

# Resource Guide

SPEAKERS, MUSICIANS, FACILITIES, AND MORE



This **Resource Guide** helps connect you with Southern Adventist University faculty and staff who are available to present, perform, or comment on topics of interest.

Additionally, we have a variety of touring groups and on-campus resources available to you.

Our goal is to help you track down resources quickly. If you need information on a subject that is not listed here, please call our Marketing and University Relations office at 423.236.2688.

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# SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY WANTS TO HELP YOU

- The faculty and staff at Southern Adventist University are valuable educational resources for churches, conferences, and schools throughout the Southeast.
- Many can provide workshops, lectures, sermons, or Week of Prayer programs. Others are prepared to host a church or school group on our campus in Collegedale, Tennessee (just a few miles from Chattanooga).
- Groups that come to campus can experience team-building or educational programs with recreational resources and conference space readily available.

Students who attend Southern study under professors dedicated to their fields and to the Seventh-day Adventist faith. Because of Southern's 13:1 student-faculty ratio, the university's professors are able to provide solid

mentorship to students inside and outside of the classroom. Now your group can benefit from the same experts as the more than 3,000 graduate and undergraduate students who come to Southern from across the country and around the world.

One of 15 Adventist colleges and universities in the North American Division, Southern offers more than 100 undergraduate majors, 11 master's degrees, and one doctorate. Each year, Southern also sends nearly 60 student missionaries around the world to spend a year serving others.

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# SOUTHERN EMPLOYEE EXPERTS

*Organizations outside of the immediate Chattanooga area choosing to utilize speakers may be responsible for contributing toward travel expenses.*



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## Topics:

Discover Actionable Patterns in Your Church and Community With Data Science  
Hands-on Artificial Intelligence  
Understanding the Role of Artificial Intelligence from a Biblical Worldview


## Formats:

Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Cooking  
Mathematics


## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Commandments  
Doctrine  
Ethics  
Holy Spirit  
Love, Marriage, and Divorce  
Righteousness by Faith  
Sanctuary  
Theological Implications of Evolution


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop



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**Topics:** Web Streaming

**Formats:** Workshop



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## Topics:

Developing a Personal Fitness Program  
Functional Movement  
Small Group Fitness


## Formats:

Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Choral Conducting  
Music History  
Worship Music


## Formats:

Church Service  
Concert  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Topics:

16th-Century Literature  
Problems of Unity in 16th-Century England  
Thomas Bilney  
William Tyndale

## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop





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## Topics:

God and Evolution  
Nature  
Science and Religion  
The Universe


## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop  
Vespers



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## Topics:

Music

## Formats:

Church Service


Concert

Vespers



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## Topics:

Integration of Science and Faith  
Origins  
Snakes  
Spiders


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Small Groups  
Vespers



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## Topics:

Christian Service  
Community  
Science of Salvation  
Use of Art and Design to Promote the Gospel


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers



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## Topics:

Academic Advising  
Home and School  
Life Transitions  
Motivation/Self-determination  
Parent and Teen Relationships  
Teen Mental Health  
Teenage Parenting  
World Cultures


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Webinar  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Tension Between Modernity and Christianity  
Community Involvement with Witnessing and Service  
Middle Eastern History and Politics  
Gender/Sexuality  
Economic Justice and Community Organization  
History of Religious Toleration  
History of Imperialism  
Church/State Tension


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Event Planning  
F-1 Student Visas  
International Travel  
Mission Trip Planning  
Project Management


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Bible Work  
Business Evangelism  
Faith and Finance  
Personal Evangelism

## Formats:


Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop





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## Topics:

Communication  
Interviewing  
Media  
Public Relations  
Public Speaking  
Story Telling  
Writing


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Cooking  
Health

## Formats:

Lecture



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## Topics:

Health and Well-Being  
Lifestyle Medicine  
Nursing Education


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Children's Ministries  
Children and the Sanctuary  
Childhood Sexual Abuse Prevention  
Death, Dying, Grief, Loss, and Stress Management  
Depression and Other Mental Health Issues  
Emotional Intelligence  
Essential/Healing Oils of the Bible  
Faith and Finance  
Gardening Year-Round  
Anti-Racism Training and Race Reconciliation  
Premarital, Marriage, and Family Counseling


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Career, Calling, and Computing  
Embedded Systems: Building the Electronics That Power Our Lives  
Engineering: Solving the World's Problems  
Joining the Adventist Robotics League  
Reconfigurable Systems  
Robotics


## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Algorithms  
Software Development


## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Bible-Based Approaches to Understanding Science and the Scientific Process  
Practical Effects and Implications of Chemical Phenomena  
Using Chemical Concepts to Illustrate Spiritual Truths


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Effectively Using Excel to Understand Data  
Interpreting Data Correctly  
Physics of Communicating with Atoms and Molecules  
What Science Is ... and Isn't

## Formats:


Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop





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## Topics:

Drones in Education  
FPV Drones  
FPV Drone Racing  
HomeBrew Electronics  
HomeBrew Robotics  
Technology in Education


## Formats:

Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Prior to joining Southern's faculty, David Hartman, DMin, served as a pastor, conference administrator, and evangelist for 31 years, and he is the author of the book *Winning Ways to Witness*. His applied theology classes include: Christian Beliefs, Christian Spirituality, Christian Witnessing, Personal Evangelism, Evangelistic Preaching, Public Evangelism, Interpersonal Ministry, and Church Ministry. He has a passion for winning people to Christ and training others to do the same.

## Topics:

Biblical Journaling  
Church Administration and Training  
Conflict Resolution  
Communication Skills  
Discipleship  
Pastoral Ministry  
Personal and Public Evangelism  
Prayer  
Revival  
Spiritual Growth and Disciplines  
Training of Church Elders


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Workshop



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Giselle Hasel has a passion for exploring philosophical and religious movements in the history of art. Along with 15 years of art illustration experience, she has served as a designer of a major museum of ancient art and archaeology as well as a researcher focused on the impact of art in the biblical world and ancient Near East. Hasel directs the John C. Williams Art Gallery in Brock Hall on Southern's campus while teaching Art Appreciation, Ancient Art, Medieval Art, Renaissance Art, and Contemporary Art History.

