

# Education - Doctoral

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## Department Information

- **School of Education Head:**  
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- **Application Deadline:**  
February 1
- **Credential Offered:**  
Ph.D., Ed.D.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL iBT 88, IELTS 6.5, PTE Academic 59; Duolingo 110

### **Sara Bano, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor  
Michigan State University, 2020

### **Justin Benna, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor  
University of New Hampshire, 2018  
Research Interests: PK-12 School Leadership, Social and Political Contexts of Schools, Educator Development and Professional Learning

### **Amanda Cordova, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor  
University of Texas at San Antonio, 2018

### **Sarah Crary, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor  
University of North Dakota, 2018  
Research Interests: Information Literacy, K-12 Education Change, Post-Secondary Readiness, Leadership

### **Laura S. Dahl, Ph.D.**

The Ohio State University, 2019  
Research Interests: College Student Learning and Development, Institutional Effectiveness in Higher Education and Student Affairs, Collegiate Bystander Intervention, Educational Measurement through Rasch Modeling

### **Elizabeth A. Gilblom, Ph.D.**

Cleveland State University, 2017  
Research Interests: Geographic Information Systems, Privatization in Education, Equity in Education, Critical Social Theory

### **Brent D. Hill, Ph.D.**

Oklahoma State University, 2011  
Research Interests: Monte Carlo Simulations, Educational and Psychological Measurement, Learning Theory, Structural Equation Modeling, Q Methodology, Time Series Analysis

### **Hollie Mackey, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor  
Pennsylvania State University, 2010  
Research Interests: Indigenous Theory and Methodology, Critical Policy Analysis, Self-Determination in Education, Ethical Leadership, Education Law

### **Cailen O'Shea, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2020

Research Interests: School Transformation, Innovation for Equitable Education, PK-12 School Leadership, Quantitative Methods

**Laura Parson, Ph.D.**

University of North Dakota, 2016

Research Interests: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (SoTL), Women in Higher Education, Women in STEM, Ethnographic and Discourse Methods of Inquiry

**Chris M. Ray, Ph.D.**

Oklahoma State University, 2007

Research Interests: Institutional Effectiveness, Learning Outcomes Assessment, Instrument Development, Moral Development and Education, College Student Development

**Nathan B. Wood, Ph.D.**

University of Minnesota, 2006

Research Interests: Socio-cultural Issues in Education, Scholar Identity, Identity Work, Apprenticeship in Scholarly Inquiry and Practice