016 to begin his degree and has since enjoyed living the Klamath Falls lifestyle with easy access to the outdoors. He enjoys fishing, skiing, and working on his old cars when he is not helping students with projects and maintaining labs.



Jacen Bridges

Annual Giving Manager

06/01/2022

Development

Portland-Metro

Jacen Bridges is an Oregon Tech alumni with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies with a focus on Computer Software Engineering Technology. After graduating in 2004, he moved to Los Angeles to learn the framework of filmmaking. Several years later, he started his own production business called Eagle Eye Films. He traveled for several years, building his portfolio and learning the people business of the image industry.

In 2008, he moved back to Oregon with his wife, also an Oregon Tech alumni, and their two children. Since planting roots in the Portland-Metro area he has moved on from the film industry toward tuning his lifetime of philanthropy into giving back at Oregon Tech. Anyone interested in learning how to maximize the efficacy of your giving, "just ask Jacen."



Michael Brooks

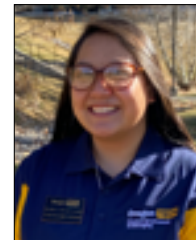
Trades and Maintenance

12/06/2021

College Union

Mike Brooks entered Klamath Falls as a transplant from the bay area, where he was born and raised.

In his free time, he is a tropical fish hobbyist. In the Bay Area, Mike owned and operated two exotic pet stores for over 30 years. He currently has multiple tanks at home including a tank that has six dwarf turtles that have been with him for 20 years



Shawni Cayetano-Ramos

Assistant Director of Diversity and Belonging

10/22/2021

Student Affairs

Shawni Cayetano-Ramos is a graduate of Southern Oregon University with a Bachelor of Science in Health and a Master of Education in Higher Education.

Through her upbringing and experiences as a Native Hawaiian, she brings a passion of inclusion and creating a sense of belonging for the community of those around her. In her spare time, she helps coach her former rugby team in Ashland, as she loves engaging and helping those players/students build their leadership skills on and off the field.

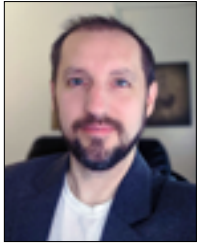


Courtney Clemmer

Residence Life Coordinator
06/20/2022

Housing

Courtney Clemmer is a recent graduate of Oregon Tech's Communication Studies program and women's basketball team. A native of Camas, Washington, she fell in love with Klamath Falls in 2018, mostly because of the rodeo hosted at the Klamath Fairgrounds on New Year's Eve. Having worked in Admissions as an Ambassador for the last four years, she is excited to continue her career with Oregon Tech, offering support and resources to the student staff and on-campus residents.



Edward Clint, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
09/16/2022

Humanities and Social Sciences

Ed Clint is a native of Illinois and an Air Force veteran. He earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology, master's in Anthropology from University of California, Los Angeles, and doctorate in Neuroscience from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Clint's research has focused on evolutionary hypotheses in cognition, health, and mental health, particularly post-traumatic stress disorder. He has taught several years of courses in psychology and anthropology and gained experience in analyzing large data sets to investigate hypotheses.

While off campus, he enjoys science writing, running, hiking, and kayaking. He enjoys travel in pursuit of the novel, unique, and weird.



Christopher Collins

Grounds Maintenance Worker
07/25/2022

Facilities Services

Christopher Collins was born and raised in Fresno, California, and moved to Klamath Falls in 2019. A former owner and operator of a pest and rodent control company for 18 years, Christopher enjoys DIY projects and anything outdoors.



Spencer Corey

Associate Clinic Supervisor
11/15/2021

ABA Clinic

Spencer is a native of Northern Oregon, and after a few years of school and work in Utah, has finally made his way back home. He received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Brigham Young University, and a Master of Education from the University of Utah. He currently works in the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) clinic in Klamath Falls, overseeing the treatment of children with various developmental delays and working with the students in the ABA master's program at Oregon Tech to prepare them for professional life.

Outside work, he is loving being surrounded by national forests, and can't wait to explore every inch of them.



Austin DeLuca

Operating Systems Administrator
08/01/2022

Information Technology Services

Austin DeLuca worked in Oregon Tech's ITS department as a student for three years before graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and now has returned as a full-time team member.

In his free time, Austin enjoys being out in the outdoors, hiking, and fishing. Austin also works with various technologies to improve his technical skills, along with doing hands-on woodworking or other projects.

Austin is excited to return to Oregon Tech after the years spent away and is looking forward to furthering his skills as an information technology professional in his new role.



Alicia Dillon

Associate Vice President and Controller
06/01/2022

Finance and Administration

Alicia Dillon holds an active Certified Public Accountant license in Idaho and earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from Boise State University.

She has 16 years of higher education experience; most recently, Alicia served as the Controller and Director of Procurement and Vendor Services at Boise State University, where she led the accounting, treasury, procurement, and payables functions for the university. Alicia is passionate about navigating financial administrative compliance and functions to best support faculty, staff, and students meet their needs and goals.

When not at work, you'll find Alicia hiking or paddle boarding with her dog by her side.



Holly Dressell

Administrative Program Specialist
12/06/2021

Registrar's Office

Holly Dressell is an Oregon Tech graduate, with an associate degree in Office Systems Technology.

After college, she worked in several office assistant/management positions that prepared her for this new opportunity.

Holly enjoys being with her family and taking in all Oregon has to offer. If it's Klamath Lake fishing, exploring the back roads, or sitting next to a creek. This is her happy place!