## Topics:

Aesthetics and God  
Art  
Art History  
Art History and the Great Controversy  
Beauty of God  
Theology of Beauty


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Archaeology and the Bible  
Charismatic Movement and Worship  
Creation and Creator  
God's Last-Generation Remnant  
Scripture in a Postmodern World


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Workshop



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## Topics:

Entrepreneurship  
Fundraising Fundamentals  
Healthcare Operations  
Spiritual Life


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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Jaclynn Huse, PhD, initially joined Southern's faculty in 2003. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern and her doctorate in nursing education from the University of Northern Colorado. With extensive experience in medical-surgical, intensive care, and emergency room settings, Huse teaches courses from the associate to master's levels. Additionally she is a professional contemporary Christian singer and songwriter; her albums include *Wheel of Fortune* and *Ready*.

## Topics:

Songwriting Christian Music  
Songwriting Technique


## Formats:

Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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Emily Huso enjoys working in the short story and personal essay writing formats. After completing her undergraduate studies at Walla Walla University in Washington, Huso went on to earn a master's degree in English at California State University Chico and a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing at University of Washington. She joined Southern's teaching faculty in 2022. Her work has received support from AWP's Writer to Writer Mentorship Program and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and appears in *Multicultural Echoes* and *The Roadrunner Review*.

## Topics:

Creative Writing  
Devotional Writing  
Flash Fiction  
Lyrical Essays  
Memory and the Personal Essay  
Nature Writing  
Prose Poetry


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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Jasmine Johnson, EdD, graduated from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University), where she completed a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in pre-law, and then earned a Master of Business Administration. Each of these degrees instilled necessary skills to support her career in corporate America. After marriage and children, she transitioned into the field of education. In her 15 years of teaching and serving as an administrator in Adventist K-12 education, she completed several post-graduate degrees, including a doctorate in educational leadership. In 2022, Johnson joined the faculty at Southern, where she continues to embody her personal educational philosophy to reach "every student, every day, in every way, but Christ must be the center."

## Topics:

Education  
Leadership  
Professional Development

## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop





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## Bio:

Victoria Joiner, EdD, has been in education, radio broadcasting, and communication-related fields for more than 30 years. She was general manager and program director of Oakwood University's radio station 90.1 FM WJOU in Huntsville, Alabama, for 24 years. She also has served as a school administrator, reporter, and producer. Currently, she is the host of WJOU's weekly musical retrospective *Sabbath Praise*. Joiner holds a doctorate in educational leadership.

## Topics:

Autism  
Caregiving/End-of-Life Planning  
Christian Music  
Conflict Resolution  
Education  
Fundraising  
Interpersonal and Intercultural Communication  
Public Speaking  
Radio Broadcasting  
Sexual Abuse Recovery


## Formats:

Church Service  
Concert  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Donald Keefe, MFA, grew up in Southern California and has lived and worked all over the country. Coming from a secular Jewish background, his personal Bible studies led him to accept Christ and join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He earned his master's degree in painting and drawing from the University of Florida after completing his bachelor's in fine art at the University of Kentucky. Keefe also studied in France at the Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art. His published, award-winning artwork has been exhibited nationally. He has also completed private commissions, and he was the recipient of a federal grant for a public arts project.

## Topics:

Art History  
Church History  
Fine Art Instruction  
Jewish-Adventist Issues  
Problems and Solutions of Art and Faith


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Joseph Khabbaz, PhD, originally from Australia, received his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Michigan. While serving in Australia, he was director of Tertiary and Young Adult Ministries for the South Queensland Conference. Prior to his call to Southern, he served as youth and young adult pastor at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church on the campus of Washington Adventist University in Maryland. His passion is to empower youth and young adults in their journey to become disciples of Jesus and emulate Christ's life and ministry in all that they do.

## Topics:

Evangelism in a Post-Christian Culture  
Local Church Youth Ministry  
Personal Revival  
Prayer  
Transformational Bible Studies


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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After 17 years on the faculty of Pacific Union College in California, Greg King, PhD, returned to his alma mater in 2004 and now serves as the dean of Southern's School of Religion and a professor of biblical studies. King's speaking engagements have taken him to Austria, Brazil, and New Zealand. His articles have appeared in numerous publications, including *Adventist Review*, *Andrews University Seminary Studies*, *Eerdman's Dictionary of the Bible*, *Ministry*, and *Perspective Digest*. He also authored *Kings and Chronicles*, which served as a companion volume to an adult Sabbath School quarterly.

## Topics:

Biblical Ethics  
Creation  
Old Testament


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop



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Prior to joining Southern's faculty, Lisa Kuhlman worked for Booz Allen Hamilton on a variety of federal contracts, was a project manager for a small 8-A firm on a national Department of Justice contract, and managed the Deputy Development Program for the U.S. Marshals Service. Her background in various industries and job responsibilities brings a rich portfolio of experiences to the classroom. She earned a bachelor's degree in international business from George Washington University in D.C. and her Master of Business Administration in marketing from Southern. Kuhlman teaches Consumer Behavior, International Marketing, Services Marketing, Principles of Integrated Marketing Communication, Digital Marketing, Sales Management, Introduction to Business, Preparing to Meet the Firms (a career development course), and Southern Connections.

## Topics:

Career Development (including résumé preparation, interviewing, and networking)  
Marketing

## Formats:

Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Donald Martin received his master's degree in library and information science from Catholic University of America in D.C. and has worked in a variety of libraries for 30 years. In his current position, he is responsible for digital resources, interlibrary loans, research coaching, and information literacy for the health sciences. Prior to coming to Southern, he worked at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Maryland as a medical librarian, assisting nurses, physician assistants, and doctors with evidence-based patient care.

## Topics:

Consumer Health Information  
Database Instruction  
E-Books  
Information Literacy  
Instructional Technology  
Librarianship


## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop



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Kathryn McGrath holds a bachelor's degree in English from Southern and a master's degree in educational media and educational technology from East Tennessee State University. Her prior work experience includes teaching in middle and high school, serving as an elementary school media specialist, and serving as an academic librarian. McGrath enjoys water sports, mountain and road biking, gymnastics, trail running, spending time with family, and telling stories.

