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## Cover Page

Senate Nominating Committee nominees for the following committees:  
Vice Provost Search Committee, Dean of Lewis Honors College  
Summative Review Committee, Dean of Libraries Summative Review  
Committee, Dean of Social Work Summative Review Committee, and  
College of Design Dean Search Committee

1. **Purpose for submitting:** *Submitting for approval*
2. **Type of proposal:** *Other*
3. **Specific action being requested:** *New*
4. **Proposer:** *Joe Sottile*
5. **Affiliation of proposer:**
6. **Proposal submitted on behalf of another unit or organization**

6.a. **If "Yes," name of the submitting unit/organization:**

**7. Rationale for proposal:**

*The Senate Council requested the SNC to nominate individuals for the following committees: Vice Provost Search Committee, Dean of Lewis Honors College Summative Review Committee, Dean of Libraries Summative Review Committee, Dean of Social Work Summative Review Committee, and College of Design Dean Search Committee.*

**8. Does the proposal include a change to the Senate Rules?**

*Not applicable*

8.a. **If "Yes," what section of the Senate Rules?**

8.b. **If "Yes," what is the requested effective date?**

**9. If asking for feedback, how will the feedback be used?**

The Senate Nominating Committee has nominated the following six individuals to serve on the **Vice Provost Search Committee**.

**Mary John O’Hair, Ed.D. Professor, Department of Educational Leadership Studies, College of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. Mary John O’Hair is a professor of Educational Leadership Studies at the University of Kentucky. Dr. O’Hair served as dean of the UK College of Education (2009-2018). Prior to moving to Kentucky, she served as vice provost and K20 Center director at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. O’Hair began her career as a middle school teacher in Texas and New Mexico. She has a distinguished teaching and research record at four universities. Dr. O’Hair has led educational transformation initiatives internationally and across the United States. She served as principal investigator for grants totaling more than \$40 million designed to improve learning and leading in P-12 and higher education, including one U.S. patent for co-inventing an electronic game-based learning system. Dr. O’Hair was the founding editor of *Teacher Education Yearbook* and has served as co-editor and associate editor for multiple publications in communication and education disciplines. Currently, she serves as a series editor for Wiley Blackwell’s scholarly book series on *Communicating Science in Times of Crisis*. Dr. O’Hair has published numerous journal articles and books on topics including educational leadership, foundations of democratic education, risk and crisis communication, organizational learning, and engaged scholarship.

Research categories: Communication, Educational Leadership, Innovation, Learning

**Jennifer Hootman, Librarian II, University Libraries**

Ms. Hootman is the Coordinator of Digital Scholarship & Data and also serves as the History Librarian. She works across colleges to consult and provide leadership in developing digital scholarship and data programming and services. She provides consultations for digital projects, offers digital literacy workshops, and collaborates on digital projects with colleagues.

**Dr. Kaveh Tagavi, Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Pigman College of Engineering**

Kaveh Dr. Tagavi has held a wide range of appointments at the University of Kentucky, including in the following roles at various times: Academic Ombud (three times), Associate Dean, Assessment, College of Engineering, Senate Council Chair, and Director of Graduate Studies

**Karen Skaff, RDH, PhD, Professor, Department of Health and Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences**

Dr. Skaff has been a faculty member at UK for over 30 years, and has served on numerous committees during her time as a faculty member at UK. Dr. Skaff is also a former department chair in the College of Health Sciences. Her research interests include integrating oral health with primary care, innovative instructional strategies in ethics, and using standardized patient evaluations to improve program

**Chris Bollinger, Executive Director of the Kentucky Research Data Center, Gatton Endowed Professor and University Research Professor, Gatton College of Business and Economics**

Professor Bollinger’s research has focused on data quality issues and the impact of survey data quality on estimation of micro economic models. He has examined both measurement error and item non-response.

He has also served as the Associate Director of the U.K. Center for Poverty Research, Director of Graduate Studies for the Economics Department, and the Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research. He is currently the Director of the Kentucky Research Data Center, serves on the Kentucky Consensus Forecasting Group, and is on the board of the Kentucky Economics Association.