Holly Edwins

Instructor
07/01/2022

Emergency Medical Services
Portland-Metro Campus

Holly Edwins completed paramedic school in Vancouver, Washington, in 2004 and began working as a Paramedic for Clark County American Medical Response. She resigned from the field in 2014 to take on the role of EMT Program Director for Clark County Fire District 5. During this time, she returned to school to receive a bachelor's degree in Human Development with a passion for mental health and psychology. She thrives in education as both educator and student and always looks for opportunities to humble herself and learn.

Holly's favorite things to do outside of teaching are gardening and spending time with her husband and two kids. Her long-term goal is to one day have a master's degree that can be used toward her effort and passion for instilling health and longevity in the lives of our first responders.



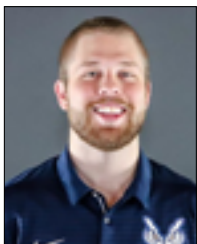
Savannah Fincher

Generalist and Recruitment
02/14/2022

Office of Human Resources

Savannah Fincher relocated to Klamath Falls from Austin, Texas, to be close to her family. She has extensive experience in corporations, franchises, small businesses, higher education, continued education, talent acquisition, recruitment, corporate training, curriculum development, workshop and event planning, organizational development, business operations, management, content creation, branding, marketing, employee and labor relations, as well as federal and state labor law compliance. These strengths were displayed throughout her tenured career with Blo Blow Dry Bar, an international salon franchise, as their Human Resources Manager and Corporate Educator.

She greatly enjoys her role at Oregon Tech as the Human Resources Generalist - Recruitment, including providing support and uplifting the Oregon Tech community through her expertise.



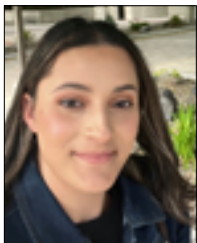
Mitchell Fink

TechRec Coordinator
09/01/2022

Athletics

Mitchell Fink is a 2021 graduate from Oregon Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and minor in Coaching. Along with being the TechRec Coordinator, Mitchell is an Assistant Coach for the Oregon Tech men's basketball team where he played for the 2016-2020 seasons.

Mitchell was born and raised in Happy Valley, Oregon. In his spare time he likes to workout, hangout with friends, and watch TV and movies. He is an advocate of promoting physical and mental health and looking forward to learning more.



Cintya Garcia

Admissions Counselor
07/05/2022

Admissions

Cintya Garcia graduated from Oregon Tech with a bachelor's degree in Applied Psychology. After graduating, she relocated to the Coos Bay area, worked as a special education and English Language Development teacher with seventh through twelfth graders for four years, and transitioned to academic advising for two years.

When she and her family decided to move back to the basin, she looked to Oregon Tech. She wants to help others have the same personal experience she was able to have while she attended. She looks forward to helping students succeed in her role as Embedded Coordinator for the College of Health, Arts, and Sciences.



Kandi Garland

Associate Professor
09/16/2022

Dental Hygiene

Kandi Garland is a Minnesota native who obtained her bachelor and master degrees in Dental Hygiene from the University of Minnesota. She is currently working on a Doctor of Health Sciences at A.T. Still University.

Her career spans 24 years as a dental hygienist and educator where she has served as Clinic Coordinator and Health and Safety Coordinator. Kandi taught full-time at Idaho State University for 14 years, Laramie County Community College for two years, and as adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota for three years. Her research, which she presents nationally, focuses on infection control. Kandi has a lengthy publication history in a variety of journals. She is an active member of the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP), serving as Chair of the Membership Committee and as an "Ask the Expert" columnist for Dimensions of Dental, a peer-reviewed journal.

Kandi is excited to return to a university setting and to join the Dental Hygiene faculty with a comprehensive, quality, and visionary approach to educating future dental hygienists. She enjoys reading and hiking and is excited to visit Oregon wineries.



Carrie Giacomelli

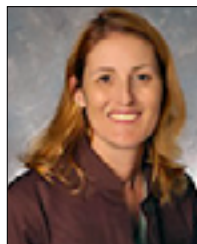
Assistant Professor
09/16/2022

Medical Imaging Technology-Radiology

Carrie Giacomelli is an Oregon Tech alumna, with her Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science and a Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management from Western Governors University.

Carrie has been a Klamath Falls resident her entire life and enjoyed growing up here. She has been an X-ray technologist at Sky Lakes Medical Center for almost 20 years. During her X-ray career, she has partnered with Oregon Tech as the Clinic Instructor for Radiology and as an adjunct instructor.

Carrie loves the medical field and has had her heart set on teaching higher education since high school. She is excited to be joining a great team at Oregon Tech. Outside of teaching, she enjoys the great outdoors, playing sports, raising her three children, and watching them grow in this great community.



Marybeth Grant-Beuttler

Associate Professor
05/31/2022

College of Health, Arts and Sciences

Marybeth Grant-Beuttler is the first full-time teaching faculty for the developing physical therapy program. She will teach evidence-based practice/research, motor control and development, and pediatric practice management in the program.

Marybeth has been instrumental in developing two pediatric community programs, Balanced Families and Idiopathic Toe Walking Group which are both Integrated Clinical Experiences with Interprofessional education components utilizing an Experiential Learning model. These programs provide free community physical therapy and mental health services and model evidence-based practice for budding physical therapy practitioners in a real-world setting.