## Topics:

Biblical Storytelling


## Formats:

Small Groups  
Workshop



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Mitch Menzmer, PhD, came to Southern in 2007 after completing a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Pacific Union College in California and a PhD in Analytical Chemistry at Clarkson University in New York. He currently teaches Physical Chemistry in addition to seminars and labs on Southern's campus.

## Topics:

Faith and Science

## Formats:


Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop





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Renita Moore coordinates programs on campus for first-year students. She graduated from Southern in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in social work and in 2007 with her master's in school counseling. Moore has three adult sons; the youngest attends Southern, the middle one is an officer in the U.S. Navy, and the oldest works in construction and property management in the local community. Originally from Florida, she is an alum of Forest Lake Academy and enjoys visiting the Sunshine State whenever possible. Her hobbies include community service and being active in her church.

## Topics:

Academic Advising  
Freshman Preparedness

## Formats:

Lecture



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**Bio:** Dennis Negrón, PhD, has dedicated his career to Adventist education, teaching English at two academies for eight years before coming to Southern in 1993. He holds an undergraduate degree in theology along with postgraduate degrees in English and Jewish Studies.


**Topics:** Fatherhood  
Sexual Abuse  
Sexual Harassment  
Title IX

**Formats:** Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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David Nelsen, PhD, holds a doctoral degree in biology. Before joining Southern's faculty, he did postdoctoral research in paleontology with Leonard Brand and Art Chadwick on topics of taphonomy and paleohistology. Nelsen is continuing this research at Southern, along with other research on animal behavior and toxinology. He has authored several peer-reviewed research articles and continues to pursue new research projects with his students at Southern.

## Topics:

Animal Behavior/Cognition  
Evolution and Creation Science  
Theodicy


## Formats:

Lecture



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## Bio:

Braam Oberholster, DBA, has broad international experience in administration and teaching. Before coming to Southern, he worked in the areas of development, healthcare, and education in Indonesia, Malawi, and South Africa. His undergraduate and master's degrees are in management, and his doctorate is in international business and management. Oberholster is fluent in English and Afrikaans and can hold market conversations in Chichewa and Indonesian. His interests include wildlife photography and outdoor activities, including camping, diving, and hiking.

## Topics:

Financial Management  
International Management


## Formats:

Workshop



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## Bio:

Robert Ordóñez is an origami enthusiast, polyglot (Spanish, German, Esperanto, always learning), programmer (more languages), and musician (pianist and vocalist). Additionally he is certified in emotional intelligence testing and consulting (MSCEIT). He holds a master's degree in software engineering from Andrews University in Michigan and previously taught at Washington Adventist University in Maryland and Pacific Union College in California. He joined Southern's faculty in 2013.

## Topics:

Computing/Programming  
Emotional Intelligence  
Intercultural Friendships  
Languages  
Origami  
Short-Term Mission Trips


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Robert Overstreet, PhD, has the personal mission to go and make disciples within the context of relationships and through the process of education. He is passionate about growing people by helping them understand the importance of emotional intelligence and their strengths. Each day, he prays for God to bring people into his path who most need his help.

## Topics:

Biblical Foundations Coaching  
CliftonStrengths Assessments  
Emotional Intelligence  
Leadership  
Worldview


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Tammy Overstreet, PhD, a lifelong Seventh-day Adventist educator and administrator, is a proud Southern alum and feels privileged to play a part in the preparation of Christian professionals who dedicate their lives to service. She has a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Andrews University in Michigan and a master's degree in literacy from Walden University in Minnesota. She spent more than two decades in literacy education, both in K-12 classrooms and as a professor of teacher education. Overstreet enjoys spending time with her family, working with her church peers, reading books, and learning new things. Her passion in life is to help others know more of God and His great love for us.

## Topics:

Emotional Intelligence  
Faith  
Helping Your Child Love Reading  
How a Career as an Educator Is a Ministry and Mission  
Lessons from *The Hiding Place*  
Literacy  
Whole-Hearted Living


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Alan Parker, DTh, joined Southern's faculty in 2007. Previously he served at Amazing Facts as vice president of evangelism and director of the College of Evangelism. Hailing from South Africa, Parker studied theology at Helderberg College and was a pastor for a six-church district. He conducted his first full evangelistic series at the age of 16 and remains deeply involved in evangelism and evangelism training. Parker has spoken to audiences in Africa, Europe, and across North America. As a board member of Generation of Youth for Christ, he is passionate about equipping an army of young people who can change their world.

## Topics:

Conflict Resolution  
Counseling  
Evangelism Training  
Relationship Seminars  
Spirituality and Holiness

## Formats:


Lecture  
Workshop





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## Bio:

Mariella Pechero, JD, came to Southern in 2014 as the coordinator for Disability Support Services and is licensed to practice law in Tennessee. She graduated from Southwestern Adventist University in Texas in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in psychology, attended law school, and received her doctorate in 1994. She practiced law in Texas for 20 years, litigating and mediating family law issues while also advocating for autism awareness and acceptance. She returned to school and in 2013 received her master's degree in special education. Pechero is a strong educational advocate for unique individuals and is thankful that not everyone is "the same."

## Topics:

Autism  
Conflict Resolution  
Family Dynamics  
Mediation


## Formats:

Lecture



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## Bio:

Julie Penner, DA, grew up in a family of singers that includes four brothers and a sister. Instilled deeply within her is a love for music and for sharing it with others. She holds a doctorate in vocal performance and pedagogy from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. Penner has been at Southern since 1993. In addition to teaching, she is active as a soloist and has performed nationally and in Canada, Israel, Jordan, Greece, the Netherlands, Finland, Germany, and Romania.

## Topics:

Music (Soprano Soloist)


## Formats:

Concert



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Cristy Pratt has experience in incorporating psychological principles and an understanding of human behavior in the workplace. She has worked in the field of industrial/organizational psychology and studied how personality and leadership traits can impact leaders in the workplace. Pratt teaches classes on childhood development and parenting strategies. She has lectured to professionals from different fields and aims to apply concepts of psychology into different disciplines.