**Sharon (Shui-Yin) Yam, Associate Professor in Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, College of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. Sharon Yam is the winner of the Rhetoric Society of America Fellows' Early Career Award in 2021. Her monograph *Inconvenient Strangers: Transnational Subjects and the Politics of Citizenship* (The Ohio State University Press, Intersectional Rhetorics Series) draws attention to how intersecting networks of power—particularly race and ethnicity, gender, and social class—marginalize transnational subjects who find themselves outside a dominant citizenship that privileges familiarity and socioeconomic and racial superiority. This book is shortlisted for the 2019 Rhetoric Society of America Book Award, and is the winner of the 2021 CCCC Outstanding Book Award. She is co-editor of the *New Directions in Materiality and Rhetoric* series at the Ohio State University Press.

The Senate Nominating Committee has nominated the five individuals listed below to be considered for serving on the **Dean of Lewis Honors College Summative Review Committee**. (Nominees should be outside the college, but have an interest/familiarity in the work of the college.)

**Adrienne Dixon, Professor, Education Leadership Studies, Executive Director of the Education and Civil Rights Initiative, College of Education**

Dr. Dixon's research primarily focuses on how race, class, and gender intersect and impact educational equity in urban schooling contexts. Dr. Dixon is the recipient of multiple awards and honors for her research on Critical Race Theory (CRT). She was recognized in Rick Hess Straight Up Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings in 2021 and 2022 in the top 200 education scholars in the country. In 2021, Dr. Dixon was inducted as a Fellow in the American Educational Research Association.

**Julene Jones, Librarian I, University Libraries (has agreed to serve if asked)**

Julene Jones is the Director of Library Assessment and Organizational Effectiveness Librarian at UK Libraries. Her research areas are library assessment, particularly critical and ethical assessment, and supporting data-driven decisions as well as academic library mentoring. She earned an MS in Library and Information Science and an MA in Sociology, both from the University of Kentucky, and is a former UK Honors student.

**Douglass Kalika, Professor, Chemical Engineering, Pigman College of Engineering, Director of First-Year Engineering, member of the James and Gay Hardymon Center for Student Success**

Dr. Kalika has served as the Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School (1998-2001), Acting Dean of the Graduate School (2001-2003), Chair of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering (2009-2019). Doug's past and current positions give him a unique perspective and make him an excellent choice for this summative review committee.

**David Bradshaw, Professor Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. Bradshaw served as Chair, Department of Philosophy (2009-2013) and Acting Chair (2022-2023). His professional interests include ancient and medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, and historical interactions of philosophy and theology. He has authored/coauthored several books and is the winner of the Forkosch Prize from the *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 2004.

**Fazleena Badurdeen, Earl Parker Robinson Chair Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Pigman College of Engineering and Director of Graduate Studies, Manufacturing Systems Engineering (MFS) Program**

Dr. Badurdeen's research interests include sustainable manufacturing, lean manufacturing, modeling and analysis of manufacturing systems and supply chains, and sustainable product design

The Senate Nominating Committee has nominated the six individuals listed below to be considered for serving on the **Dean of Libraries Summative Review Committee**. (Nominees should be outside the college, but have an interest/familiarity in the work of the college.)

**Maria Cahill, Professor, School of Information Science, College of Communication and Information**

Maria Cahill holds a joint appointment in the Department of Educational Leadership Studies in the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. Her scholarship is balanced between education and library science with two research concentrations: one in the use of educational media to support literacy development and the other in library programming and services for children.

**Youngok Choi, Professor, School of Information Science, Director of Graduate Studies, Information Communication Technology, School of Information Science, Director, School of Information Science, School of Information Science, Director of Graduate Studies, Library Science, School of Information Science**

Dr. Choi's fingerprint in Scholars@UK lists her research topics as Librarians, Academic Libraries, Libraries, Archives, and Digital Libraries.

**Gerald Smith, Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, History Department**

Dr. Smith uses UK Libraries resources heavily, particularly those in the Special Collections Research Center. He has served on many different boards and committees, including the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission (former Chair), the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation Board, and the Mary Todd Lincoln House Board of Directors.