In addition to her teaching, Marybeth has an active research and scholarly agenda. Her research focuses on the development of postural control and gait in children and employs three-dimensional motion capture and electromyographical approaches in the analysis of motion. The current focus of her work is on children who are idiopathic toe walkers and developing wearable devices to relearn a typical gait pattern. She has published work on motor control in infants born preterm, the benefits of pediatric community programs on the participants, parents, and student learners, and hippotherapy. Her work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the Kay Foundation, and the Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Marybeth maintains her clinical connections when not teaching or in the research lab. She has experience working in a large children's hospital, a school system, a neonatal intensive care unit, inpatient pediatric rehabilitation, and an outpatient clinic. She has held a Pediatric Clinical Specialist certification since 2006.

In addition to her work at Oregon Tech, Marybeth is an avid runner. She enjoys showing and racing her dogs.



Rachel Hanan, Ph.D.

Instructional Designer
05/18/2022

Online Learning

Rachel Hanan is originally from Oregon and is returning from an 11-year sojourn in Wyoming. She taught college composition and English literature for 17 years before transitioning to Instructional Design. She completed her Ph.D. at the University of Oregon and is passionate about active learning, democratic pedagogy, and culturally-responsive course design.

Having started a raccoon rescue in Wyoming, Rachel now spends her free time assisting wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts nationwide.



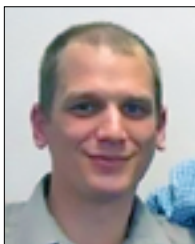
Sheri Holster

Office Specialist 2
08/03/2022

Financial Aid

Sheri Holster was born in Frankfurt, Germany, and was raised in Chiloquin. From the age of two, the Klamath Basin has been her home. She has over 20 years of experience working in the food industry. Graduating with honors, Sheri earned her Culinary Arts degree in 2015 from Klamath Community College. Throughout her career experiences, Sheri has learned a great deal about the administrative side of things. She enjoys working with and helping others, which brought her to the Oregon Tech Financial Aid office.

Sheri enjoys hiking with her fiancé and their black lab, Lola, and spending time with her nieces and nephews.



Brandon Holter, Ph.D.

Visiting Instructor
09/16/2022

Humanities and Social Sciences

Brandon Holter comes to Oregon Tech from East Tennessee State University. He grew up in the Pacific Northwest and attended Portland State University and Washington State University before receiving his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. He is passionate about teaching philosophy and demonstrating its value for personal and professional life, and his research primarily concerns the history and philosophy of science, metaphysics, and epistemology.

Brandon enjoys playing music in his spare time and, as a newcomer to Klamath Falls, looks forward to discovering local food, live music, and outdoor scenery.



Jamie Irish

Disability Services Specialist Center for Academic Resources and Engagement Services
01/10/2022 (CARES)

Jamie Irish received a bachelor's degree in Health Science from Corban University in 2019 and is currently working on completing her master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Massachusetts. Jamie's passion for disability rights, universal design, and equity motivate her in her efforts to provide students with proper accommodations and advocacy. Ultimately, Jamie looks forward to continuing to learn new skills in this role and helping students achieve success.



Penny Jahraus

Director of Career-Connected Learning Strategies
05/01/2022

Academic Affairs

Penny Jahraus studied at the Universität Stuttgart, Portland State, and George Fox for a Bachelor of Arts in German and a Master of Arts in Teaching. She taught English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and more to grades K-8 and at Portland Community College.

Penny is passionate about connecting teachers and industry professionals via Oregon Connections, collaborating to engage K-20 students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), writing open educational resources curricula, and Toastmasters.



Jennifer James, Ph.D.

Interim Director of CARES and Coordinator, Peer Consulting and Supplemental Instruction Coordinator
04/04/2022 Student Affairs

After working as an adjunct faculty member in the Management Department for a year, Jennifer James, Ph.D., joined Oregon Tech full-time as Student Affairs staff in April 2022. Dr. James earned a bachelor's in Psychology, a master's in Healthcare Administration, and a Doctorate in Management.

In her free time, Dr. James enjoys archery, fishing, foraging, and all things outdoors.



Lacey Jarrell

Executive Director
02/07/2022

Marketing, Communications, and Public Affairs

Lacey Jarrell earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism at the University of Oregon and a Master of Business Administration from Western Governors University.

She has worked in higher education for six years and brings to Oregon Tech passions for branding and marketing strategy, serial commas, and student success. Lacey has also enjoyed careers as a newspaper reporter and a pipe welder. Her specialty was stainless steel TIG welding.

Lacey will celebrate her ninth anniversary of living in Klamath Falls in October.



Kaitlin Knapp, Ph.D.

Visiting Instructor
09/16/2022

Natural Science

Kaitlin Knapp received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Rice University in 2021, where she also received a Certificate in Teaching and Learning from the Center for Teaching Excellence. She is interested in making the fundamental principles of chemistry accessible to all students, having both a passion for teaching and research related to chemistry education.

Her doctoral research in the Wolynes Research Group was situated at the interface of chemistry, physics, biology, and computer science where she focused on exploring the aggregation dynamics of amyloid beta, a protein associated with Alzheimer's disease. Her interdisciplinary mindset underpins her approach to teaching through the integration of experimental data, theory, real world applications, and emerging technologies.



Sujin Lee, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
09/16/2022

Geomatics

Sujin Lee, Ph.D., earned his doctoral degree in Geography with a specialization in Geographic Information Science from the University of Southern California. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Earth and Marine Sciences from Hanyang University, Korea.

