Dr. Maureen Ambrose  
Gordon J. Barnett Professor of Business Ethics, Pegasus Professor  
Management  
College of Business Administration  

Dr. Ambrose's research is primarily on fairness in the workplace. Her published work has examined employee's constructive and destructive reactions to abusive supervisors and the influence of group perception of abusive behavior. Recognized as a leader in the field, her research has been cited over 10,000 times. She's also a fellow of the Academy of Management, of which fewer than 1 percent of the 20,000 members are fellows.

Dr. Sarah Barber  
Associate Professor  
Anthropology  
College of Sciences  

Dr. Barber is an archaeologist specializing in the ancient civilizations of Mexico and northern Central America. She uses many different techniques to understand how early urban societies developed and why they did or didn't endure overtime. She has published in the no. 1 journal in archeology and the no. 2 journal in anthropology, including two book chapters co-authored in Spanish with international scholars.

Dr. Jason Ford  
Associate Professor  
Sociology  
College of Sciences  

Dr. Ford researches substance abuse among adolescents and young adults. He is the chair of the Drinking and Drugs Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, one of the largest professional societies for his field in the country. He is one of the most widely published and cited sociologists in the study of prescription drug misuse. Since 2009, he's published 25 peer-reviewed articles with 19 students, both undergraduate and graduate.

Dr. Andre Gesquiere  
Associate Professor  
Chemistry, Nanoscience Technology Center  
College of Sciences  

Dr. Gesquiere is a physical chemist in the field of spectroscopy. He's written 32 papers while at UCF, has over 3,000 citations and has been awarded one patent with another one filed. His research has led to new discoveries in his field, including the development of nanomaterials for biomedical applications.
Dr. William Hanney  
Associate Professor  
Kinesiology and Physical Therapy  
College of Health Professions and Sciences

Dr. Hanney’s research aims to improve the accuracy of physical examinations and advance treatment approaches for spinal disorders. In his time at UCF, he’s authored over 65 peer-reviewed manuscripts that have been published in national and international journals. He’s also received a Research Incentive Award and an Excellence in Research Award.

Dr. Carlton Keith Harrison  
Associate Professor  
Sport Business Management  
College of Business Administration

Dr. Harrison’s research examines the identities in various organizational cultures, such as college athletes or fans, in the business of sport. He has published 18 peer-reviewed articles since achieving tenure – six of them published in premier journals for his field. He’s been invited all over the world to present his research.

Dr. Naim Kapucu  
Professor and Director  
School of Public Administration  
College of Community Innovation and Education

Dr. Kapucu’s main research interests are how governments make decisions in complex environments, such as a natural disaster. He’s written over 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, seven books on emergency management and homeland security and 22 book chapters. He’s also given over 100 presentations at national and international conferences.

Dr. Waldemar Karwowski  
Pegasus Professor and Chair  
Industrial Engineering and Management Systems  
College of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Karwowski has edited or authored over 500 scientific publications on human systems integration, human performance and human-computer interaction - among others. He has over 9,100 citations and has been a plenary and keynote speaker at major international conferences, seminars and training programs. Companies that have benefited from his work included Toyota, General Motors and IBM.

Dr. Alla Kourova  
Associate Professor  
Modern Languages and Literatures  
College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Kourova is an associate professor of TESOL and Russian. She focuses on cross-cultural projects and international exchange, as she teaches Russian as a foreign language. She is the only critical language faculty member in the Department of Modern Languages and Literature. Her efforts in critical language acquisition and intercultural communication has brought national and international recognition to UCF, while also helping create a more diverse and inclusive campus.
Dr. Gary Leavens  
Professor and Chair  
Computer Science  
College of Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Leavens’ research is in software engineering. Dr. Leavens applies mathematics to the behavior of a computer program and uses math to model the best set of possible behaviors. His work with Java Modeling Language has an international impact, winning him grants from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Vicki Loerzel  
Associate Professor  
Beat M. and Jill L. Kahli Endowed Professor in Oncology Nursing Nursing Practice  
College of Nursing

Dr. Loerzel’s research focuses on older adults with cancer and developing technology-based interventions to assist them in self-managing the effects of cancer better at home. Her work has been nationally and internationally recognized by the American Nurses Foundation and National Institute of Nursing Research.

