

Alumni College Bios:

Mingming Pan

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics University of Nebraska – Lincoln, May 2011

M.A. in Economics University of Nebraska – Lincoln, May 2005

B.S. in International Economics Nankai University, China, July 2001

Specialization areas: international economics, applied econometrics, and development economics.

Research interests: foreign direct investment (FDI), trade, regional integration, and economic growth in developing nations.

Dan E. Krane is a Professor in the Department of Biological where he has been a faculty member since 1993 He graduated with a Bachelor's degree for a double major in Biology and Chemistry from John Carroll University and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the Cell and Molecular Biology Department at the Pennsylvania State University in 1990. He has also done post-doctoral studies in the Genetics Department of the Washington University's Medical School and in the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University.

He has published over fifty peer-reviewed papers in the areas of population genetics and molecular evolution and is the lead author of the bestselling undergraduate textbook in the field of bioinformatics ("Fundamental Concepts in Bioinformatics"). His research group has developed techniques that allow quick and precise measurement of the amount of genetic diversity that populations harbor at the molecular level. Many of his publications are directly related to forensic DNA testing, particularly in the areas of using DNA profiles to generate investigative leads (i.e. familial searching) and increasing the objectivity and sensitivity of current DNA typing methodologies. He has testified in more than 100 criminal cases (in more than 23 different states as well as in Australia, in Belfast Crown Court, in Oxford Crown Court and in the Central Criminal Court of London – also known as the "Old Bailey") since 1991 as an expert for both the prosecution and defense in the areas of population genetics, molecular biology and bioinformatics.

Krane is also the president and a co-founder of Forensic Bioinformatic Services, Inc. where he has overseen the development and implementation of software designed to automatically and objectively review STR DNA testing results. Two different governors of the Commonwealth of Virginia have appointed him to Virginia's Scientific Advisory Committee – a blue-ribbon panel of 12 experts that oversees the policies and practices of Virginia's full-service Department of Forensic Science. In that capacity he has chaired the Virginia's subcommittees on familial searching and Y-STR validation and testing protocols.

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Brief Bio

Dr. Keferl graduated from WSU earning his B.S. in Rehabilitation Services in 1993, and two Masters degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling in 1994 and 1995. He earned his Doctorate of Rehabilitation at Southern Illinois University in 2001. Prior to returning to WSU, Dr. Keferl was a full time instructor teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at Southern Illinois University, and was a graduate faculty member at California State University, Fresno.

Dr. Joseph E. Keferl is Professor and Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. He joined the WSU faculty in 2001, earned promotion to Associate Professor with tenure in 2007, to Professor and Associate Dean in 2012, and Dean in 2016. Dr. Keferl's expertise includes working with people with mental illness, brain injury, developmental disabilities, and co-existing substance abuse and disability. He was an accreditation surveyor for CARF International from 1998-2015. He has published numerous articles and book chapters and presents at professional symposia around the country on a variety of professional and clinical topics.

His commitment to service has included serving on the Mental Health and Recovery Board for Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties since 2002 (Chair of AOD and MH subcommittees, Full board Chair), President of the Ohio Rehabilitation Counseling Association, two-time President of the Ohio Rehabilitation Association, the National Rehabilitation Association Great Lakes Region Representative, President of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, President of the American Rehabilitation Association, Chair of the State University Education Deans, SUED rep to the P-16 Collaborative, and is a member of the conference planning committee for OCTEO. He has been a Board member and the Legislative Representative for the National Association of Service Providers in Private Rehabilitation, and was the NRCA Delegate to the American Counseling Association. He was awarded the Presidential Citation and bestowed the rank of Fellow from the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, and awarded the Governmental Affairs and Public Service Award from the Ohio Rehabilitation Association, the Excellence in Leadership award from the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, the Rehabilitation Educator of the Year award from the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, received the CEHS Excellence in Service and Outstanding Faculty Member awards, and was named the 2012 WSU Advisor of the Year, and the 2015 Wright State University Outstanding Graduate Alumni.

Kirby Underwood earned his B.S. in chemistry from Wilmington College of Ohio in 2004, and his M.S. in chemistry from Wright State University in 2006. During his time as a student at WSU, Mr. Underwood studied organic synthesis with Dr. William Feld.

In 2006, Mr. Underwood transitioned from student to full time employee with the University by taking the position of laboratory manager for the chemistry department.

As a laboratory manager, Mr. Underwood has made his primary focus the safety of Wright State University students in the general chemistry teaching laboratories. He maintains a Chemical Hygiene Officer certification and utilizes his specialties to train and guide students in safe lab practices.

One of the pivotal dimensions to Mr. Underwood's contribution to the University is the role he plays in supporting the "Chemical Demonstrations Shows" that professors emeriti Dr. John Fortman and Dr. Rubin Battino have been performing for the public for more than 40 years. Over the past 11 years, Mr. Underwood has evolved from supporting the shows behind the scenes to coming into his own as an experienced and entertaining demonstrator.

Jim Sayer

Professor Emeritus of Communication

A.A., 1966, Cochise College

B.S.Ed., 1968, Northern Arizona University

M.A., 1969, University of Arizona

Ph.D., 1974, Bowling Green State University

WSU Professor, 1974-2010

Areas of Specialization

- Rhetoric
- Mass Media
- First Amendment

Chair, Communication Dept, 18 years

Dean, Lake Campus, three years

President of the University Faculty, seven terms across four decades, 1979-2007

Former President of the Wright State Retirees' Association

Chris Wydman is the University Archivist and Records Manager in the Department of Special Collections & Archives at Wright State University. Chris has worked in the department since 2005, where he leads the university records management program and is charged with the management of the university's historical archives. Chris has extensive knowledge of WSU's history and has provided numerous programs, exhibits and lectures on different aspects of university and local history. Chris provided research support for two recent books on WSU history, developed extensive online historical collections, and currently serves as chair of the history committee for the 50th anniversary. Chris also serves as a faculty adjunct in the Department of History where he teaches several courses for the Public History M.A. program, including Introduction to Archives and Manuscripts, Information Management, and Public History Field Study. Chris received his B.A. from Wright State in 1995, and his M.A. in 1997.

Jeffrey Alan John, Ph.D., taught journalism for 29 years in the WSU Department of Communication, and for 25 years beginning in 1985 he served as Faculty Mentor for *The Guardian*. He retired from WSU in June, 2015. Dr. John is a former newspaper reporter, magazine editor and public relations writer, and he continues to write on a freelance basis. From Ohio University he earned the Ph.D. in Mass Communication and Master's degree in Visual Communication, with minors in Film Studies, and from Bowling Green State University he earned a B.S. in journalism. A Dayton-area native, he and his wife, Karin Avila-John, live in Dayton's Oregon Historic District.