For a decade, he was an active and engaged faculty member at the University of Southern California, California State University Long Beach, the University of Minnesota at Duluth, Moorpark College, California, and Ventura College, California. He taught a wide range of Geographic Information System courses at all levels, developed curricula and course materials, advised and mentored a diverse group of students for their success, and researched interactions between the environment and human activities using geospatial technologies.

As an instructor, his goal is to develop spatial thinkers who understand the connection between humans and places and their physical and cultural characteristics. Spatial thinkers can deploy their understanding through various technologies (e.g., Geospatial Technologies) in their disciplines. His pedagogical goals are motivating students to become active and interested in the learning process, supporting students' critical thinking, and facilitating learner-centered education. Dr. Lee is strongly committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in his educational environment.



Steve Lemery

Instructor
09/16/2022

Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology

Steve Lemery joined the MMET department in Seattle after teaching there for 10 years as an Adjunct Professor. Steve retired from a 33-year career at Boeing, where he worked both as a Manufacturing Engineer and a Materials Engineer. He enjoys innovative technology and holds many patents in composite materials.

Steve attended Oregon Tech at both the Klamath Falls and Seattle campuses, where he received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

Steve grew up in Coquille and has lived in the Seattle/Puget Sound area for 35 years with his wife, Julie. He enjoys tinkering on cars and fabrication with metal and composites. He stays active by traveling worldwide, attending car shows, and taking his German Shorthaired Pointer for long walks.



Michael Lucas, Ph.D.

Visiting Instructor
09/16/2022

Communication

Michael Lucas, Ph.D., is originally from Oregon and a graduate of Portland State (B.A.), Carnegie Mellon (M.A.), and Clemson (Ph.D.). With a Ph.D. in Rhetorics, Communication, and Information Design, his research involves discovering alternative forms of argumentation and critique by analyzing problematic mass visual narratives and employing creative strategies that allow diverse publics to improve narrative literacy and gain agency in their practices of self-narration. For example, he mobilizes humor and play within practices of critique and self-narration that occur both in academia and in our daily lives. Primary research areas include post-modern theories of rhetoric/composition, continental philosophy, theories of pedagogy and creativity, visual rhetoric, cinema and media studies, and digital media production. An author of both literary fiction and academic scholarship, Dr. Lucas also pursues narrative explorations in his short films, video art, stand-up comedy, music, and various 2D artworks. Through these different mediums, the author hopes to expand his audience's (and his own) understanding of ourselves and the world around us through narratives that demand playful pondering.

His works reside at: www.MichaelArtsGood.com.



Sara Mansfield

Campus Operations Manager
04/04/2022

Portland-Metro Campus

Sara Mansfield was born and raised in Eugene, graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and moved north after college.

Before Oregon Tech, Sara spent 15 years in the senior living industry, running and overseeing assisted living, retirement, and Alzheimer's care communities throughout the West. She was excited to apply her passion for advocacy, service, and operational efficiency to a new population on the opposite end of the age spectrum.

Sara is a football fanatic and enjoys traveling, kayaking, playing video games, and studying all things history.



Chad Mattox

Ground Supervisor
06/27/2022

Facilities Services

Born in Manteca, California, Chad Mattox was raised in Klamath Falls. At 46 years young with over 20 years of construction experience, Chad spent the last five years ranching and farming.

Happily married to Larisa, Chad is the proud father of six beautiful children: three boys and three girls. Chad enjoys traveling with family, camping, and watching the kids compete in sports.



Stacey McCauley

Office Specialist 2 Civil Engineering and OREC
11/01/2021

College of Engineering,
Technology and Management

Stacey McCauley joins Oregon Tech after 20-plus years in management in the Natural and Integrative Health industry. They have also been a small business owner, operating a landscape design company for the last eight years.

Stacey spent several years volunteering with youth gardening programs and camps in the Portland-Metro area. Before their time in Oregon, they majored in Legal Studies at Missouri Western State University, with a minor in Humanities. They have also worked as a market farmer and yoga instructor in Missouri.

Stacey's interests include hiking, kayaking, gardening, music, and volunteering in their community. Their current quest is to become the "The Tomato Lady of Klamath Falls."



Sam McCormick

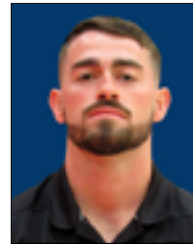
Academic Advisor and Retention Coordinator
11/02/2021

College of Engineering,
Technology and Management

Sam McCormick was born in Washington state but raised in Montana. Growing up near Glacier National Park, he developed a love for hiking and whitewater rafting.

Sam studied Mechanical Engineering at Montana State University and worked as a Resident Advisor and a Summer Camp Counselor during that time. He developed a passion for teaching and mentorship through those experiences. When his partner accepted a job in Klamath Falls, Sam used the opportunity to pursue that passion as an Academic Advisor and Retention Coordinator. After working for years as an engineer, he's excited to work with students, faculty, and administration to help students succeed.

Sam is looking forward to exploring all the outdoor opportunities that the Klamath Basin offers.



Sean McManamon

Head Men's Soccer Coach
07/01/2022

Athletics

Sean McManamon spent four seasons (2018-21) as the top assistant under Davie Carmichael at Southern Oregon University, helping the squad to the 2018 Cascade Conference regular-season title and a trip to the second round of the NAIA Championships. Sean was part of the 2018 NAIA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year and coached 49 Academic All-CCC selections, 23 All-CCC selections, and two CCC Defensive Players of the Year. Sean recently served as a head coach in the Rogue Valley Timbers youth program from 2020-22.