## Topics:

Childhood Development  
Leadership  
Parenting  
Personality  
Sexual Abuse Prevention and Awareness


## Formats:

Small Groups  
Workshop



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Robby Raney began studying music at age 5 and decided to actively pursue music at the end of his junior year in academy. He has been an avid choral musician and baritone soloist ever since. He completed his bachelor's degree in music education (voice) at Southern, and then spent five years as an elementary school teacher in the Washington and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists before completing a master's in music ministry at Andrews University in Michigan. During his time as a student at Southern, Raney worked at the campus radio station, rising from student announcer to student station manager. At Andrews, he worked as a graduate assistant in the Department of Music and served as a student announcer and member liaison at WAUS 90.7 FM.

## Topics:

Adventist Hymnody  
Broadcasting  
Classroom Music  
Music History  
Music Ministry  
Worship Music


## Formats:

Church Service  
Concert  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Vespers  
Workshop



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Adrienne Royo, PhD, has resided in both Mexico and Spain and has taught Spanish for the more than 30 years at colleges and universities. She has been on Southern's faculty since 2009 and also interprets and translates for a wide variety of venues and teaches English as a second language. Royo holds a doctorate of philosophy in romance languages and literature from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. A lifelong Seventh-day Adventist and ordained elder, Royo played a key role in establishing four Spanish-speaking churches in the United States and two abroad. She has conducted sermons, presentations, and seminars in English and Spanish.

## Topics:

The Bible: An English-Language Textbook  
The Christian Life  
History of Spain and Spanish-America:  
    A Literary Perspective  
Principles of Literary Study

## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop



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Stephen Ruf's primary area of expertise is in journalism and visual communication. Before joining Southern, Ruf was a reporter with WDEF-TV, the CBS affiliate in Chattanooga. He also worked as a morning anchor and reporter for a news/talk radio station in Knoxville. He now teaches courses in basic film and digital photography, video storytelling, and broadcast news. Ruf shares his skills helping local churches improve their live web streaming. He currently serves as a volunteer video director at Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. His favorite quote is the old Associated Press slogan, "Get it first, but first get it right."

## Topics:

Church Communication  
Photography  
Web Streaming


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Corneliu Rusu, PhD, was born and raised in Romania, where he finished a bachelor's degree in pastoral theology. He continued his education with master's degrees in religion from Newbold College in the United Kingdom and social work from Andrews University in Michigan. In 2019, he completed a doctorate at Pacifica Graduate Institute in California after writing a dissertation on community living. Rusu has dedicated his life to service and education. He was ordained as a minister in his country of origin, served as a social worker in the United States, and joined Southern's teaching faculty in 2009. He is married and has two children and two grandchildren.

## Topics:

Community  
Equality and Inclusion  
Marriage and Family  
Puppetry  
Social Justice


## Formats:

Small Groups  
Workshop



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Ben Schnell brings his passion for the subject of business to life through engaging lectures and practical applications. He thrives on interacting and collaborating with others, fostering connections and belonging within community, guiding the development of essential skills and understanding of key concepts, facilitating discussions and shared experiences, and creating an inclusive learning environment. He seeks to make a difference in others' lives through his teaching and commitment to meaningful experiences, and he endeavors to inspire those around him to embrace their potential and lead purposeful lives. In his spare time, Schnell finds solace and creative fulfillment in baking.

## Topics:

Baking Sourdough Bread  
CliftonStrengths Assessments  
Connecting with God  
Marketing  
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator  
Personal Finance  
Spiritual Personalities  
Start With Why  
Stewardship

## Formats:


Sermon  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop





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## Bio:

Gary Sewell is an information technology professional and leader with more than 30 years of experience with Kellogg's, US Freightways, Ferrellgas, and Southern. His areas of expertise include information technology security, program development, network management, audio-visual integration, and strategic leadership. Originally from California, Sewell holds a bachelor's degree in organizational development from Spring Arbor University in Michigan. Married and the father of five, Sewell enjoys outdoor adventures and singing with The Emmanuel Quartet.

## Topics:

Audio-Visual Engineering, Installation, and Integration  
Dispatch Management and Integration  
Information Technology Infrastructure and Security  
for Educational Institutions  
Operational Leadership  
Spiritual Life

## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Ken Shaw, EdD, is the first Southern president who is also an alum ('80). He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southern, a master's degree in mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University, and a doctoral degree in mathematics education from the University of Georgia. He previously served for seven years as president of Southwestern Adventist University in Texas and for 25 years in various capacities at Florida State University, including math professor, campus dean, and academic dean. Shaw's track record as a leader in higher education includes increasing enrollment, establishing new academic programs, and improving institutional financial stability. His wife, Ann, '79, and both of their children are graduates of Southern.

## Topics:

Beauty of Mathematics  
Leadership  
Value of Christian Higher Education


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture



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Stephanie Sheehan, PhD, enjoys teaching and mentoring students. She is also responsible for facilitating workplace learning and leadership development courses for employees. Her more than 25 years of leadership and management in diverse fields provides extensive knowledge and experience to draw from when working with individuals and teams. Sheehan is committed to going where God calls, using her gifts and experience to encourage people to “know and grow” spiritually, emotionally, and professionally. She holds a master’s degree in religious studies from Southern and a doctorate in organizational leadership from Regent University’s School of Business and Leadership.

## Topics:

Followership  
Leadership  
Person-Job Fit  
Professional Development  
Spiritual Life


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Vespers  
Workshop



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Born and raised in Washington state, Judy Sloan, PhD, played sports throughout her high school years. She has been at Southern since 2001 and previously worked at University of Nebraska, Union College in Nebraska, Milo Academy in Oregon, and Maplewood Academy in Minnesota. Sloan enjoys being outdoors and appreciates opportunities for camping, backpacking, and biking in Tennessee.

