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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SERVICES

Angela Hancock	Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty As dean, Angela works with the faculty to develop the Seminary's curriculum and academic policies as well as program and course offerings. As vice president, she oversees the operations of the Academic Affairs and related offices as well as admissions and enrollment. Angela is a member of the senior leadership team.
Dan Frayer-Griggs	Assistant Professor of Biblical Exegesis and Director of the Center for Writing and Learning and Support Dan oversees the services and programming of the Seminary's Writing Center, offering support in theological writing and learning. Learn more about the Writing Center.
Ashley Johnson	Associate Director for Student Services Ashley nurtures students' vocational potential, and provides administrative support for formation activities and implementation of department communications.
Jennie Mangiapane	Housing Coordinator Jennie interacts with new and existing PTS and PCHE students regarding housing on campus and provides administrative and clerical support to the Student Formation Office.
Anne Malone	Registrar and Student Support Specialist Anne manages the functions of the Registrar's Office including the registration process for new and returning students, scheduling courses offered each semester, maintaining student academic records, processing transcript requests, and maintaining degree audits to certify students for graduation. Additionally, Anne provides curricular-related pastoral and vocational support as a member of the student services team.
Holly McKelvey	Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty and Faculty Holly assists in the day-to-day operations of the Dean of Faculty's Office.
Kendra Buckwalter Smith	Director of the Worship Program Kendra coordinates the Seminary's worship program, which equips students for Christian ministries as faithful, thoughtful, and hospitable worshipers and worship leaders. Learn more about the Worship Program.
Ayana Teter	Associate Dean for Students and Formation Ayana oversees all student support functions, including formation, vocation, placement, care teams, student organizations, and the Houses of Study. Additionally, she manages Seminary student housing. Ayana is a member of the senior leadership team.

ADMISSIONS

Tracy Riggle Young	Associate Dean of Enrollment Management Tracy's work includes assisting students in discerning their calls to ministry while also ensuring their ongoing success while at the Seminary. She is a member of the senior leadership team.
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Kara Hoffman	Admissions Counselor Kara serves prospective master's and certificate students to answer any questions related to the admissions process, schedule a campus visit, or to help applicants discern which program is right for them.
Ryan Jensema	Director of Financial Aid Ryan directs the financial aid program for students. This includes grants, scholarships, and loans. He also manages the Seminary's Graduate Assistantship Program.
Eric Nolin	Admissions Counselor Eric serves prospective doctor of ministry students to answer any questions related to the admissions process, schedule a campus visit, or to help applicants discern which cohort is right for them.

BARBOUR LIBRARY

Michelle Spomer	Director of Barbour Library Michelle oversees all aspects of the library. Learn more about the library.
Ashtyn Heckart	Library Assistant Ashtyn serves patrons at the Library Front Desk by managing library materials, providing basic information, and troubleshooting equipment.
Carrie Nelson	Electronic Resources Librarian Carrie manages electronic resources such as databases and ebooks, and maintains the library's online catalog.
Ray Pelling	Library Assistant Ray serves patrons at the Library Front Desk by managing library materials, providing basic information, and troubleshooting equipment.
Mark C. Russell	Research and Instruction Librarian Mark develops research and instruction programming that supports faculty research and student coursework and manages interlibrary loan services.
Anthony Tuell	Library Assistant Anthony serves patrons at the Library Front Desk by managing library materials, providing basic information, and troubleshooting equipment.
Darlene Veghts	Head of Technical Services Darlene oversees all aspects of technical services including cataloging, serials, and materials processing.
Tisha Woo	User Services Librarian Tisha manages circulation operations and develops programming, policies, and services that support user access to the library.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Tom Hinds	Vice President for Finance and Administration Tom oversees the financial and other administrative functions of the Seminary, including facilities, information technology, and food service. He is a member of the senior leadership team.
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Ruth Allen	Accountant/Payroll Ruth serves as an accountant and also handles the Seminary's payroll.
Eddie Brown	Accounts Payable/Student Accounts Accountant In this role, Eddie assists with the Seminary's accounts payables and handles student accounts.
Ellen Frisco	Assistant Controller Ellen manages the accounting and financial operations of the Seminary.
Elena Hillstrom	Staff Accountant Elena performs a variety of accounting support tasks within the Business Office.
John Stillwaggon	Controller John manages the accounting and financial operations of the Seminary and ensures compliance with generally accepted accounting principles, regulatory requirements, Board mandates, and appropriate business practices.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

Donna Giver-Johnston	Director Donna oversees all aspects of the Seminary's Doctor of Ministry Program.
Jennifer Berg	Doctor of Ministry Program Coordinator Jennifer engages in office and program administration, manages financials and contracts, and develops efficient processes for operations.
Ramona Spencer	Associate Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program Ramona coordinates the daily operations of the office, student support, and class preparation in the Doctor of Ministry Program.