Sean played professionally for the North Shore United Football Club in New Zealand during the 2018 season, scoring eight goals with six assists, and competed for two seasons at Southern Oregon University, earning All-CCC honors in 2016 and 2017, helping the squad to the 2017 CCC title. Sean also spent one season at Northwest College in Wyoming and one at Division I St. Mary's.



Carol McPheters, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
09/16/2022

Humanities and Social Sciences

Carol McPheters, Ph.D., comes to the Humanities and Social Sciences department following a career in behavior analysis serving individuals with autism and related disorders. She enjoys finding creative ways to teach, especially when traditional approaches prove insufficient, and has successfully taught complex skills to clients, their families, professionals, and higher ed students. Her research interests include basic behavioral processes and developing technologies to improve outcomes for individuals and families impacted by autism.

Dr. McPheters has lived in many parts of the United States, including Southern California, where she completed her bachelor and master degrees, and New Jersey, where she did her doctoral work.

She enjoys friendly chats with new people, walking her dog, camping with her husband, and being amongst the trees — making Klamath Falls the ideal setting for her.



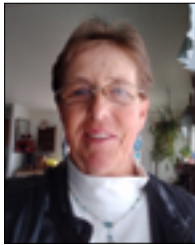
Jeff Miller

Staff Accountant
03/21/2022

Business Affairs Office

Jeff Miller brings 10 years of professional accounting experience working in the Klamath Basin. This fellow Owl received his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Oregon Tech in 2012 and is an Army veteran, having served in South Korea, Afghanistan, and North Carolina.

Jeff's hobbies include gardening, running, traveling, gaming, and wildlife viewing.



Teri Montgomery

Grounds Maintenance Worker 1
06/01/2022

Facilities Services

Teri Montgomery previously worked at Kampgrounds of America (KOA) for seven years doing maintenance around the property and has lived in the Klamath Basin for 23 years.

Teri enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, and painting and has a daughter and two grandchildren.



Darrell Mooers

Instructor
09/16/2022

Medical Laboratory Sciences

Darrell Mooers graduated from OHSU's Clinical Laboratory Science program in 1979 and received a Master of Business Administration from Willamette University in 1991. Most of his career has been in managing hospital laboratories, including small (Santiam Hospital) and large (PeaceHealth Southwest Washington) facilities.

Darrell has been involved in hosting Oregon Tech Medical Laboratory Science externships for many years and is excited to become an instructor to promote the profession.

Darrell has always been active in his community, including coaching high school volleyball for several years. Darrell also enjoys traveling with family and friends.



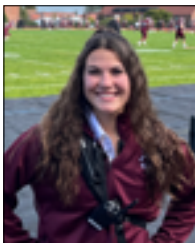
Stacie Neely

Instructor
03/28/2022

Dental Hygiene

Stacie Neely was born and raised in Klamath Falls and graduated from Oregon Tech in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. After graduation, Stacie worked as a full-time clinical hygienist in various private dental offices in Southern Oregon before working as a part-time clinical adjunct instructor in the Dental Hygiene department at Oregon Tech in 2016.

Stacie is completing a Master of Science in Allied Health from Oregon Tech and plans to graduate in Summer 2023. Stacie enjoys camping and four-wheeling on the Oregon Coast dunes with husband, stepson, and their two French bulldogs.



Isa Ortman

Assistant Athletic Trainer
08/01/2022

Athletics

Isa Ortman played college soccer at the University of Providence in Great Falls, Montana, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and a master's degree in Athletic Training from the University of Montana.

When Isa isn't working with the athletes, she enjoys hiking, skiing/snowboarding, and being with friends or family.



Nupur Pande, Ph.D.

Instructor
09/29/2021

Natural Sciences

Nupur Pande, Ph.D., earned a master's in Chemistry from Lucknow University, India, and a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from the University of California Irvine. Her postdoctoral work at University of California San Francisco helped identify viral proteins critical for transmitting infection from the mother to the fetus. While at Oregon Health & Science University, she became interested in cancer prevention using compounds present in the natural world. She researched how natural compounds could help treat complex diseases like cancers.

Throughout her tenure as a scientist, she advised and taught medical, nursing, and graduate students. Currently, she teaches the Chemistry/Biochemistry sequence at the Portland-Metro campus and is trying to get students excited about the natural world. Dr. Pande is enthusiastic about taking her students along for a journey through this amazing natural world and helping them unravel its secrets through their own experiments. Students assess their hypotheses, collect data, analyze results, and interpret scientific information.

In her free time, Dr. Pande enjoys working in her garden, cooking, hiking with her dogs, and reading.



Catie Peterson

Community-Based Resources Coordinator
01/31/2022

Campus Life

Catie Peterson joined Oregon Tech to develop a new program designed to serve students by helping them meet their basic needs while navigating college. She has a Social Work degree and a Community Health Worker certification. Catie is passionate about assisting students in bridging the gap between where they are currently, to their future full of hope and endless possibilities.

In her free time, she enjoys being out in nature, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, and camping.



Claire Peterson

TOP Advisor
02/14/2022

Center for Academic Resources and Engagement Services

Claire Peterson recently graduated from Oregon Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology. Before joining the team as a staff at Oregon Tech, Claire spent several years working in special education and behavioral therapy fields before ultimately deciding to work in higher education.