**David Brennen, Frost, Brown & Todd Professor of Law, Rosenberg College of Law**

David A. Brennen served as dean of the University of Kentucky College of Law from 2009 - 2020. He joined UK in 2009 from the University of Georgia School of Law where he was a professor since 2006 and from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) where he served a two-year term as deputy director. Along with more than 20 years of experience in the classroom, Brennen is regarded as an innovator in the field of nonprofit law as it relates to taxation. He is a co-founder and co-editor of Nonprofit Law Prof Blog, founding editor of Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law Abstracts, co-founder of the AALS Section on Nonprofit and Philanthropy Law and a co-author of one of the first law school casebooks on taxation of nonprofit organizations.

**Dr. Derrick White, Professor, History and African American and Africana Studies, College of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. White was born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky, and earned the Ph.D. in History from The Ohio State University. He uses the lens of black organizational life to examine modern Black history, sports history, and intellectual history. His most recent book, Blood, Sweat, and Tears chronicles the development of black college football in the twentieth century, and is among the first comprehensive histories of black college athletics. He has published articles in New Politics, The Journal of African American History, the C.L.R. James Journal, the Journal of African American Studies, and the Florida Historical Quarterly. He co-hosts "The Black Athlete Podcast" with Professor Louis Moore, Grand Valley State University.

**Jeff Clymer, Professor, English Department, College of Arts & Sciences**

Dr. Clymer's research interests lie in nineteenth and twentieth-century US literature, particularly literature's engagement with economic and legal issues. He works in the areas of critical finance studies, law and literature, and literature and economics. He is a frequent user of the libraries and regularly incorporates library instruction and resources into his courses, for example ENG 300, Text and Context.

The Senate Nominating Committee has nominated the five individuals listed below to be considered for serving on the **Dean of Social Work Summative Review Committee**. (Nominees should be outside the college, but have an interest/familiarity in the work of the college.)

**Michele Staton, Professor, Department of Behavioral Science, College of Medicine, and a Faculty Associate of the UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research**

Dr. Staton's research primarily focuses on "justice-involved individuals with substance abuse disorders in rural communities." Dr. Staton is currently a Faculty Associate for the UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research. Dr. Staton received her MSW from the College of Social Work in 1998, and her PhD from the College of Social Work in 2004.

**Debra Harley, Professor, Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counseling Education, College of Education**

Dr. Harley has worked as an employment counselor and a rehabilitation counselor in South Carolina. Dr. Harley received her doctoral degree in special education with concentrations in early childhood and in rehabilitation counseling and her areas of research focus include cultural diversity, gender issues, LGBTQ, substance abuse, and aging,

**Sherry Rostosky, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology, College of Education**

Dr. Rostosky is a senior faculty member in the College of Education, which has some overlapping concerns with the College of Social Work. She has conducted research on the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals, couples, and families since 1999. As part of her research program, she supervises a research team ([www.PrismResearch.org](http://www.PrismResearch.org)) of master's and doctoral students. She is the co-author of two books: *Happy Together: Thriving as a Same-Sex Couple in your Family, Workplace, and Community* (APA, 2015) and *A Positive View of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-being* (Rowman Littlefield, 2012).

**Christopher Pool, Professor, Department of Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. Pool's research interests are Archaeology, evolution of complex societies, colonialism, political economy, historical ecology, landscape and memory, ceramic analysis, technological choice; Mesoamerica.

Service: Department Chair (2007-11), Interim Department Chair (2015-16), and Director (2000-2002) and Co-Director (2010-11) of the Latin American Studies Program (now Latin America, Caribbean and Latino Studies). At UK, his service beyond the Department has included serving as Senator and chairing the University Senate Academic Facilities Committee (2017-2020), then serving on the Facilities Workstream for the COVID-19 response (2020-21), serving on the University Press of Kentucky Editorial Board (2015-present), the Provost's Area Committee for Social Sciences (alternate, 2020-present), the University Research Professorships Review Committee (2014, 2015) the A&S Dean's Search Committee (2020-2022), and, since 2021, the Arts and Sciences Executive Committee (Chair, fall 2022).

**Stephen Borgatti, Professor, Gatton Endowed Chair and University Research Professor, Department of Management, Gatton College of Business and Economics**

Dr. Borgatti studies social network analysis and is a member of the University of Kentucky LINKS Center for Research on Social Networks in Business research institute, which focuses on the study of social

networks in business settings. Dr. Borgatti is a Senior Editor at Organization Science, and an Associate Editor of the Journal of Supply Chain Management, as well as Computational and Mathematical Organizational Theory. He served as the chair of the Department of Management from 2019-2021, which offers programs in strategic human resource management (one of Dean Miller's initiatives is the Self-Care Lab, which investigates self-care among helping professionals).



