

Belmont University **Psychology Department**

PsychSource #7

The Psychology Faculty at Belmont

Each full time psychology faculty member has training in specialized areas of psychology. A number of part time adjunct faculty members also teach courses each semester. A common theme in the faculty's graduate school training was the importance of using the scientific methods in studying human behavior. Described below are some of the interests and activities of each full time faculty member and our regular adjuncts. Faculty lead busy lives, but they are always accessible if you have questions.

Dr. William N. Bailey, Ph.D.

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Professor of Psychology

Dr. William Bailey received his Ph.D. in General Experimental Psychology in 1982 from the University of Mississippi. After serving on the psychology faculty at Mississippi College from 1976 to 1986, he joined the Belmont psychology program. His main areas of interest in psychology are theories of human and animal learning and conditioning, memory, biopsychology, and research design. He maintains a small animal laboratory for teaching and research purposes. When he is not teaching courses or advising students, he enjoys hiking and fishing and he is active in local Boy Scout and Cub Scout activities. He has two sons.

Dr. Bruce T. "Woody" Caine, Ph.D.

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Adjunct Instructor of Psychology

Dr. Woody Caine received his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of William and Mary in 1966 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He served 26 years on active duty in various command and staff positions around the world specializing in personnel, training, operations, and strategic planning, and completed every level of professional military education including the US Army War College. Along the way, he attended the University of Florida, earning his Masters and Doctorate degrees in Social and Organizational Psychology in the mid-1970's prior to his assignment to the United States Military Academy at West Point in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. In 1979, he was designated as the Academy's outstanding instructor. Dr. Caine has taught at 8 different colleges and universities, most recently serving for 13 years as a Professor of the Practice and Director of the Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness Program at Vanderbilt University. Woody began teaching as an adjunct for Belmont University Psychology Department in 1989. His courses include social psychology, life span development, industrial/organizational psychology, and group dynamics.

He is an active Boy Scout leader, a member of Rotary International, and a regular platelets donor. His hobbies include strength training, cycling, swimming, reading, building miniatures, and helping raise his four grandchildren.

Dr. Norma Baker Gabhart, Ph.D.

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Professor Emerita of Psychology

Dr. Norma Baker Gabhart joined the Belmont faculty in 1966, after completing her PhD in Social psychology at George Peabody College. Although Dr. Baker Gabhart retired from full-time teaching in 1994, she continues to serve in an important adjunct role for the program. Dr. Baker Gabhart's teaching areas include Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Aging, Death and Dying. She has supervised student research projects in the areas of death anxiety, attitude change, and attitudes toward the elderly. When not at Belmont, Dr. Baker Gabhart may be found watching an Atlanta Braves baseball game on TV, leading a seminar on the grief process, or helping with church ministry to the homeless or the elderly.

Dr. Peter J. Giordano, Ph.D.

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Professor of Psychology

Department Chair

Dr. Peter Giordano joined the Psychology Department in 1989. he received his BA, MA, and PhD(Clinical Psychology) degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and he is a licensed Clinical psychologist in the state of Tennessee. He teaches Abnormal Psychology, Theories of Personality, Psychometrics, and General Psychology. His favorite activity around the department is to help students with individual or group research projects. Currently, he is National President of Psi Chi and Editor of the Methods and Techniques section of the journal of Teaching of psychology. He is the husband of Jan and the father of Nicholas and Michael. His weekends are typically busy with boys' soccer tournaments, watching a much North Carolina basketball as possible, and other family activities.

Dr. Linda Jones, Ph.D.

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Assistant Professor of psychology

Dr. Linda D. Jones joined the faculty on a fulltime basis in the fall of 2000 after serving as an adjunct at Belmont for several years. She earned her Ph.D. at Kent State University in 1989 and has served in teaching and research positions at Vanderbilt University's Kennedy Center prior to coming to Belmont. Her areas of interest are chronic illness in minority populations, sickle cell disease and health psychology. She describes herself as a "bookaholic" and loves to travel. She and her husband are proud parents of daughter EmmaJulia and son Christopher Jones, Jr.

Dr. Michael C. Loftin, Ph.D.

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Adjunct Instructor

Dr. Michael Loftin earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Georgia,

graduating in 2001 with a specialization in behavioral medicine. He has a B.S. in psychology from Belmont. His research and clinical interests include the areas of: chronic pain, medication compliance, and alcohol-related aggression. He currently is employed as a clinical psychologist in Middle Tennessee, working primarily with geriatric patients, but enjoys teaching on a part-time basis at Belmont. He is a member of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, American Pain Society, and American Psychological association. Other interests include: art history, military history, and SEC sports. He and his wife Robin are parents to Libby Catherine Loftin who was born September 7, 2004.

Dr. Michael P. Sullivan, Ph.D.

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Assistant Professor of Psychology

Michael Sullivan completed his Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Notre Dame in 2000. He teaches courses in Social Psychology, Personality, Group Dynamics, and Research Methods. His research interests include: person perception, methodological issues in research, and the relationship between cultural icons and individuals' self concepts as well as any idea students are excited about pursuing. Away from school, he enjoys spending time with his wife and dog, playing basketball, grudgingly doing home improvements, and studying martial arts. He is the proud father of a son Cooper Gesell Sullivan, born August 22, 2002 and a daughter Christine Gesell Sullivan born May 3, 2006.

Dr. Lonnie Yandell, Ph.D.

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Professor of Psychology

Dr. Lonnie Yandell received his Ph.D. in developmental psychology (with a secondary focus in cognition) in 1982 from Texas Tech University, and he joined Belmont's faculty in 1985. His teaching responsibilities include Cognitive Psychology, Perception, and Research Methods II. He stays busy working with students on their research and developing computer and web based teaching techniques. He is the proud father of two daughters and, when he is not busy with his work at Belmont, he enjoys camping, canoeing, and woodworking.