Claire is considered a Klamath County native, as she was born and raised in Merrill. While growing up here, Claire developed a passion for all the amazing outdoor activities this area offers. Claire can typically be found outside gardening, fishing, hiking, camping, or mushroom hunting in her free time. On those snowy or rainy days, she usually stays inside curled up with a good book, painting, or playing video games.



Kim Pratt

Instructor
09/16/2022

Dental Hygiene

Kim Pratt graduated from Oregon Tech in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene and has experience in a variety of clinical aspects in Dental Hygiene with a passion for new technologies and research. She is currently completing her Master of Science in Allied Health through Oregon Tech.

Kim is a native Oregonian and enjoys the variety of outdoor activities that Klamath Falls offers. You can find her hiking, horseback riding, rafting, and exploring the great Pacific Northwest when she isn't working.



Indigo "Indy" Recker

Visiting Instructor
09/16/2022

Communication

Indigo Recker has a Bachelor of Arts in History from Concordia University, a Master of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies from Carnegie Mellon University, and is currently finishing up her Ph.D. in English Literature from Duquesne University. While completing her degrees, she taught undergraduate writing and literature courses for six years in Pittsburgh. She is always excited to meet new students and hear about their goals, passions, and interests. Indy believes the writing classroom is where every student should feel free to cultivate a writing identity that is unique to them and their needs.

In her free time, she finds joy in drinking decaf coffee, reading fiction unrelated to her dissertation, listening to music, and being out in nature. She's excited to learn more about Klamath Falls and the Oregon Tech community.



Larry Rimer

Custodian
04/11/2022

Facilities Services

Larry Rimer comes to Oregon Tech with extensive experience in the culinary arts, tourism, and hospitality. Relocating from Los Angeles, Larry wanted a slower pace and a change in environment for his family.

In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors and barbecuing and has many hobbies ranging from building computers to philanthropy.



Jason Roach

Safety Officer
11/01/2021

Resilience, Emergency Management and Safety (REMS)

Jason Roach is a native of Southern Oregon and graduated from Portland Community College with an Associate of Applied Science and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from attending Weber State University and the University of Phoenix.

He previously owned his own consulting business for 15 years conducting due diligence of loss control for various risk management companies servicing the insurance industry.

In his free time, Jason enjoys camping, fishing, and taking trips with his family. He has volunteered in the community for the last six years as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach for Henley High School and is the Vice Chair on the Grantee Board for the Klamath Family Head Start Program. Jason has served in various board positions for the last 11 years at Klamath Family Head Start.



Lesly Rodriguez

MESA-STEM Partnership Coordinator
01/18/2022

Educational Partnerships and Outreach
Portland-Metro Campus

Lesly Rodriguez recently graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and a minor in International Studies. From a very young age, Lesly was interested in serving and further developing communities of color and underrepresented communities. Lesly has worked at Portland State University as a mentor for a Latinx program and in Washington and Multnomah County as a health worker. Landing a job at Oregon Tech has opened many opportunities to work with programs such as South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership and MESA and plans to continue further developing younger generations in education.



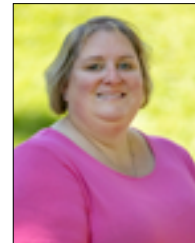
Silas Romig

Operating Systems Analyst
08/08/2022

Information Technology Services

Silas Romig is a native of Alaska who has spent the last several years performing information technology services in locations as far-flung as Rwanda, Brazil, and Hong Kong. After nearly a decade abroad, he is excited to return to his home country and join the Oregon Tech team. As a member of ITS, Silas hopes to combine his passions for technology, education, and meeting new people.

In his free time, Silas enjoys travel, music, and vigorous exercise.



Liza Safford

Administrative Program Specialist
04/04/2022

Business Affairs

Liza Safford spent two decades working in higher education in Idaho at the College of Idaho and the College of Western Idaho – working in the Admissions, Development, and business offices. Most recently, Liza was the manager of the College Idaho mail and copy center, along with the bookstore. She also volunteered as the photographer for the College of Idaho athletic department. Liza's husband, Mike, is Oregon Tech's Sports Information Director, with their son, PJ, is a freshman at Klamath Union.



Mike Safford

Sports Information Director
03/14/2022

Athletics

Mike Safford Jr. joined the staff at Oregon Tech after 21 years at the College of Idaho, where he served as the Director of Athletic Communications and was the voice of the Coyotes. In his twenty-fifth year in athletic communications, Safford is a five-time Mike Booth Cascade Conference Sports Information Director of the Year recipient and the 2016 NAIA Ike Pearson Lifetime Achievement Award winner. He has placed in the Top 10 of the NAIA-SIDA Publications and New Media Contest 74 times, including eight "Best in the NAIA" awards. Safford served as the radio voice of the Boise Hawks, the Chicago Cubs Class A affiliate from 2003-14, while doubling as their media relations director.

Mike is a 1998 graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, where he was a kicker on the football team and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Print/Broadcast Journalism. His wife, Liza, is currently the cashier in Oregon Tech's business office, with his son, P.J., a freshman at Klamath Union High – where he plays football and baseball.



Rishikesh Sahay, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
09/16/2022

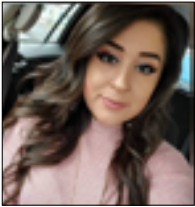
Management

Rishikesh Sahay, Ph.D., is a tenure track Assistant Professor in Cybersecurity at Oregon Tech. Previously, he worked on cyber risk assessment and mitigation according to the IEC 62443 cybersecurity, NERC-CIP standards to protect wind farms from cyber-attacks. He is a certified IEC/ISA 62443 cybersecurity risk assessment specialist. He has done his Postdoctoral research at the Technical University of Denmark.