The Senate Nominating Committee has nominated the following six individuals to serve on the **College of Design Dean Search Committee**.

**Kim Anderson, Professor, College of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering**

Dr. Kim Anderson is Gill Eminent Professor in Chemical and Materials Engineering and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Biomedical Engineering. Previously, Dr. Anderson was the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Engineering. Because of the overlap between the College of Design and the new Biomedical Engineering undergraduate program in their Senior Design courses, the committee suggests Dr. Anderson would be a good addition to the Dean Search Committee for the College of Design.

**Sarah Kercksmar, Associate Professor, College of Health Science, Department of Clinical Leadership and Management**

Dr. Sarah Kercksmar joined the College of Health Sciences in 2017. She serves as the Program Director and Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Clinical Leadership and Management program and the Certificate Director for the Clinical Healthcare Certificate program. Previously, she spent seven years as a faculty member in the College of Communication and Information at UK. She has also worked on funded health policy projects for the UK College of Nursing and as a grassroots organizer for the American Lung Association of West Virginia and the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free West Virginia. Dr. Kercksmar has a PhD from the University of Kentucky in Communication (with a cognate in Educational Policy and Evaluation) and an MA and BA from Marshall University in Communication Studies.

**Tracy Barber-Ward, Senior Lecturer, Department of Theatre and Dance, College of Fine Arts**

Tracy is an accomplished designer and costume technician who has worked for companies of every shape and size, including The Washington National Opera, The Shakespeare Theatre in DC, the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts in California, and Le Reve at Wynn Las Vegas, where she was a member of the installation team. Ultimately, she found a perfect professional match in the role of Costume Director, where she gets to blend her love of balanced budgets, labor management, and spreadsheets with the organic creativity of costuming. After becoming a mother in 2016, Tracy realized that parents, particularly women, were deeply underserved in the industry so in 2017 she began advocating for conditions that allow theatre artists to better balance family and professional responsibilities. She is also a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and works to end Indigenous Invisibility in the performing arts.

**Aaron Yelowitz, Ph.D., Professor, Economics, Joint Appointment, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration**

Dr. Yelowitz has taught graduate classes on public economics and health economics and undergraduate classes on health economics, labor economics, public economics, housing economics, and poverty and welfare programs. Dr. Yelowitz's research has been featured in print publications such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Forbes, MarketWatch, Investor's Business Daily, the National Review, the Daily Caller, the Washington Times, the New York Post, the New York Daily News, the Orange County Register, the Houston Chronicle, the Boston Globe, the Louisville Courier Journal, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times.

**Jaleesa Wells, Assistant Professor, Department of Arts Administration, College of Fine Arts**

Dr. Wells teaches courses on the arts and artists in society, sustainable leadership in the arts, and management and organization in the arts and culture sector. Dr. Wells taught in the areas of arts and festivals management and international cultural policy, as well as entrepreneurship, venture planning, and creativity and innovation at higher education institutions in Scotland and England. Dr. Wells' research focuses on the hybrid intersections between culture and enterprise, such as the emergence of social enterprise in the arts and culture sector, of which she was awarded the 'President's Award for Best Paper by an Early Career Researcher' at the 39th Annual Conference for the Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship in Paris, France. Concurrently, she conducts creative and collaborative scholarship that investigates the experiences of Black women in cultural institutions, as well as scholarship exploring the making, unmaking, and use of institutional data as a creative practice. She is currently working on an oral history project involving women in arts administration.

**Mariam Kienle, Associate Professor, School of Art and Visual Studies, College of Fine Arts**

Dr. Kienle specializes in modern, contemporary, and American art. Kienle's teaching and research interests include gender & sexuality, critical theory, new media, curatorial studies, and the digital humanities. Her current book project, *Queer Networks: Ray Johnson's Correspondence Art* (University of Minnesota Press, 2023), analyzes Johnson's role as an initiator of the international correspondence art movement through the lenses of network studies, queer theory, and histories of interpersonal communication.