## Topics:

Cooking  
Financial Health  
Fitness  
Health and Wellness  
Nutrition  
Stop Smoking  
Values, Decision Making, and Time Management


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop



# Tina Smith

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## Bio:

Tina Smith, '89 and '23, graduated summa cum laude from Southern with a bachelor's degree in public relations and more recently earned a Master of Ministry in biblical counseling from the School of Religion. After a decade in corporate communications, she joined the university in 2000 as an admissions adviser, and then again in 2011 as project manager. Her current role involves event promotion, content management, writing, and editing. After a 12-year infertility struggle and the loss of her first pregnancy, she and her husband had two children who are now in college. Smith is devoted to ministering to women in crisis and walking alongside fellow believers who are seeking wisdom and direction from Scripture.

## Topics:

Biblical Counseling  
Communication, Marketing, and Writing  
Infertility and Pregnancy Loss  
Organization and Event Planning  
Parenting Teens  
Premarital Counseling  
Women's Ministries

## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



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## Bio:

Elizabeth Snyder graduated from Andrews University in Michigan with a bachelor's degree in dietetics. She worked as a food service supervisor and consulting dietitian for a year in Pullman, Washington, before completing a master's degree in nutrition at Washington State University. Snyder worked with the local Adventist church to start and run a vegetarian deli/outreach center on the WSU campus. She and her husband, Keith, then moved to Java to teach at Universitas Advent Indonesia. They later transitioned to Southern to continue working with young adults. In 2001, she began teaching at the university. Snyder has three children, enjoys hiking, camping, backpacking, and hosting groups of students.

## Topics:

Nutrition


## Formats:

Lecture



# Keith Snyder

Chair and Professor, Biology and Allied Health Department

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## Bio:

Keith Snyder, PhD, joined Southern's teaching faculty in 1995 and has been department chair since 2005. He has been active in the Asian Club on campus and helped coordinate the design and creation of the Origins Exhibit in Hickman Science Center. Snyder grew up near Andrews University in Michigan, where he finished both bachelor's and master's degrees in biology. He then earned a doctorate in zoology at Washington State University. Snyder and his wife, Elizabeth, spent nine years at Universitas Advent Indonesia in Java, where he served as professor and chair of the biology department. Snyder enjoys mountain biking, hiking, camping, canoeing, and digging for dinosaur bones.

## Topics:

Animal Biology  
Dinosaurs  
Origins

## Formats:

Lecture



# Laurie Stankavich

Associate Professor, English Department



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## Bio:

Laurie Stankavich, PhD, graduated with her bachelor's degree in journalism from Andrews University in Michigan and served as a student missionary in Taiwan. She earned her master's degree in linguistics from the University of Texas at Arlington, then went to Sichuan, China, to teach English at a technical university. Later, she worked at the Universidad Adventista de Centroamerica in Costa Rica and then returned to Taiwan to help develop an international secondary school in Taipei. Stankavich spent three years teaching English and Spanish at Union Springs Academy in upstate New York before joining Southern's faculty in 2010. She recently completed her doctorate in English from Old Dominion University in Virginia.

## Topics:

Teaching English as a Second Language for Outreach  
Teaching English Overseas  
Mission Experiences in Korea, Costa Rica, China

## Formats:


Lecture  
Vespers  
Workshop





# Matthew Tolbert

Professor, School of Education, Psychology, and Counseling

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## Bio:

Matthew Tolbert, PhD, has extensive experience lecturing, leading workshops, presenting, and facilitating learning opportunities. For more than 10 years, he has served as a leader in both higher education and nonprofit development. Tolbert's dynamic, interactive style engages audiences to actively participate in personal and professional growth related to teaching and learning, leadership, and psychology. His goal is to inspire participants to grow beyond the experience and to apply what they have learned in concrete ways.

## Topics:

Leadership  
Mental Health/Illness  
Parenting  
Program Evaluation and Assessment  
Teaching and Learning Strategies


## Formats:

Lecture  
Small Groups  
Workshop



# Barry Tryon

Professor, School of Religion

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## Bio:

Barry Tryon, PhD, joined the School of Religion faculty in 2011, returning to where he had started his theological training more than 30 years earlier. His experience includes six years as executive secretary and ministerial director of the Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He also served as pastor of the Hampden Heights and Philadelphia Boulevard churches in Pennsylvania as well as the Cross City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Florida. Tryon earned his bachelor's degree from Southern and his Master of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry, and Doctor of Philosophy in leadership degrees at Andrews University. Tryon is married to Lillian, and they have two grown sons, Daniel and David.

## Topics:

Church Administration and Training  
Church Communication  
Mentoring  
Preaching

## Formats:

Lecture  
Workshop



# Tron Wilder

Professor, School of Education, Psychology, and Counseling



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## Bio:

Tron Wilder, PhD, is the director of the undergraduate psychology program. Prior to joining the teaching faculty at Southern in 2013, he practiced as a school psychologist in a number of public education systems in Tennessee and Georgia. In this role, he worked with teachers, parents, and administrators to design programs to meet the needs of students with emotional, behavioral, and learning difficulties.

## Topics:

Classroom Management  
Education  
Experiential Therapies  
Mental Health  
Parenting  
Psychology and Religion/Adventism  
Restorative Practices


## Formats:

Lecture  
Retreat  
Workshop



# Jessica Williams

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## Bio:

Jessica Williams returned to her alma mater in 2018 after teaching high school Bible for 13 years at Loma Linda Academy in Southern California. She had earned a bachelor's degree in theology and religious education from Southern and completed a master's degree in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in neuroscience from La Sierra University in California. Williams has experience writing curriculum; developing Bible classes specifically focused on service, mission, and service learning; and authoring a training course on prayer for high school students. She has served as a sponsor for young adults on numerous trips, both domestically and abroad.

## Topics:

Academic Advising  
Bible Curriculum Development for High Schools  
Biblical Foundations  
Education  
Mission Experiences and Trip Planning  
Prayer Experience Rooms  
Service  
Sponsor Training


## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



# Rachel Williams-Smith

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## Bio:

Rachel Williams-Smith, PhD, is an educator, writer, and communicator who is passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others. Her more than 25 years of experience include teaching, educational leadership, professional writing, authoring an award-winning book, and speaking. Before coming to Southern, she served at Andrews University in Michigan as a department chair and graduate program director and before that as the director of the Oakwood University LEAP Adult Degree Completion Program in Alabama. She holds degrees in educational leadership and management (EdD), communication (PhD), English (MA), and language arts education (BS).