FACILITIES

Tom Fulton	Facilities Director Tom manages the facilities department which is charged with maintaining the Seminary's grounds.
Darryl Allen	Custodian Darryl works in the student housing building to provide clean living spaces.
Bob Cieri	Custodian Bob ensures that McNaugher is clean and welcoming to the PTS community and beyond.
Dan Holmes	Director of Mail and Print/Copy Services Dan serves all members of the community in sorting and delivering the mail as well as copying and mailing a variety of communications.
Ed Lewis	General Maintenance Ed provides general maintenance services across campus.

Joe Mafrici	Assistant Facilities Director Joe assists in managing the Seminary's facilities and can be found working in a variety of trades.
Bob Marnik	Stationary Engineer Bob is the Seminary's "comfort specialist" in charge of the heating and cooling operations.
Walter Morgan	Custodian Walter makes sure the newly renovated Barbour Library is clean for students and visitors to study.
Audrey Starr	Custodian Audrey works to keep Long Hall clean and ready for special events and daily lectures.

FIELD EDUCATION

Sue Washburn	Interim Director of Field Education Sue provides administrative and pastoral oversight for the Seminary's Field Education Program. Learn more about the program.
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Josie Hoover	Director of Human Resources Josie is responsible for all human resources matters, including benefits, Title IX, and personnel. She is a member of the senior leadership team.
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

David Middleton	Director of Information Technology David is in charge of the Seminary's technology infrastructure including the Seminary's network, servers, databases, websites, telephone system, printing resources, and software solutions as well as support for these systems.
Brian Fidell	Network Administrator Brian assists the IT director in managing the Seminary's network including phones and e-mails. He provides IT support to employees.
Bobby Jarsulic	Audio Visual Technician Bobby offers A/V support to the Seminary community by providing event assistance and setting up equipment and/or software.
David Keys	Database and Website Administrator David runs reports from the Seminary's database, oversees the functionality of the Seminary's website, and is in charge of the Seminary's website portal for students, faculty, and staff.
Simeon Rodgers	Application and Database Specialist Simeon administers, supports, and provides day-to-day operations related to applications and databases, particularly for the PTS Neighborhood Collaborative.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Charles Fischer III	Vice President for Seminary Advancement Charles directs all aspects of fundraising, alumni/ae and church relations, and marketing and communications. He is a member of the senior leadership team.
Elizabeth Baisley	Welcome Center Front Desk Coordinator Elizabeth works with internal and external groups to schedule PTS facilities and events, manages overnight housing, and welcomes visitors to campus at the Reception Desk.
Sarah Betzig	Communications Strategist Sarah writes for various Seminary publications, produces ministry resources for church and lay leaders, and serves the Neighborhood Collaborative by coordinating communications efforts across the programs.
Carolyn Cranston	Director of Alumnae/i and Church Relations Carolyn works with alums to host the annual Alumnae/i Days events, Phonathon, and graduation brunch. Additionally, she is the liaison between the Seminary and supporting churches.
Hallie Isadore	Database and Donor Services Specialist Hallie manages the Advancement computer databases and acknowledgment system related to donor and constituent relations. She assists with constituent events and communications.
Melissa Logan	Senior Director of Communications Melissa oversees the Seminary's strategic vision for communications. Additionally, she is the contact for media relations. Melissa is a member of the senior leadership team.
Robin Menard	Communications and Marketing Specialist Robin is responsible for advertising, marketing, and event promotion as it relates to the Seminary's public programming.
Dominick Oliver	Director of Development Dom directs the planning and implementation of all programs and activities associated with the Seminary's annual fund. In addition, he oversees donor services, along with planned and major gift giving.

NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE

William Baker IV	Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Continuing Education William identifies, leads, and develops strategic, mutually beneficial external partnerships with other organizations whose mission aligns with the Seminary. Additionally, he oversees the work of the PTS Neighborhood Collaborative, which exists to connect the learned theology of the academy with the lived theology of church and society to form present and future Christian leaders in service to their contexts. William is a member of the senior leadership team.
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Vacant **Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Continuing Education and Program Coordinator for the Neighborhood Collaborative** Supports the work of the vice president and the PTS Neighborhood Collaborative.

CENTER FOR ADAPTIVE AND INNOVATIVE MINISTRY

Scott Hagley **W. Don McClure Associate Professor of World Mission and Evangelism**

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Erik Hoeke **Director of Continuing Education** Erik directs the Office of Continuing Education, which provides clergy and lay persons with opportunities to explore faith and vocation through free lectures, special events, and professional development. [Learn more about the program.](#)

FAITH FORMING FAMILIES NETWORK

Lynne Napoleon Bassett **Director of the Faith Forming Families Network** Lynne serves as the inaugural director of the Faith Forming Families Network, which reconnects families and communities as partners in the spiritual formation and moral development of young people. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Norma Allen **Faith Forming Families Program Coordinator** Norma provides a variety of management, coordination, and administrative tasks in support of the Faith Forming Families Network.

Lily Schatz **Faith Forming Families Research Assistant** Lily is responsible for data collection, Learning and Leading Program outcomes, and supporting cohorts with program design and evaluation.

Clarence Wright **Fred Rogers Fellow in Theology and Ministry** Clarence is serving a two-semester, postdoctoral appointment pursuing research within the Fred Rogers Archive (at the Fred Rogers Institute at Saint Vincent College) and teaching at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

KELSO MUSEUM OF NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY

METRO-URBAN INSTITUTE

AnneMarie Mingo **Director of the Metro-Urban Institute** AnneMarie leads the Metro-Urban Institute in engaging at urban intersections of religious and social life. MUI is an academic and community-building resource for urban ministries and organizations. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Lisa Bunting **Metro-Urban Institute Administrative and Program Assistant** Lisa provides administrative support to MUI.

Sean Thomas **Associate Director of the Metro-Urban Institute** Sean develops and coordinates MUI's advisory groups and community networks, leads the Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry, mobilizes MUI's resources through grants and other means, and communicates MUI's work and mission to community constituencies.

MILLER SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTE

Derek Woodard-Lehman **Director of the Miller Summer Youth Institute** Derek oversees the Miller Summer Youth Institute, which resources churches in youth ministry and asks participants what God is calling them to do and who God is calling them to be. [Learn more about the Miller Summer Youth Institute.](#)

WORLD MISSION INITIATIVE

Bala Khylllep **Acting Director of the World Mission Initiative** Bala leads the mission focus at the Seminary that seeks to engage students in what God is doing in the world through short-term cross-cultural mission experiences and institutional partnerships. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Lisa Bunting **World Mission Initiative Program Assistant** Lisa provides administrative support to WMI.

Hunter Farrell **Senior Research Fellow for the World Mission Initiative** Hunter is responsible for the Seminary's intercultural trips and a new Migrant Ministries Certificate program with the PCUSA.

PREACHING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN AGE INITIATIVE

Jennifer Carner **Director of the Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative and Visiting Assistant Professor of Preaching** Jennifer oversees the work of the Seminary's Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative, which is made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s Compelling Preaching Initiative grant. The Initiative brings pastors from diverse denominations and settings together to explore faithful and innovative ways to preach the Word, attuned to local contexts and broader concerns.

Brooke Spencer **Administrative Assistant for the Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative** Brooke provides administrative support, including hospitality, enrollment, and programming assistance, for the Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Asa J. Lee	President and Professor of Theological Formation for Ministry President Lee works with the Seminary's leadership team to determine the Seminary's core focus areas and new programs. He also frequently speaks at church and community events on behalf of the Seminary.
Alexis Obernauer	Special Assistant to the President Alexis coordinates select external partnerships and provides administrative support for events and initiatives in the President's Office.
Ashley Steele	Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Directors Ashley provides executive-level support to the president and to the Board of Directors. She assists the president in special projects, handles correspondence with the Board, and coordinates all aspects of Board meetings.

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