

**Approved Sabbatical Leaves
2017-2018 Academic Year**

First Name	Last Name	Department	Semester	Title
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences				
Brett	Colley	Art & Design Department	Winter 2018	Envisioning Freedom: Hand-printed Posters Celebrating Struggles for Social Justice
Dellas	Henke	Art & Design Department	Fall 2017	In the Penal Colony by Franz Kafka, Artist's book. New translation by Breon Mitchell, engravings by Dellas Henke and letterpress work by Chad Pastotnik at Deep Wood Press
Hoon	Lee	Art & Design Department	Winter 2018	IDENTIFIED CRAFT: Human & Animal Project
Gary	Greer	Biology Department	Fall 2017	A Tail of Two (Ecological) Studies: Data Analysis and Manuscript Development
Roderick	Morgan	Biology Department	Winter 2018	Examining the antibacterial activity of fungal-extracts isolated from Lake Michigan Sediment
David	Linn	Biomedical Sciences Department	Winter 2018	Exploration of the role of retinal glial cells in the neuroprotective effect of selective nicotinic ACh agonists in the treatment of glaucoma
Carmen	Nochera	Biomedical Sciences Department	Winter 2018	Development of a Pasta Product from a Micronesian Variety of Breadfruit
Eric	Ramsson	Biomedical Sciences Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Investigating the misfolding of prion and prion-like proteins to better elucidate causal factors of mad cow disease and Parkinson's disease.
Dalila	Kovacs	Chemistry Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Mechanistic toxicology, cheminformatics, and theoretical chemistry as tools to advance green chemistry education
Andrew	Lantz	Chemistry Department	Winter 2018	Development and Evaluation of Organic Flow Cell Electrolytes
Thomas	Pentecost	Chemistry Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Swimming in big data: A psychometric adventure at the American Chemical Society Examinations Institute

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Peter	Anderson	Classics Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Musonius Rufus and Seneca: Two Studies in Philosophical Living
Roger	Ellis	School of Communications	Fall 2017	Emerging Strategies for Community Engagement at International Theatre Festivals
Karen	Libman	School of Communications	Winter 2018	Solo Performance Development- "The Embarrassed Monolingualist"
Allison	Metz	School of Communications	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	ReACT!: Applied Theatre for Social Investment
Timothy	Penning	School of Communications	Fall 2017	The Public Relations of American Presidents: The Expansion Era
Toni	Perrine	School of Communications	Fall 2017	Once Upon a Time in Anatolia: Landscape, Temporal Duration and Identity in Contemporary Turkish Cinema
Robert	Swieringa	School of Communications	Fall 2017	The Good, the Bad and the Broken: Knowing and valuing "solved" and "broken" games
David	Alvarez	English Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	A Burning Desire for Trans-Border Mobility: Clandestine Migration across the Western Mediterranean in Literature, Photography, and Installation Art
Corinna	McLeod	English Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Theory and Practice: An interconnected series of three research projects on nationalism in literature, and one project on the teaching of literature
Robert	Rozema	English Department	Fall 2017	Seeing the Spectrum: Teaching Students with Autism in the English Language Arts
James	Penn	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Fall 2017	Writing two manuscripts for publication and completing one research project
Wanxiao	Sun	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Winter 2018	Writing two chapters of a book titled Fundamentals of Information Extraction in Environmental Remote Sensing
Gang	Xu	Geography & Sustainable Planning Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Writing two manuscripts for publication and completing one research project

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John	Weber	Geology Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Exploring Surface-to-Deep Process Links in Earth's Mountains: A Focused Study/Writing Sabbatical
William	Morison	History Department	Fall 2017	Kritias: Philosopher to Tyrant
Scott	Stabler	History Department	Winter 2018	Between Two Places: General Oliver Otis Howard and Postbellum Policy in the South and West
David	Austin	Mathematics Department	Fall 2017	An open-source textbook for a first course in linear algebra
Jonathan	Hodge	Mathematics Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Mathematical Analysis of Referendum Elections and Separable Preferences
Robert	Talbert	Mathematics Department	Fall 2017	Scholar-in-residence program in the scholarship of teaching and learning at Steelcase Education
Pamela	Wells	Mathematics Department	Winter 2018	Job-Embedded Professional Development for K-5 Teachers to Enhance Teacher and Student Learning
Majd	Al-Mallah	Modern Languages & Literatures Department	Winter 2018	Women's Poetry in al-Andalus: The Politics of Gender in the Poetics of Walladah bint al-Mustakfi and Hafsa bint al-Hajj
David	Eick	Modern Languages & Literatures Department	Winter 2018	Dictionary Wars: The Struggle for Language from the Birth of the Enlightenment to the French Revolution
Janel	Guikema	Modern Languages & Literatures Department	Winter 2018	Reacting to the Past Pedagogy in the Foreign Language Classroom
Keith	Watts	Modern Languages & Literatures Department	Winter 2018	Spanish Retention or Shift to English in West Michigan?
John	Kilbourne	Movement Science Department	Winter 2018	Using Traditional Arctic Games to Promote Peace and Sustainability in the North
Mark	Williams	Music & Dance Department	Fall 2017	Preserving the Creative Legacy of Curtis Olson
John	Uglietta	Philosophy Department	Fall 2017	An Analytic Exploration of the Concept of Meaning in Life