He completed his Ph.D. from University of Pierre and Marie Curie in France in 2017. His thesis was focused on autonomic cyber defense using software-defined networking.

His research interests include cyber risk assessment and mitigation, autonomic cyber defense, policy-based network management, software-defined networking, cyber resilience, and network security.

Dr. Sahay tries to give back to the community by his voluntary work in the International Society of Automation (ISA). He also provides his services as a reviewer for reputed international journals and conferences.



Rosanna Sanchez Carriero

Administrative Program Assistant
03/14/2022

Dental Hygiene

Rosanna Sanchez Carriero is new to the dental field but is excited to be part of the team and looks forward to the new opportunity.

Rosanna was born and raised in Klamath Falls and has two children. They love to travel, kayak, camp, and spend time surrounded by family.



Michael Saveland

Custodian
06/20/2022

Facilities Services

Michael Saveland has been a resident of Klamath Falls for 26 years and previously worked in health care and sales for the past 10 years.



Markie Scheidegger

Instructor
09/29/2021

Communication

Markie Scheidegger relocated to Klamath Falls from Flagstaff, Arizona, where she earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in English at Northern Arizona University. After teaching college writing courses in Arizona for a few years, she sought opportunities in Oregon and was excited to find the smaller campus community at Oregon Tech.

When she isn't teaching, Markie can be found doing graphic design, painting, and drawing. She also enjoys kayaking and exploring new places in the Pacific Northwest.

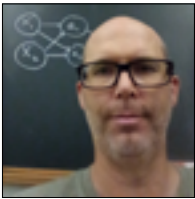


Beegie Smith

Grounds Maintenance
07/18/2022

Facilities Services

Beegie Smith previously worked for Michels Corporation and was a general laborer. Beegie has a 14-year-old daughter, Spur, who is a freshman at Henley High School.



Jason Smith

Instructor
08/15/2022

Mathematics

Jason Smith has been teaching math at the college level for 13 years. He taught at the College of Western Idaho (a community college) for three years and at Boise State University for 10 years. In his new role at Oregon Tech, Jason is spearheading the creation and management of the newly created Math Learning Lab (ML²). His academic interests include machine learning and all things linear algebra.



Monica Steele

Administrative Program Specialist
08/15/2022

College of Health, Arts and Science

Monica Steele relocated to Klamath Falls from Salt Lake City, Utah. She has an Associate of Science in Business Administration from South University in Savannah, Georgia, and a Certificate in Administrative Office Procedures from Kamath Community College. She worked for American Red Cross Blood Services as Senior Associate BiTS Management and Support (Biomedical and Integrated Training System) and as a Customer Care Representative for iQuor in Klamath Falls.

In her free time, Monica enjoys reading, fishing, and spending time with her husband. She is looking forward to starting her new career path as the BIG ABA Clinic's Office Manager.



Donald Stockton

Director
09/06/2022

Veterans Services

Don Stockton is new to the Klamath Falls community, being born and raised in Reno, Nevada. After a career in the U.S. Navy beginning in 2000, Don attended the University of Nevada, Reno, ultimately graduating in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Upon completing undergrad, he began work as a Readjustment Counseling Technician for the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) Initiative. Don advanced to Veteran Outreach Program Specialist during his nine years with Veteran Affairs and had the privilege to serve students directly on campus until joining the Oregon Tech Veteran Students Services team.

Since moving to Oregon, Don endeavors to explore the outdoor beauty of his family's new home.



Jesse Thompson

Custodian
01/03/2022

Housing

Jesse Thompson was born in Lakeview and spent his entire childhood in Bonanza. His family connection and love for the Klamath Basin brought his family and him back in 2021.

Jesse has worked for the Klamath County School District in the same custodial capacity he now has with Oregon Tech.

He has two high school and junior high aged children with their sights set on attending Oregon Tech in the near future. You can find Jesse and his kids at many of the Tech sporting events cheering on the Owls!



Richard Tippetts

Custodian
08/29/2022

College Union

Richard Tippetts relocated to Klamath Falls from Lakeview in 2008. While in Lakeview, he was employed by the Oregon Department of Corrections as a Corrections Officer at Warner Creek Correctional Facility. While in the Correction's Academy he earned his classes' Defensive Tactics Award.

Before living in Lakeview, Rick spent time in Las Vegas serving as an Armored Service Technician for Loomis Armored. His proudest achievement was being selected to serve for five years at a classified location during his 20-year Air Force career.

While in the Air Force, Rick earned an associate degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology.

Rick enjoys spending his free time going to his three granddaughters' sporting events year-round, riding his quad, performing landscaping on his property, and being an NFL fanatic.



Douglas Tripp

Director
11/01/2021

Resilience Emergency Management and Safety

Doug Tripp has returned to Oregon after nearly nine years in Florida. He holds an associate degree from Illinois Central College, a bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose University, and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Doug graduated from the Lane County Reserve Police Officer Academy, the Oregon State Police Academy, and attended the University of California-Berkeley Executive Leadership Program.

Doug's career includes considerable experience as an emergency management and public safety executive, having served in senior leadership positions with Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida, the University of Oregon, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Medical College of Wisconsin, the University of Denver, and Marquette University. His professional accomplishments include leading efforts to create and establish the University of Oregon Police Department and the Orange County Public Schools District Police.