## Topics:

Legalism and Religious Extremism  
Overcoming Obstacles  
Spiritual Abuse  
Women's Ministries  
Women's Topics  
Writing the Personal Narrative


## Formats:

Church Service  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop



# Robert Young

Senior Vice President, Academic Administration

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## Bio:

Robert Young, PhD, spent 31 years at his alma mater, Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) in Maryland. He served as an instructor and eventually was promoted to professor of medical technology. Later, he became the Health and Life Science Division chair and then transitioned to academic administration in the roles of associate vice president and vice president. Young holds degrees in medical laboratory technician (associate), medical technology (bachelor's), and clinical laboratory science (doctorate).

## Topics:

Biblical Foundations  
Worldview


## Formats:

Lecture



# Michelle Younkin

Director of Graduate Admission, Graduate and Professional Studies

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## Bio:

Michelle Younkin was born and raised in north central Pennsylvania. She graduated from Southern with a bachelor's degree in business administration and then completed a Master of Business Administration from La Sierra University in California. Her career has spanned both healthcare and education, providing a unique background to work with Southern's graduate students. Volunteering in her local church is a big part of her life, and those activities include leadership responsibilities, preaching, technology facilitation, and service planning.

## Topics:

Spiritual Themes

## Formats:

Church Service  
Lecture  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Workshop




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# Bel Canto

Genevieve Brown-Kibble, Conductor

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## Group Info:

Bel Canto is a choral ensemble open to all female students with beginning through advanced levels of choral experience. With repertoire selected from a wide spectrum of musical styles and periods, Bel Canto functions independently and also performs with Die Meistersinger as a combined ensemble.


## Formats:

Church Service  
Concerts  
Vespers



# Brass Ensemble

Ken Parsons, Conductor

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## Group Info:

The Brass Ensemble is a select chamber brass group performing standard brass literature for special events.

## Formats:

Church Service

Concerts

Vespers



# Die Meistersinger

Genevieve Brown-Kibble, Conductor



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## Group Info:

Die Meistersinger is an all-male choral ensemble open to students with beginning through advanced levels of choral experience. With repertoire selected from a wide spectrum of musical styles and periods, Die Meistersinger functions independently and also performs with Bel Canto as a combined ensemble.


## Formats:

Church Service  
Concerts  
Vespers



# Engage Worship

Leticia Chaparro, Ministry Coordinator

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## Group Info:

Southern's traveling worship team is composed of students who visit churches to conduct programs for youth—particularly those who are unable to attend a Seventh-day Adventist academy. Through speaking, music, worship, and fellowship, Engage Worship hopes to impress upon young people the importance of following Jesus and the amazing experience that results from a connection to Christ.


## Formats:

Church Service  
Retreat  
Small Groups  
Vespers  
Week of Prayer



# Gym-Masters Acrobatic Team

Craig Johnson, Head Coach

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## Group Info:

The Gym-Masters wow audiences with their sky-scraping pyramids, soaring tosses, and tumbling passes. Performances are made up of short routines using circus acrobatics, gymnastics, and cheerleading stunts.

Each academic year, the Gym-Masters incorporate mission outreach into programming by taking their message of an anti-drug, healthy lifestyle all over the country, hoping to impact the world in a positive way.


## Formats:

Church Service  
Vespers  
Workshop



# I Cantori

Genevieve Brown-Kibble, Conductor

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## Group Info:

I Cantori is a carefully balanced chamber choir composed of students with advanced vocal potential and experience. Repertoire includes a broad stylistic range from diverse musical eras.


## Formats:

Church Service  
Concert  
Vespers



# Jazz Ensemble

Ken Parsons, Conductor

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## Group Info:

The Jazz Ensemble consists of trumpets, saxophones, trombones, and a rhythm section. The ensemble performs pieces from all periods and styles of the jazz tradition.


## Formats:

Concert (secular)



# Symphony Orchestra

Laurie Redmer Cadwallader, Conductor

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## Group Info:

The Symphony Orchestra performs standard orchestral works from the 18th century to current day.

## Formats:

Church Service  
Concert  
Vespers





# Wind Symphony

Ken Parsons, Conductor



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## Group Info:

The Wind Symphony is a concert ensemble of woodwind, brass, and percussion players performing works from a variety of stylistic periods.

## Formats:

Church Service

Concert

Vespers




# ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES



# Adventure Programming

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## Info:


Southern's Outdoor Leadership program offers adventure programs that focus on helping people learn new activities and develop leadership traits. Backpacking, rock climbing, caving, wilderness skills, canoeing, kayaking, and whitewater rafting can be arranged as intentional learning experiences. Additionally, Southern's challenge course provides a place for team-building activities using games, low-course activities, and high-course elements.

Southern's trained facilitators can lead groups through adventure-based activities designed to improve teamwork. Groups may also rent the ropes course for custom programming if they are able to provide their own qualified challenge course facilitators.



# Arboretum

Maintained by Ben Thornton, Director and Biology Professor

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 [southern.edu/arboretum](https://southern.edu/arboretum)

## Info:

Across campus, 1,200 trees and woody plants have been identified and tagged as part of Southern's arboretum. This collection includes 84 species, including 53 that are native to Tennessee.


The best way to view the arboretum is to stroll the half mile down the campus promenade from Hickman Science Center (where the arboretum office is located) to Brock Hall. Be sure to stop along the way at the Garden of Prayer to see memorial trees that were planted to celebrate the lives of people who were instrumental in Southern's past. Another beautiful spot is the small garden between the Hickman Science Center and Thatcher South Hall which features some White Oaks and Eastern Hemlocks.

QR codes on posts can be scanned to learn more about each tree or plant.



# Campus Trails

Maintained by Landscape Services

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 [southern.edu/trails](https://southern.edu/trails)

## Info:

Southern's 1,300-acre campus includes nearly 40 miles of trails on Bauxite Ridge and White Oak Mountain that are open to public walkers, hikers, mountain bikers, and cross-country trail runners. With sections of varying difficulty, the trails are suitable for anything from a lazy meander to a muscle-toning endurance workout.


