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MELISSA FAULKNER

Assistant Professor of English

Ph.D. in Composition and Rhetoric (ABD), Miami University (Ohio)

M.A. in Composition and Rhetoric, Wright State University

B.A. in English and Political Science, Wright State University

Melissa, who will be teaching composition and rhetoric classes at Cedarville, is currently completing her doctoral dissertation, "Re/Locating Students: Following the transition from two-year to four-year institutions." Melissa is particularly interested in literacy studies, research methods, working-class studies, and writing across the curriculum. Melissa comes to Cedarville with daughter Chelsea and son Brandon.



JEFF GATES

Information Services Librarian

Assistant Professor of Library Science

M.L.S., Kent State University

M.A. in Biblical Studies, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary

B.S. in Theology, Baptist Bible College

Jeff and his family come to Cedarville from Maxwell, Iowa. He and his wife, Charlotte, have four children: Caleb, 22; Amelia, 20; Anna, 16; and Micah, 10, all of whom have been homeschooled. Jeff is originally from Youngstown, Ohio.



MARK GATHANY

Assistant Professor of Biology

Ph.D. in Ecology (ABD), Colorado State University

M.S. in Environmental Studies, Ohio University

B.S. in General Science and Secondary Science Education, Grace College

Mark is passionate about promoting stewardship of God's creation. He desires to foster in others a deeper appreciation for the Creator and the creation and to emphasize our responsibility for "creation care." At Cedarville, Mark will bring this stewardship model to his classes in biology and ecology. When not working, Mark enjoys family time with wife, Christina, and son Noah (2).



SHAWN GRAVES

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

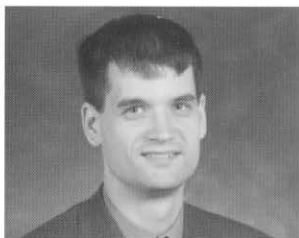
Ph.D. in Philosophy (ABD), University of Rochester

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Rochester

M.A. in Philosophy, Ohio University

B.A. in Philosophy and English, Cedarville University

Shawn Graves is returning to his alma mater while he completes his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Rochester, where he is working on a dissertation in epistemology (theory of knowledge and rational belief). Shawn and his wife, Marlana Proper Graves '01, are the proud parents of Iliana Milena, born on May 8, 2007.



AARON JAMES

Assistant Professor of Theology

Ph.D. in Theology (ABD), University of Dayton

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Oklahoma

M.A. in Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

B.A. in Religion, Oklahoma Baptist University

Aaron is originally from Oklahoma, but he has lived in Dayton for the past four years while working on his Ph.D. at the University of Dayton. Aaron will be teaching both general education Bible courses and occasional philosophy classes at Cedarville. Aaron and his wife, Jessica, have been married for five years.



CARRIE KEIB

Assistant Professor of Nursing

Ph.D. in Nursing, The Ohio State University (ABD)

M.S. in Adult Health Nurse Practitioner, The Ohio State University

B.S.N., Liberty University

Carrie is originally from Galion, Ohio, and she and her husband currently reside in Hilliard, Ohio. Carrie had led ladies' Bible studies and has ministered as coordinator for church ministry to shut-ins and those with chronic illnesses. She served on a medical mission trip to India during her undergraduate years at Liberty University.



YVONNE LUSK

Instructor of Nursing

M.S.N in Nursing Education (in progress), Indiana Wesleyan
B.S.N., University of Cincinnati

Yvonne has lived in the greater Dayton area all of her life. Her husband, Steve, and her are both graduates of Bellbrook High School. They have been married for twenty years and have four children: Joshua, 17; Sarah, 14; Benjamin, 12; and Jonathan, 8. Their children have been educated at home and in Christian schools.



RYAN PETERSON

Assistant Professor of Theology

Ph.D. in Systematic Theology (ABD), Wheaton College
M.Th., University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
M.A. in Christian Apologetics, Biola University
B.A. in Bible/Theology, Moody Bible Institute

Ryan will be teaching Christian Life and Thought and Christian Worldview Integration at Cedarville. He is primarily interested in theology and how it relates to philosophy and culture, and he is specifically drawn to theology of creation, theology of revelation, Christology, and apologetics. Ryan and his wife Christy come to Cedarville from Wheaton, Illinois, with their infant daughter, Mercy.



PRESTON SPRINKLE

Assistant Professor of Bible

Ph.D. in New Testament, University of Aberdeen (Scotland)

M.Div. in Old and New Testament Exegesis, The Master's Seminary

B.A. in Biblical Studies, The Master's College

Preston will be teaching Old Testament Literature and Christian Life and Thought. The classes tie in with his research interests in early Judaism and Pauline theology. Preston also enjoys research on literary approaches to the gospels, OT narrative literature, and the book of Ezekiel. Preston and his wife, Christine, now live in Springfield with their three daughters.



CARL SMITH

Professor of Bible

Ph.D. in History, Miami University (Ohio)

M.A. in History, Miami University (Ohio)

M.Div. in New Testament Studies, Temple Baptist Theological Seminary

B.A. in Biblical Studies, Tennessee Temple University

Carl comes to Cedarville from Palm Beach Atlantic University, where he served as both associate professor of history and religion and director of evening ministry programs. Carl is an eager student of early Christian history, Gnostic studies, and second-century literature. Carl and his wife, Debby, have five children (Jeremy, Erin, Peter, Jordan, and Jenny) and one granddaughter, Regan.