In his free time, Doug enjoys competing in agility with his dogs, attending alt-country music concerts, cheering on the Green Bay Packers, hanging out with his family, working on his hobby farm, and living an active lifestyle.



Abby Venegas

Public Access Manager
06/16/2022

Oregon Tech Library

Abby Venegas was born and raised in the Klamath County area, where she worked and studied. She attended school in Lost River and furthered her education at Klamath Community College, College of the Siskiyous, and Oregon Tech. She worked with the Klamath County School District and the Klamath County Health Department.

Abby enjoys being a part of her community by being an active council member on the City of Malin's City Council. Abby was raised in Malin alongside her siblings, whom she tends to spend her weekends with, watching at their games and events. She also enjoys spending time with her parents and trying to learn how to bowl.



Charlotte Waite

TOP Advisor Center for Academic Resources and Engagement Services
08/01/2022 (CARES)

Charlotte Waite completed her bachelor's degree in Mass Communication at Concordia University Irvine in sunny Southern California. She has since dabbled in working in various multimedia platforms, from writing for newspapers and magazines to managing podcasts and radio.

Born and raised in Klamath Falls, Charlotte returned home after completing her degree and started working in higher education. During her downtime, she can be found hanging out with her guinea pig and dog, reading, fishing, or cheering on the Portland Timbers.



Bob Welles

Custodian
11/01/2021

Facilities Services

Bob Welles has been a full-time dad for the last 16 years and loves the outdoors.



Kristin Whitman

Library Director
02/01/2022

Portland-Metro Campus

In her previous role, Kristin Whitman was the campus Library Director and Liaison for the Nursing and Allied Health departments at Idaho State University's Meridian campus and their point person for open educational resource (OER) initiatives. Before working in academia, she was the library director at a patent search company with over 200 professionals in science and engineering fields. Her degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the College of William and Mary, Master of Library and Information Science from Rutgers, and a Master of Arts in Education from Boise State.

Kristin is passionate about teaching information research skills that help students succeed in both their academic and professional careers. She is also the OER coordinator at Oregon Tech and looks forward to helping faculty benefit from open education grants and opportunities.

In her spare time, she is active in the Jane Austen fan community.



Josh Winter

College Union Manager
04/18/2022

Student Affairs

Josh Winter is a native Oregonian, born and raised in Central Point. He received a Bachelor of Science in Digital Arts and Graphic Design from the University of Oregon.

Before coming to Oregon Tech, Josh's experience included management in local restaurants and Starbucks, and experience in broad-line distribution through Sysco Foods.

Josh loves spending his free time with his wife, son, two cats, and one very large dog. He has a passion for technology, and his hobbies include playing with microcontrollers and toying with his 3D printer.



Jane Woodcock

Executive Director
03/31/2022

Sponsored Projects & Grants Administration

Jane Woodcock is a graduate of the University of New Mexico (UNM) with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and is a Certified Research Administrator. She has over 10 years of experience in faculty grants, foundation, and government support. Jane has worked in higher education for most of her professional career working at Reed College and the University of Portland.

Jane is passionate about film, music, and the arts. She studied flamenco at UNM and still enjoys performing and taking studio classes when she's not submitting a grant.



Rebeka Yocum, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor
09/16/2022

Civil Engineering

Originally from Pennsylvania, Rebeka Yocum, Ph.D., recently relocated to Klamath Falls. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Physics from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 2018 before earning her doctorate in Civil Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University in 2022.

Much of Dr. Yocum's research focuses on transportation safety and the way in which it intersects with equitable transportation systems. She also has experience utilizing mathematical optimization to develop congestion management strategies.

When she isn't thinking about transportation, Dr. Yocum enjoys music, theater, and getting to know Southern Oregon with her dog, Bo!

Other New Faculty and Staff

Rachel Edwards

Assistant Professor
Natural Science
01/03/2022

Audra Myerchin

Visiting Instructor
Communication
09/16/2022

Robert Evory

Assistant Director
Academic Advising & Retention
09/07/2022

Dana Nelson

Visiting Instructor
Computer Systems Engineering Technology
09/16/2022

Luis Hernandez

Assistant Professor
Electrical Engineering & Renewable Energy

Lauren Nielsen

Visiting Instructor
Respiratory Care
09/16/2022

Thomas Klemz

Visiting Instructor
Computer Systems Engineering Technology
09/16/2022

Roseann Scott

Administrative Program Assistant
Student Health
09/12/2022

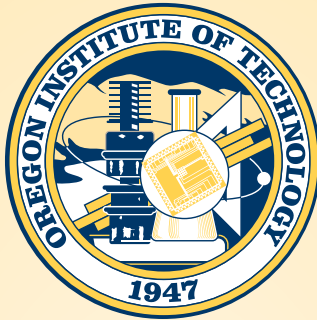
Tariq Masood

Visiting Instructor
Electrical Engineering & Renewable Energy
09/16/2022

Madhusudan Singh

Assistant Professor
Management
09/16/2022

***The new employee list is provided by Human Resources.
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Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech), Oregon's public polytechnic university, offers innovative, professionally-focused undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the areas of engineering, health, business, technology, and applied arts and sciences. To foster student and graduate success, the university provides a hands-on, project-based learning environment and emphasizes innovation, scholarship, and applied research. With a commitment to diversity and leadership development, Oregon Tech offers statewide educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet current and emerging needs of Oregonians, as well as other national and international constituents.

Oregon Tech Vision Statement

Oregon Tech will be a student-centered, world-class polytechnic university that inspires students to become tomorrow's leaders

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