



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
CONVOCATION

Aug. 14, 2019

Presiding: Dr. Bob Albert, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Pre-convocation breakfast music is provided by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

Pre-convocation piano music provided William Murphy.

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of New Faculty & Staff
- III. Announcements & Updates
- IV. Award Presentations
- V. Remarks by Interim Provost Bob Albert
- VI. Remarks by President Jay Morgan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019-20 SAVE THE DATES

- **Aug. 14-21:** One Eagle Family Week
- **Aug. 15-16:** New Student Move-in
- **Sept. 14-15:** Family Weekend
- **Sept. 17:** Constitution Day
- **Sept. 19:** MSU Regional College Fair
- **Sept. 21:** MSU Multicultural Showcase
- **Sept. 24:** Meet MSU Pikeville
- **Sept. 26:** Meet MSU Ashland
- **Sept. 27:** Tri-State Conference on Diversity & Inclusion
- **Sept. 28:** Blue and Gold Championship of Marching Bands
- **Oct. 1:** Career & Internship Fair
- **Oct. 3:** Meet MSU Newport
- **Oct. 5:** Open House
- **Oct. 15:** Meet MSU at Mt. Sterling
- **Oct. 18-19:** Homecoming
- **Oct. 24:** Annual Research Symposium: Development of Intellectual Property
- **Nov. 2:** Open House
- **Nov. 7:** IdeaFest Youth Event
- **Nov. 11-12:** Choral Festival
- **Dec. 14:** Commencement
- **March 5:** Posters-at-the-Capitol
- **April 22:** Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship
- **April 25:** Spring Gala
- **May 9:** Commencement

Welcome new employees!

(New hires since Jan. 9, 2019)

Name	Job Title	Department
Aoki, Mikio	Head Baseball Coach	Baseball
Aronhalt, Mallory	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Brigham, Stephen	Assistant Professor, Accounting	School of Business Administration
Brinson, Anthony	Assistant Football Coach	Football
Brock, Nettie	Assistant Professor, Communication	Communication, Media & Languages
Butler, Kylan	Assistant Football Coach	Football
Chaky, Anastasia	Hall Director	Housing & Residence Education
Chandler, Hunter	Coordinator, Tutoring Services/Instructor	Tutoring & Learning Center
Chaudhry, Asim	Instructor, Computer Science	Computer Science & Electronics
Cline, Mark	Police Officer	Police Department
Conlon, Shane	Assistant Baseball Coach	Baseball
Cooper, Michael	Buiding Services Technician	Building Services
David, María	TRIO Academic Coordinator	Talent Search Programs
Dean, Jordan	Event Coordinator	Student Center & Event Services
Deplanty, Morgân	Assistant Athletic Trainer	Trainer
Fife, Jana	Degree Completion Coach/Instructor	Retention
Fife, Nashia	Instructor, Psychology	Psychology
Fitch, Jessica	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Fite, Nathan	Visiting Assistant Professor, Space Systems Engineering	Space Science Center
Graves, Jacqueline	Visiting Assistant Professor, Legal Studies	History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies & Legal Studies
Hacker, Sara	Assistant Director Athletics, External Affairs	Athletics
Hall, Laura	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Hill, Shelby	Instructor, Nursing	Nursing
Hirsch, Aaron	Coordinator, Education Abroad/Instructor	Education Abroad
Jackson, Emily	Accreditation & Testing Specialist	Planning, Performance & Effectiveness
James, David	Police Officer	Police Department
James, Nicholas	Instructor, English	English
Jordan, Lauren	Retention Specialist & Academic Advisor	Retention
Jordan, Topaz	Degree Completion Coach/Instructor	Retention
Kelsey, Sarah	Instructor, Education	Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education
LaBreche, Clay	Enrollment Services Counselor/Credentials & Customer Service	Enrollment Services
Maass, Justin	Assistant Women's Basketball Coach	Women's Basketball
Maitland, Daniel	Assistant Professor, Psychology	Psychology
Neilson, Elizabeth	Associate Professor, Psychology	Psychology
Newcomb, Lakyn	Coordinator, Patient Services & Administrative Support	Counseling & Health Services
Njoroge, Lydia	Assistant Professor, Marketing	School of Business Administration
O'Malley, Rachel	Assistant Softball Coach	Softball
Parker, Tiffany	Post-Secondary Navigator/Academic Advisor	Regional Education & Outreach
Porter, Sherry	Mental Health Counselor	Counseling & Health Services
Prellberg, Evan	Coordinator, Undergraduate Research/Instructor	Instructional Undergraduate Research
Riase, Lemuel	Assistant Football Coach	Football
Roach, Rebecca	Assistant Professor, Education	Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education
Salters, Shalon	Hall Director	Housing & Residence Education
Taylor, Morgan	Data Coordinator	Sociology, Social Work & Criminology
Taylor, Susan	Police Telecommunicator	Police Department
Trent, Christy	Instructor, Business Communications	School of Business Administration
Virani, Shanil	Instructor, Space Science/Star Theater Director	Space Science Center
Wilson, Carl	TRIO Academic Coordinator	Educational Opportunity Center
Youngdahl, Robert	Assistant Baseball Coach	Baseball
Yungbluth, Melissa	Instructor, Art & Design/Director, Golding-Yang Art Gallery	Art & Design

MSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity, educational institution.

CAMPUS CALL FOR CREATIVE WORKS

The Eagle Diversity and Inclusion Team invites students, staff and faculty to submit works for exhibition during the Fall 2019 semester. Creative works will be exhibited in glass display cases on the second and third floors of the Adron Doran University Center. These works have no pre-defined expectation for type, style or media. Examples include: paintings, sculptures, essays, mixed media and photography.

The only criteria beyond excellent quality is that works must in some way represent the diversity of the University, region, state or country. For the purposes of this initiative, diversity is defined using the definition provided by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education as outlined in their policy as "people with varied human characteristics, ideas, world views, and backgrounds."

The deadline for submission for the fall semester is Sept. 18, 2019. For more information, contact Dr. Caroline Atkins at c.atkins@moreheadstate.edu. Artwork should be dropped off at 202 Howell-McDowell in advance of the deadline.

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER - DR. BRIAN C. REEDER

Dr. Brian C. Reeder is the founder of the MSU Center for Environmental Education and co-founder of the first MSU Program of Distinction: the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP). Over his past 30 years at MSU, he has published over 30 scientific articles, given more than 100 scholarly presentations and acquired more than \$20 million to fund research, teaching and service. His research was aided by hundreds of undergraduate students and more than 40 graduate students. He has worked with local, state and federal agencies, and regional businesses with research to help fisheries management, water quality monitoring and ecosystem restoration.

Internationally, he is best known for his studies in wetland ecology, including ecological modeling and wetland biogeochemistry. He was part of pioneering efforts in ecological engineering (using ecological principles to design sustainable ecosystems to solve human problems). Regionally, he has been recognized for his work on water pollution in streams and rivers of the Ohio River basin, including pollution monitoring and toxic algal blooms.

As both a teacher and researcher, Reeder has a keen interest in how human beings learn. His research is cited in hundreds of scholarly articles and is included in the most popular textbooks on wetlands, wetland plants and ecological engineering. Reeder has the distinction of having also earned MSU's two other distinguished faculty awards: Teacher (2007) and Service (2004). He was a previous recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award in 1994.

DISTINGUISHED CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS - MR. GARY MESA-GAIDO

An active artist for more than 25 years, Gary Mesa-Gaido has participated in numerous exhibitions, including solo, two-person, and small and large group. Displaying his work in international, national, regional and state juried, and invitational exhibits, Mesa-Gaido's pieces have been viewed at diverse venues across the United States, including the Abraham Lubelski Gallery in New York City, the Museo ItaloAmericano in San Francisco and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Cleveland, Ohio.

