



Kelly Andringa

Kelly works in the Division of Nephrology at University of Alabama at Birmingham, helping in the administration of the NIH-funded UAB-UCSD O'Brien Center for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) Research. Kelly also assists in the administration of an NIH-funded training program for postdoctoral scholars in kidney-related research at the Nephrology Research and Training Center. Kelly handles pre- and post-award management of these grants, financial management of the center, and assists the division director, junior faculty, and trainees with their academic research. Kelly also helps organize the pilot awards for the O'Brien Center. Kelly is the chair-elect for the UAB Council of Center Administrators, which facilitates utilization of university center services and cores to enhance research on campus. Kelly earned her Ph.D. in free radical and radiation biology at the University of Iowa in 2005. She received her B.S. in biochemistry from the UI in 1998.



Janice Byrd

Janice, from Branchville, South Carolina, is a doctoral candidate working in Counselor Education & Supervision. She has previous experience as a school counselor and career counselor. Nationally, she was named a Chi Sigma Iota Leadership Inter/Fellow and locally an Obermann Fellow. Recently, she received the College of Education Dean's Achievement Award, a Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship, and an honorable mention for the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development's Asa Hilliard Award. Janice consistently demonstrates leadership skills and engages in international, national, and local service via numerous committees, community activities, and civic engagement projects. Upon graduation, Janice plans to work as a counselor educator, training future counselors and continuing to advocate for historically marginalized populations through her research and service.



Jack Evans

Jack spent 24 years at Securities of Iowa and served as chief operating officer. He has been at The Hall-Perrine Foundation since 1996, and is currently president. Jack has previously served on the boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Alliant Energy, and Iowa Board of Regents. He currently serves on the boards of United Fire & Casualty, Nuveen Mutual Funds, and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Jack holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Coe College and MBA degree from the University of Iowa. Jack has been married 44 years. He has three sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandsons.



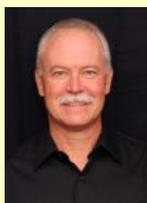
Bridget Draxler

Bridget is the Writing and Speaking Specialist at St. Olaf College, a residential liberal arts college in Northfield, Minnesota. At St. Olaf, she teaches writing courses and mentors peer writing and speaking tutors. Originally trained in eighteenth-century British literature, Bridget's current teaching and research focus on the digital humanities, public scholarship, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. She recently taught a semester-long advanced undergraduate research seminar on the public digital humanities and the future of the archive at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Her other honors include participating in a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar, "Jane Austen and her Contemporaries" and visiting Troms, Norway as part of the Fulbright Specialist Grant.



Johnathan Gajdos

Johnathan is an academic advisor in the Washington office of the Defense Language Institute (DLI) Foreign Language Center, holding the position of tenured assistant professor. He joined DLI in Monterey, California, where he most recently served as team leader for the German Program. In Monterey, he was active in faculty organizations, serving on the DLI-wide Academic Senate and as president of the European & Latin American School Faculty Advisory Council. In 2013, he received the DLI Civilian Instructor of the Year award from the Kiwanis Club of Monterey. In addition to being an experienced DLI instructor, Johnathan has taught at Monterey Peninsula College, the University of Iowa, and Technische Universität Dortmund (Germany). Johnathan has a Ph.D. and M.A. in German from the University of Iowa, an A.B. in German from Georgetown University, and a graduate certificate in public administration from the University of North Dakota. He has presented at national and international linguistics and foreign language education conferences. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, traveling, and spending time with his niece, Larissa.



Joseph Hale

Joseph is an innovator, educator, and leader within the medical device space, with expertise in new product and business development. His industry experience includes biomechanical test design, US/OUS regulatory support and market analysis. Joseph received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Boston University, an M.S. in bioengineering from Clemson University, and a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from the University of Iowa. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in rehabilitation engineering/wheelchair mobility at the University of Virginia, where he discovered his passion for innovation as well as teaching and mentoring students. In the years since, he has taught engineering programs and orthopaedic surgery residency training programs at the University of Virginia and the University of Minnesota. He also designed and currently directs the practicum for the University of Minnesota Technology Leadership Institute's master's degree program in medical innovation. He also is actively involved in his community as a member of the National Ski Patrol, a Captain/EMT with the Maplewood Fire Department, and a volunteer adult leader for the Boy Scouts of America.