The pine and hardwood forest through which the trails wind is also a paradise for the nature enthusiast, with wildflowers, birds, a creek habitat, and many other natural features.

Trailheads and printed maps for White Oak Mountain's trails are located in the outdoor kiosks near the Outdoor Education Center and Summerour Hall. The trailhead for Bauxite Ridge is at the end of Sunkist Terrace off College Drive East.



# Classical 90.5 WSMC Radio Station

Robby Raney IV, General Manager

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 wsmc.org

## Info:

Classical 90.5 WSMC-FM provides students, faculty, and community members with on- and off-site recording services, access to its music library, and tours and workshops for visiting groups. The productions team can design and implement large- and small-scale recording projects in our studios or on location. Projects can be designed to include post-production audio editing as well.

On-site studio tours and one-hour workshops and educational sessions can be arranged for visiting school groups.

## Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.


Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(Closed during weekends and holidays)



# Goliath Wall and Amphitheater

Michael Harris, Adventure Programming Director

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## Info:

With more than 200 horizontal feet of 40- to 60-foot climbs, as well as plenty of surrounding bouldering opportunities, the Goliath Wall has been bolted for top rope use and boasts many climbing routes.

The Goliath Wall also serves as a beautiful limestone backdrop for the large natural amphitheater created during its excavation, where people can gather for lawn concerts, bonfires, vespers, and other events.

**All climbers must sign the waiver located in the Goliath Wall kiosk and follow the posted rules.**

There is no charge for recreational climbing. Classes and reserved groups have priority access to the wall; individual climbers are then welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.



# Guest Lodging

Sandy James, Manager



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[southern.edu/lodging](http://southern.edu/lodging)

## Info:

Guest rooms are available in the Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi buildings on the upper south end of campus. Private baths, kitchens, and dining areas complement two-bedroom suites that include free Wi-Fi internet service.


Call or email for details about reservation availability.





# Hulsey Wellness Center

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## Info:

Students, employees, and community members develop and maintain lifelong, healthy habits at Hulsey Wellness Center. The state-of-the-art facility provides trained assistants and a wide variety of activities to suit many physical fitness interests.

Along with a fitness floor, the center offers exercise classes, pools, sauna and steam rooms, racquetball and tennis courts, indoor and outdoor walking tracks, a climbing wall, massage services, and more.


The Human Performance Lab within the facility measures physiological processes and uses data in the results to tailor fitness plans and goals for each individual. Appointments are required.

Wellness seminars for the community are also offered in the center's large classroom, which includes a demonstration kitchen.



# Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum

Michael Hasel, Curator

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## Info:

Housed in Hackman Hall with the School of Religion, the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum contains more than 200 objects from Egypt, Babylonia, Persia, Syria-Palestine, Greece, Cyprus, and Anatolia. Highlights of the exhibit include an ancient Babylonian brick stamped with Nebuchadnezzar's name, a complete series of lamps from the Chalcolithic to the early Arabic periods, a rare Syrian clay model of a chariot, handwritten cuneiform tablets from ancient Ur, and a series of Syrian toggle pins from the Middle Bronze Age. It is the largest teaching collection of ancient Near Eastern ceramics in North America.


## Hours:

Call ahead for hours and availability.



# McKee Library

Deyse Bravo, Director

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 [southern.edu/library](http://southern.edu/library)

## Info:

Since 1970, McKee Library has served the students, staff, and faculty with a place to study and inquire. A wide range of resources are offered, including print and digital books and journals, online databases, and physical and streaming media. Within a Christian context, the library manages the academic knowledge commons and champions the foundation for critical thinking. Some services are available to the public.

## Hours:

Sunday: 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

(Closed during university breaks and holidays)

Check website for summer hours.



# Origins Exhibit

Biology and Allied Health Department



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[southern.edu/faithandscience](http://southern.edu/faithandscience)

## Info:

The museum-quality Origins Exhibit, located in Hickman Science Center as part of the Biology and Allied Health Department, offers an understanding of origins from a creationist worldview. Consider the intricacy of the cell, the relationship between the Geologic Column and the biblical flood, and the significance of beauty in nature.

Enjoy a self-guided tour anytime during open hours, or call to arrange a walk-through for a group. All tours are free of charge.

## Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: Closed


Sunday: 12-5 p.m.

(Closed during college breaks and holidays)



# Southern Auto Care

Emiko Miyagi, Auto Service Manager

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 [southern.edu/autocare](http://southern.edu/autocare)

## Info:

The university's full-service auto repair shop in Ledford Hall is open to the public and services domestic models of Asian and American vehicles, including brakes, batteries, tires, alignments, transmissions, oil change and lube, and more. Quality work provided in a Christian environment helps facilitate learning opportunities for students studying Applied Technology.


## Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1:30-6 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed  
(Closed during college breaks and holidays)



# Student Park Cave

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## Info:

The campus cave is available for groups to tour with qualified leaders.



# Teaching Materials Center

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 [southern.edu/tmc](http://southern.edu/tmc)

## Info:

Southern's Teaching Materials Center (TMC) provides students, faculty, and community members with one of the most comprehensive collections of teaching resources in Southeast Tennessee. The TMC houses more than 15,000 curriculum guides, textbooks, teacher's resources, literature for children and young adults, VHS and DVD videos, CDs, educational games, and activities, as well as many artifacts from around the world. Journals and magazines about teaching are available for reference. Patrons can borrow posters and pictures from the TMC's bulletin board files or cut shapes and letters from a large collection of die cuts. The TMC's work center makes preparing bulletin boards and other teaching materials easy.

## Hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.  
Thursday: 9-10:50 a.m. and 12-8:45 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Sunday: 2-7:30 p.m.  
(Closed during breaks and holidays)



# Transportation Services

Barry Becker, Director



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[southern.edu/transportation](https://southern.edu/transportation)

## Info:


Transportation Services provides transportation options for faculty, staff, and students as well as car, van, bus, and other vehicle rentals, when available, for Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, and organizations.





# Visit Southern's Campus

Christalee Crary, Campus Experience Coordinator

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 [southern.edu/visit](https://southern.edu/visit)

## Info:

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about college life at Southern? The university welcomes potential students and their families to experience our campus for themselves. We know that one size doesn't fit all, so both in-person and virtual Zoom visit options are available.