The recipient of various grants and awards, Mesa-Gaido has been recognized with two prestigious Kentucky Arts Council Al Smith Fellowships and a Great Meadows Foundation Artist Professional Development Grant. He has been awarded four MSU Creative Production Grants and, in 2010, he received his first Distinguished Creative Production Award from MSU.

His works are part of the permanent collections of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Clay Center's Avampato Museum, Pennsylvania College of Technology and numerous private collectors both nationally and abroad. Mesa-Gaido's pieces have been published in books, periodicals and catalogues, including *Good Bokeh: Focusing on Fine Art Photographers* (Los Angeles: DAB Art, 2017) and *Janus Head: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature, Philosophy, Psychology and the Arts* (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University, 1999). In addition to consulting, lecturing and teaching workshops, he has served as a juror, assisting with the selection of grant awardees and exhibitors for multiple organizations.

Gary Mesa-Gaido has taught in MSU's Department of Art & Design since 1992. He obtained his M.F.A. from Ohio University and his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER - DR. BRIAN S. MASON

Dr. Brian S. Mason is the interim associate dean of the school of creative arts, professor of percussion, and coordinator of the percussion studies program and is respected worldwide as a leader in the marching arts through his high-profile, international activity for more than three decades. Mason has been a member of the Percussive Arts Society Board of Advisors, past president of the KY PAS Chapter, is associate principal percussion with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, principal percussion for the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra, and appears as a guest artist with high school and university percussion ensembles across the United States.

Among his many accolades, he is a recipient of the MSU Distinguished Faculty Service Award, the KMEA College/University Teacher of the Year Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Boyle County High School. Mason is a performing artist for Mapex Drums, Majestic Percussion, Vic Firth sticks and mallets, Zildjian cymbals, Evans drumheads, Black Swamp Percussion and Etymotic Hearing Protection. His original works are published through Row-Loff Productions, Bachovich Music Publications and Tap Space Publications.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE - DR. DARYL PRIVOTT

Dr. Daryl R. Privott has been at MSU since 2013 and is a tenured associate professor in the College of Education with the Department of Foundational & Graduate Studies in Education (FGSE). Privott also serves as the director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL). During his time at MSU, he has been an active member of the community by serving on 12 university committees, including, Faculty Senate Governance and Evaluation committees, the Strategic Planning Committee and the SACS, and Fifth-year Reaffirmation Committee. In addition to his University service, Privott has served on four college committees and five departmental committees. Privott has been a representative of the University at more than 20 events and has staffed over 20 university workshops and conferences, including National History Day and the Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Privott has presented over 20 conference presentations at the state, regional, national and international levels. He has peer-reviewed publications and a published chapter, "Getting Outside of My 'Six Blocks' with Bloom" in *Leaps of Faith: Stories from Working-Class Scholars in Adult and Higher Education* (Information Age Publishing).

He is a first-generation college graduate and holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in higher education administration from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV), an M.P.A. in Public Administration from UNLV and a B.S.P in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University.

DISTINGUISHED STAFF SERVICE - MR. JOHN HAKY

As a member of the Morehead State community, John Haky has served as a representative on Morehead State's Staff Congress and has served in leadership positions with the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers, the American College Personnel Association's Coalition on Men and Masculinities, and Rho Alpha Sigma, an honorary society for Resident Advisors. In addition, he has had the opportunity to serve as the advisor for student organizations like Morehead State's Residence Hall Association, the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls and for the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls' Annual Conference Committee that was hosted at Morehead State this past March.

During his time at MSU, Haky has received the Mid-Level Professional Award from the American College Personnel Association's Commission for Administrative Leadership, the Ruth Ann Howard Service Award from the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers and, most recently, the Advisor of the Year award from the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls. He has also been certified as an instructor for the QPR Institute's Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention course and has organized the Office of Student Housing's Build-a-Bed team for three years.