**Janet
Jakobsen**

Janet is the Claire Tow Professor of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies at Barnard College, Columbia University. She served fifteen years as director of the Barnard Center for Research on Women (BCRW), and she has also served as dean for faculty diversity and development. As Director of BCRW, Professor Jakobsen founded the online journal, *Scholar & Feminist Online*, along with *New Feminist Solutions*—a series of activist research projects with community-based organizations, such as the New York Women's Foundation, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and *A Better Balance: Work and Family Legal Center*. She is the author of many books, including *Working Alliances* and *the Politics of Difference: Diversity and Feministic Ethics*, and co-editor of *Secularisms* (with Ann Pellegrini) and *Interventions: Academics and Activities Respond to Violence* (with Elizabeth Castelli). She has held fellowships from the American Association of University Women, the Center for the Humanities at Wesleyan University, and the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at Harvard Divinity School. She has taught as a visiting professor at Wesleyan University and Harvard University.



**Thomas
Jakobsen**

Thomas has served as Senior Partner at ClientFirst Consulting Group since 2007. A veteran IT professional with over 25 years of interdisciplinary industry experience, Thomas has managed hundreds of IT consulting projects for dozens of public and private agencies. His industry experience includes municipalities, counties, school districts, medical institutions, manufacturing facilities, financial institutions, and non-profit organizations. He is a speaker at information technology and municipal management conferences around the country. Thomas is an alum of the University of Iowa and longtime supporter of UI graduate education.



**Matthew
McNeill**

Matt works as a staff scientist in the bioinformatics group at Integrated DNA Technologies, located in Coralville, Iowa. He has a general interest in biology, new technology development, and the scientific process. Over his career, he has studied the development of neuromuscular junctions in fruit flies, the importance of an ion channel in the development of skin and brain, the biological underpinnings of social behavior, and the molecular mechanisms important for DNA hybridization. He has developed an interest in microscopy, genetics, genomics, animal behavior, and most recently, bioinformatics methods. He has implemented and developed novel methods and technologies, such as an approach to quantify changes in gene expression within 3-dimensional brain images; these technologies have furthered biological research. He has shared his interests through volunteer activities, such as Brain Awareness Day, volunteering at elementary schools, Iowa City Darwin Day, where he served on the board, and most recently, advising University of Iowa graduate students on career options in industry. Matt received his Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Iowa in 2009, and he worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Illinois.



Andre Perry

Andre lives in Iowa City, where he serves as the executive director of the Englert Theatre, a 104-year-old performing arts space in the heart of downtown. He also is the co-founder and director of the Mission Creek Festival, a week-long exploration of performance, literature, and community-focused events that inhabits established venues as well as non-traditional performance spaces in Iowa City. In 2015, he started the Englert-incubated project, *Witching Hour*. The event explores the unknown, discussed creative process, and presents new work across a range of disciplines, such as film, literature, science, and business innovation. Andre received his MFA from the Nonfiction Writing Program at the University of Iowa in 2008. He continues to write and publish in the field.



**Kristina
Rogers-Szuma**

Kristina, who lives in Boone, Iowa, is the Senior Field Analytics Manager at BASF, which creates chemistry for a sustainable future. At BASF, she works in the Plant Science Development Management team. She manages seasonal high-throughput laboratory analysis in collaboration with lab staff, regional field crews, and international research community. Kristina earned her Ph.D. in fungal natural products chemistry with Prof. James Gloer at the University of Iowa in 2011. While at the UI, she served as president of the Graduate Student Senate in 2009-2010. This position also included roles in the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students and the Graduate Council.