Dr. Ty Matejowsky  
Associate Professor  
Anthropology  
College of Sciences

Dr. Matejowsky is a cultural anthropologist who studies the Philippines, looking at food and foodways, including the globalization of fast food and the western food practices in other contexts. For 25 years, he’s participated in fieldwork in a coastal Philippine urban center. He’s also studied effects of natural disasters firsthand. His peer-reviewed articles have won him a major scholarly award, and has led to invites to speaking engagements for policymakers and people from other academic fields.

Dr. Rudy McDaniel  
Professor and Director  
School of Visual Arts and Design  
College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. McDaniel’s research explores how to use narrative, video games and technology to motivate learning – while also promoting social good. In his 17 years at UCF, he has published more than 60 peer-reviewed articles, papers and book chapters while also presenting at more than 100 conferences. He’s also earned significant funding for his college and his field, which has also helped to fund student research.

Dr. Florin Mihai  
Professor  
Modern Languages and Literatures  
College of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Mihai is a professor of TESOL. His research is centered on improving the quality of professional preparation for teachers who work with English Learners – or people who are learning English as a second language. His work has earned him national recognition and two multi-million dollar grants to impact programs for 100 bilingual teachers and their classrooms.
Dr. Joanna Mishtal
Associate Professor
Anthropology
College of Sciences
Dr. Mishtal is a cultural anthropologist who researches gender politics, specifically reproductive health and policies in Poland, Ireland the European Union. Her book “The Politics of Morality: The Church, the State and Reproductive Rights in Post socialist Poland” won the prestigious Adele E. Clark Book Award and has received national-level recognition. Her expertise has been requested in Europe, resulting in collaborations with scholars and universities in the UK and Spain.

Dr. Saleh Naser
Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of Graduate Affairs
Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences
College of Medicine
Dr. Saleh Naser’s research centers on the role of genetic mutations and key genes in autoimmune diseases — specifically Chron’s disease, which has won his UCF lab international clinical trials with participants from as far away as Australia. One of his 2018 research articles received global news coverage. He is one of the most cited researchers in the area of Chron’s disease.

Dr. Alice Noblin
Associate Professor
Health Management and Informatics
College of Community Innovation and Education
Dr. Noblin researches how technology can improve patient outcomes. She’s been recognized by the American Health Information Management Association with the Triumph Award for Research, for her outstanding contribution to applied health information management research. She also looks at clinician perspectives of electronic health records.

Dr. Maria Cristina Santana
Associate Professor
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Arts and Humanities
Dr. Santana’s primary area of research is women’s and girls’ studies and leadership. She’s received over $70,000 in grants in the past six years. She also holds the position as a gender and LGBTQ specialist for the National Science Foundation on gender issues. Her research and field work with underrepresented communities helped her conduct research at the international level in Russia with Fulbright Hays last summer.

Sybil St. Claire
Associate Lecturer
School of Performing Arts
College of Arts and Humanities
Ms. St. Claire created the Master of Fine Arts in Theater for Young Audiences at UCF – one of only six in the nation. She also founded one of the nation’s first queer youth theaters and created courses such as Theatre for Social Change and Creative Processes. She has been honored by Congress as a “driving force in youth theatre".
Dr. Kimberly Voss
Associate Professor
Nicholson School of Communication and Media
College of Sciences

Dr. Voss tells the stories of important but forgotten women in journalism history. She has published four books and several articles in top peer-reviewed journalism history journals. She’s also contributed to encyclopedia entries about women journalists. Her 2014 book, “The Food Section: Newspaper Women and the Culinary Community” won her the Award for Service to Food Journalism from the Association of Food Journalists, and notable coverage in the media.

Dr. John Walker
Associate Professor
Anthropology
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Dr. Walker is an anthropological archaeologist specializing in the landscape archaeology of the Amazon Basin. His research concerns the long-term history of human modification of the Amazon, including construction, cultivation of plants and use of fire. He’s published peer-reviewed books and articles in high-impact scientific journals that have gained him international recognition from scholars in Latin America and Europe.

Dr. Scott Waring
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Dr. Waring has won the Award for Excellence in Research, in Graduate Teaching and Undergraduate Teaching among others. He has over 100 conference and workshop presentations and has written or co-written grants totaling over $3.6 million, including grants from the Library of Congress and three United States Department of Education Teaching American History grants. He also has multiple journal articles and book chapters published focusing on the teaching and learning of history and the utilization of technology in social science teaching.