

FACULTY PANEL

University of Mount Union

DR. NICOLE JOHNSON

*Professor, Religious Studies
Chair, Interdisciplinary Humanities*



Dr. Johnson leads academic programs that integrate diverse perspectives across the humanities to enrich student learning and scholarship. She received her Doctorate in Practical Theology from Boston University.

Advice to new students: Learn to be a curious person!

If you approach your Integrative Core (general education) courses with curiosity, you just might find that they are as meaningful as the courses in your major, especially if you dive in and look for the connections. And the skills and aptitudes you learn in IC courses will make the difference when you're on the job market, so give them proper time and attention

DR. HEATHER MILLIKEN MERCER

*Assistant Professor
Department of Biological
and Environmental Sciences*



Dr. Milliken Mercer supports student learning and scientific discovery through innovative teaching and research in the life and environmental sciences. She holds her PhD in Cell and Molecular Genetics.

Advice to new students:
“Don't worry if you don't know exactly what degree to pursue. If you know the general area, that's extremely helpful, but you don't have to have it all figured out the first day you step on campus!”

AMANDA ARMENI, CPA, MSA

*Associate Professor
Accounting*

Professor Armeni prepares students for success in accounting and business through teaching, mentorship, and applied learning experiences. She holds her Master of Science in Accountancy from The University of Notre Dame.

Advice to new students: “Utilize your resources! Faculty, staff and current students are available and WANT to help incoming students and families. Guidance is available for classes and academic support, financial aid questions, campus involvement and residence life, and every other aspect of the college experience.

Fun fact: “My senior year at the University of Mount Union, I went skydiving with a group of friends at Canton Air Sports!”



CHRISTINE KEELE, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM

*Undergraduate Director &
Clinical Assistant Professor
Nursing*

Professor Keele brings over 20 years of nursing experience, demonstrating a strong commitment to clinical excellence, student success, and the advancement of nursing education.

Advice to new students: “Utilize your resources! When you don’t understand material or need additional help, reach out to the faculty and the Center for Student Success. We don’t know you’re struggling if you don’t tell us!”



DR. AARON HOWELL

*Associate Professor
Sociology & Criminal Justice
Chair, Dept. of Social Sciences*



Dr. Howell's passion is teaching sociology and criminal justice, helping students develop critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of society, crime, and social justice. He holds his Doctorate in Sociology from the University of Cincinnati.

DR. JIM KADLECEK

*Director & Associate Professor
Sports Business*



Dr. Kadlecek is dedicated to preparing the next generation of sports industry leaders through innovative education, industry partnerships, and real-world experiences. He was a professor at UMU for 24 years before becoming Director of the Sports Business program! He also holds his doctorate in Sport Administration from the University of Northern Colorado.