Each visit experience includes touring campus with a current student, exploring an academic area of interest, and talking with admissions and finance advisers about affording Southern. One-night's lodging and two meals per person are provided for those visiting in person. Call or schedule online to make your appointment TODAY!

## Directions:

### From Interstate 75

- Take the Volkswagen exit (#9). Take a right (if coming from I-75 North) or left (if coming from I-75 South) onto Volkswagen Drive.
- Go straight at the next stoplight as the road becomes Apison Pike.
- Continue on Apison Pike into Collegedale and through the next three traffic lights. Follow the road around the bend.
- Turn right at the four-way stop onto University Drive.
- At the roundabout, turn right onto Taylor Circle. Find parking for visitors in the front lot to the right of Wright Hall.

# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

## **Applied Technology**

Automotive Service, AT  
Automotive Service Management, BT  
Construction Management, AT and BT

## **Biology and Allied Health**

Biology, AS and BA  
Biology, Biomedical, BS  
Biology, Research, BS  
Biology, Teaching Licensure, BA  
Medical Laboratory Science, BS  
Medical Science, BS  
Pre-Dental Hygiene, AS  
Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics, AS  
Pre-Physical Therapy, AS  
Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, AS

## **Business**

Accounting, AS  
Business Administration, AS and BS  
Business Administration, Accounting, BBA  
Business Administration, Cybersecurity, BBA  
Business Administration, Finance, BBA  
Business Administration, Health Services and Senior Living Administration, BBA  
Business Administration, Human Capital Management, BBA  
Business Administration, Marketing, BBA  
Business-Public Relations, BS

## **Chemistry**

Chemistry, AS, BA, and BS  
Chemistry, Biochemistry, BS  
Chemistry, Teaching Licensure, BA

## **Computing**

Computer Science, BA and BS  
Computer Science, Security, BA and BS  
Computer Science, Web Development, BA and BS  
Information Technology, BS  
Information Technology, Security, BS  
Information Technology, Web Development, BS

## **Education and Psychology**

Liberal Arts Education, BA  
Liberal Arts Education, Teaching Licensure, BA  
Psychology, BA  
Psychology, Clinical, BS  
Psychology, Family Systems, BS  
Psychology, Industrial/Organizational, BS  
Psychology, Psychobiology, BS

## **Engineering and Physics**

Biophysics, BS  
Engineering (Computer Engineering), BSE  
Engineering (Electrical Engineering), BSE  
Engineering (Mechanical Engineering), BSE  
Engineering Studies, AS  
Physics, BA and BS  
Physics, Teaching Licensure, BA

## **English**

English, Literature, BA  
English, Professional/Writing, BA  
English, Teaching Licensure, BA  
English, TESOL, BA

## **Health and Kinesiology**

Health Science, BS  
Health and Wellness, BS  
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Teaching Licensure, BS  
Kinesiology, BS  
Outdoor Emergency Services, BS  
Outdoor Leadership, AS and BS  
Vegetarian Culinary Arts, AS

## **History and Political Studies**

History, BA  
History, History/Government Teaching Licensure, BA  
International Development Studies, BA  
Political Science, BA

### **Journalism and Communication**

Communication Studies, BA  
Communication Studies, International  
Communication, BA  
Journalism, BA  
Journalism, Digital Broadcast, BA  
Mass Communication, Advertising, BS  
Mass Communication, Media Production, BS  
Mass Communication, Photography, BS  
Mass Communication, Writing/Editing, BS  
Media Technology, AS  
Public Relations, BS  
Public Relations-Business, BS  
Public Relations and Graphic Design, BS

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics, BA and BS  
Mathematics, Teaching Licensure, BA

### **Modern Languages**

French, BA  
French, Teaching Licensure, BA  
International Studies, French, BA  
International Studies, German, BA  
International Studies, Italian, BA  
International Studies, Spanish, BA  
Spanish, BA  
Spanish, Teaching Licensure, BA

### **Music**

Music, BS  
Music, Music and Worship Emphasis, BS  
Music, Performance, BS  
Music, Theory and Literature, BS  
Music Education, Teaching Licensure, BMus

### **Nursing**

Nursing, AS and BSN  
Nursing, RN-BSN, Campus, Consortium, and Online

### **Physical Therapist Assistant**

Physical Therapist Assistant, AS

### **Religion**

Archaeology, Classical Studies, BA  
Archaeology, Near Eastern Studies, BA  
Biblical Studies, BA  
Missions, BA  
Pastoral Care, BA  
Religion, Bible Instructor, AA  
Religion, Literature Evangelist, AA  
Religious Education, Teaching Licensure, BA  
Religious Studies, BA  
Theology, BA  
Theology, Non Seminary, BA

### **Social Work**

Social Work, AS and BSW

### **Visual Art and Design**

Animation, Character Animation, BFA  
Animation, Effects Animation, BFA  
Animation, Motion Design, BFA  
Art, BA  
Art, Museum Studies, BA  
Film Production, BA and BFA  
Fine Arts, BFA  
Graphic Design, AS, BA, and BFA  
Web and New Media Design, BFA

**NOTE:** The most up-to-date listing of degrees may be found in the university's current *Undergraduate Catalog*. Visit [southern.edu/catalog](http://southern.edu/catalog) to access the online version.

# GRADUATE DEGREES

<b>Business</b>	Master of Business Administration Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Nursing Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Social Work
<b>Computing</b>	Master of Science in Applied Computer Science Master of Science in Computer Science
<b>Counseling</b>	Master of Science in Professional Counseling
<b>Education</b>	Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Science in Education Adventist Teacher Certification
<b>Nursing</b>	Doctor of Nursing Practice Master of Science in Nursing Accelerated Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing Dual Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration Post-Master's Nursing Certificate
<b>Religion</b>	Master of Arts in Religion Master of Ministry
<b>Social Work</b>	Master of Social Work Dual Master of Social Work and Master of Business Administration

**NOTE:** For more information and a full list of graduate degrees, visit [southern.edu/graduatestudies](https://southern.edu/graduatestudies).





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