



## Kinesiology and Health Studies

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY



### Graduate Faculty

#### Charity Bryan – Department Head

Dr Bryan is Head of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies. She earned degrees from Samford University and the University of Alabama-Birmingham, followed by a PhD in Kinesiology from LSU. She is also President of the National Academy of Health and Physical Literacy.



#### Brandi Decoux - Biomechanics

Dr Decoux completed degrees at Louisiana Tech and Texas Woman's University, and earned a PhD in Kinesiology from Auburn University. Her research examines human-surface interactions during locomotion, and how footwear characteristics effect human movement. In her first year at SLU, Dr Decoux was awarded a \$122,000 grant to improve the Biomechanics & Motor Behavior Lab.



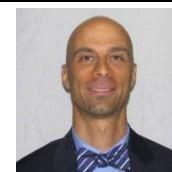
#### Kristen Cunha – Athletic Training

Dr Cunha earned an undergraduate degree from Sacred Heart University (Connecticut) and doctorate in Athletic Training from the University of Florida. She is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and Progressing Ballet Technique Instructor. Dr Cunha is Clinical Coordinator of the M.S. in Athletic Training Program.



#### Ryan Green – Athletic Training

Dr Green earned an undergraduate degree from Salisbury State University, and a master's and doctorate from LSU. He is the Program Coordinator for the M.S. in Athletic Training. Dr. Green's research interests examine the impact of movement on overall wellness as it relates to lower body biomechanics, classroom structure, and in youth.



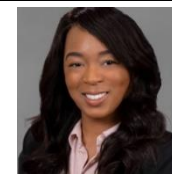
#### Edward Hebert – Motor Learning

Dr Hebert earned degrees from UL-Lafayette and Baylor University, and a PhD in Kinesiology from LSU. His research examines the effects of modeling, feedback, practice scheduling, and verbal instructions on motor skill performance and learning. Dr Hebert serves as Graduate Coordinator for the Dept of Kinesiology and Health Studies.



#### Myia Graves – Health Promotion

Dr Graves completed undergraduate and master's degrees at the University of Alabama, and a PhD in Health Education & Promotion at the University of Cincinnati. She received the college's Excellence in Faculty Service Award in 2021. Her research interests are in the fields of health disparities, health issues among minority populations, and adolescent health.



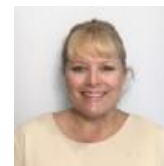
#### Dan Hollander – Sport & Exercise Psychology, Strength & Conditioning

Dr Hollander has degrees from Metropolitan State University of Denver, and Kansas State University, and an EdD in Sport & Exercise Psychology from West Virginia University. He is Senior Associate Editor for the *Journal of Strength & Conditioning Research*. Dr Hollander's research interests include the psychology of resistance exercise, childhood obesity interventions, and sports science applications.



Keri Larsen – Health Promotion

Dr Larsen earned degrees from the University of New Orleans including a master's in Counseling and PhD in the Department of Human Performance & Health Promotion with a certificate in Gerontology. Her research interests are in ageism, body image, and exercise in older adults.



Kristen Morgan – Physical Education, Adapted Physical Education

Dr Morgan completed degrees from the College of Charleston and Mississippi State University, and a PhD in Sport Pedagogy from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her research focuses on health, physical activity, and motor skill development in children with autism and language disorders. In summers, she is the director of a summer camp/program for children with special needs.



Levi Ross – Health Promotion

Dr Ross has an undergraduate degree from the University of West Florida, and a MPH and PhD from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He is a Past-President and Fellow of the American Association for Cancer Education. His research incorporates social and behavioral science theories to address health disparities.



Joseph Sabin – Sport Management

Mr Sabin earned undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi, followed by a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi Law School. His research interests relate to legal issues in college athletics and combat sports. He is on the Editorial Review Board for the *Journal of NCAA Compliance*.



Bovorn Sirikul – Exercise Physiology

Dr Sirikul completed an undergraduate and master's degree at Louisiana Tech, and a PhD in Exercise Physiology at the University of Alabama. His research interests and training include post-doctoral fellowships at the Medical College of Georgia in physiological responses to environmental heat and humidity stresses, and University of Alabama-Birmingham in how physical activity affects obesity.



Renee Underwood – Health Promotion

Dr Underwood completed an undergraduate and master's degree at SLU, and a PhD in Public Health at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Prior to joining the SLU faculty, Dr Underwood worked in public health promotion, most recently for the Louisiana Office of Public Health. Her research interests explore organizational supports at the worksite and how they may improve employee health behaviors.



Ralph Wood – Health Promotion

Dr Wood earned degrees from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in Psychology and Counseling and a PhD in Health Education. He serves as the coordinator of the undergraduate Health Sciences degree program. Dr Wood's research focuses on chronic disease prevention and management, motivational interviewing, and health behaviors.