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Maja	Krcmar	Physics Department	Winter 2018	Quantum-mechanical study of structures, structural instabilities, transformation pathways and stacking fault structures in nickel-titanium shape memory alloys
Ross	Reynolds	Physics Department	Winter 2018	Structural Studies of a Wnt Signaling regulation Complex using X-ray Diffraction and Cryo-Electron Microscopy Techniques
Harold	Schnyers	Physics Department	Winter 2018	High Efficiency Direct Heat to Electricity Conversion as a Sustainable Energy Solution
Richard	Vallery	Physics Department	Fall 2017	Resolving Outstanding Issues of Using PALS in Highly Porous Materials
Paul	Cornish	Political Science Department	Winter 2018	Maritain and King Personalism and the Democratic State
Jing	Chen	Psychology Department	Fall 2017	Understanding of Maternal Mind-Mindedness and Parental Stress in Community-Based Samples
Tara	Cornelius-Reece	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Longitudinal predictors of dating violence among college students
Kristy	Dean	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Social exclusion, attachment style, and perceptions of physical safety
Gwenden	Dueker	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Exploring the ontogeny of child maltreatment behaviors using an adverse childhood experiences (ACES) framework
Mario	Fific	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Application of the Bayesian methods to statistical analysis, hypothesis testing and modelling individual differences in decision making tasks; Are two heads better than one? The dynamic process of collective decision-making
Donna	Henderson-King	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Gendered Body Norms, Attitudes, and Behaviors
Eaaron	Henderson-King	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Revising the Acceptance of Cosmetic Surgery Scale
Ernest	Park	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	Exploring group influences on event segmentation

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Mary	Russa	Psychology Department	Winter 2018	High Risk Parenting: Characteristics of those Evaluated for Capacity to Parent and Prediction of Termination of Parental Rights One Year Later
Hermann	Kurthen	Sociology Department	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Transatlantic Foreign Policy Perceptions: Findings from Interviews with Decision Makers and Other Experts in Washington, D.C. and Berlin, Germany
Laura	Kapitula	Statistics Department	Winter 2018	Influence Diagnostics for Teacher Effect Estimates from Value-Added Models
Amorak	Huey	Writing Department	Winter 2018	What Is Passed On: A Novel
Oindrila	Mukherjee	Writing Department	Winter 2018	Hiraeth: A Novel

Seidman College of Business

Paul	Sicilian	Economics Department	Fall 2017	Trends in the Marriage Earnings Differential for Men and Women: Causes and Consequences
Andrew	Hinsch	Marketing Department	Fall 2017	Understanding pro-social consumer views of corporate social responsibility

College of Community and Public Service

Davia	Downey	School of Public, Nonprofit & Health Administration	Fall 2017	Disaster Recovery in Black and White: New Orleans 10 Years Later
Shelley	Schuurman	School of Social Work	Winter 2018	Faculty Driven Analysis of Academic Community-based Learning Coursework: Listening for the Impact of Mindful Practice and Evidence of Transformative Learning

Padnos College of Engineering and Computing

Zachary	Kurmas	School of Computing and Information Systems	Fall 2017 and Winter 2018	Applying "Real", "Big Company" Experience to CIS 371
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Yonglei	Tao	School of Computing and Information Systems	Winter 2018	Investigation and Development of Reusable Architectural Support for Adaptive User Interfaces
Lindsay	Corneal	School of Engineering	Winter 2018	Development of a Learning Skills Seminar Series for First Year Engineering Students to Improve Retention
Shabbir	Coudhuri	School of Engineering	Fall 2017	Constrained Optimization using Novel Coding Methods in Genetic Algorithms
Lihong	Jiao	School of Engineering	Fall 2017	Application of Graphene in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs) to Enhance the Photovoltaic Performance
Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies				
Jeremiah	Cataldo	Honors College	Fall 2017	A Sociopolitical History of Monotheism: From Judah to the Byzantine Empire
University Libraries				
Kim	Ranger	University Libraries	Fall 2017	Applications of Informed Learning: Library Pedagogy as a Bridge to the Disciplines