

Resource Guide 2025

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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- 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 16:1 student-faculty ratio, the university's professors are able to provide solid

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SOUTHERN EMPLOYEE EXPERTS

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Topics:

Bloomberg Terminal Basic Training
Competency-Based Finance Education
Faith-Based Investments
Financial Management
Investment and Portfolio Management

Formats:

Lecture
Small Groups
Workshop



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Topics:

Developing a Christian Worldview
Exploring the Theological Implications of
Artificial Intelligence
Utilizing Artificial Intelligence to Study the Bible

Formats:

Lecture
Small Groups
Workshop



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Topics:

Cooking
Mathematics

Formats:

Lecture
Workshop



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Topics:

Commandments
Doctrines
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:

Developing a Personal Fitness Program
Functional Movement
Small Group Fitness

Formats:

Lecture
Small Groups
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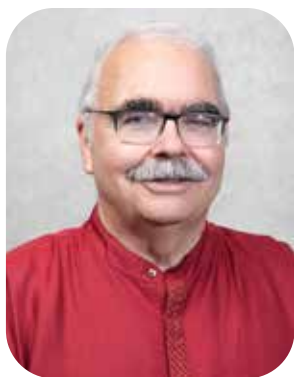
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Topics:

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

Formats:

Lecture
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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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Aaron Corbit, PhD, joined Southern's teaching faculty in 2012. He completed his doctorate at Loma Linda University in California, focusing his research on rattlesnake conservation biology and the epidemiology of venomous snakebites in the southern part of the state. Corbit continues to be active in research, not only on rattlesnakes, but also on the defensive behaviors of spiders and scorpions. Throughout his life, reconciling science and faith has been an important part of Corbit's spiritual journey. He recalls negative attitudes and false information encountered within the church that nearly pushed him into atheism. Sharing his experience can help others see how scientific evidence and critical thinking are integral to a vibrant Christian experience.

Topics:

Integration of Science and Faith
Origins
Snakes
Spiders

Formats:

Church Service
Lecture
Small Groups
Vespers



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Kimberly Crider has bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Andrews University in Michigan. Her career has concentrated in nonprofit administration, federal grant management, fundraising, academic instruction, and international social work. She also has experience in marketing and public relations in the for-profit sector and is recognized for her strategic planning abilities and innovative partnership creation. She enjoys event planning, singing, and supporting her church's communication needs.

Topics:

Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations
Effectively Advertising and Promoting Community
Events on a Shoestring Budget
Event Planning
Grant Writing and Grant Management
Nonprofit Creation and Management
Spanish Interpretation and Translation
Strategic Planning
Vocalist

Formats:

Church Service
Concerts
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Small groups
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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 Through 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:

Communication
Interviewing
Media
Public Relations
Public Speaking
Storytelling
Writing

Formats:

Church Service
Lecture
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Topics:

Cooking
Health

Formats:

Lecture



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Holly Gadd, PhD, arrived at Southern in 2000 after completing a doctoral program in nursing. She holds a master's degree in nursing education (1983) and completed a post-master's Family Nurse Practitioner program in 1996. She began her career in nursing in 1977 and has worked in a variety of medical-surgical, critical care, emergency, and primary care preventive and internal medicine areas. Much of her time is devoted to nursing education and administration, and she remains active in clinical practice, bringing real-world experience into her classroom and professional presentations.

Topics:

Health and Well-Being
Lifestyle Medicine
Nursing Education
Primary NP Care
Urgent/Emergency Care

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:

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Small Groups
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Topics:

Embedded Systems: Building the Electronics That Power Our Lives
Engineering: Solving the World's Problems
Engineering: Think, Design, Serve
Introduction to Robotics with the LEGO Spike Platform
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:

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Workshop



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Topics:

Physics of Light and Waves
Telling a Compelling Story With Your Data
Unleashing Excel's Power: The Path from Raw Data to Decision Support

Formats:

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Small Groups
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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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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:

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Lecture
Retreat
Workshop



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Bio:

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Topics:

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

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Topics:

A Thousand Shall Fall: My Family in World War II
Amazing Discoveries in Bible Lands (Archaeology)
Charismatic Movement and Worship
Creation, Creator, and Origins: Where Did We Come From?
Daniel: Prophecy, History, and Archaeology
From Script to Scripture: The History of the Bible
How to Interpret the Bible
Lost People of the Bible: Finding History's First Heroes

Formats:

Camp Meetings
Church Service
Lecture
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Topics:

Entrepreneurship
Fundraising Fundamentals
Healthcare Operations
Spiritual Life

Formats:

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Topics:

Songwriting Christian Music
Songwriting Technique

Formats:

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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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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, DMin, 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*, *Eerdmans 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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Donald Martin received his master's degree in library and information science from The 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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Bio:

Katie 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, completed his bachelor's degree at Pacific Union College (PUC) in California in 1985 and then went on to Clarkson University in New York to complete a doctorate in chemistry in 1989. He taught at Grand Valley State University in Michigan for a year, at PUC for 10 years, and at Southwestern Adventist University in Texas for seven years. In 2007, Professor Menzmer joined the faculty at Southern and currently teaches Physical Chemistry in addition to seminars and labs.

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; one is an officer in the U.S. Navy, and the other two live and work in the Chattanooga 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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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:

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:

Church
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. Originally from Southern Africa, Parker has been a pastor, campus chaplain, evangelist, counselor, and administrator. He has planted nine churches, conducted numerous evangelistic meetings, and has spoken to audiences around the world. He is director of the graduate program in the School of Religion, as well as director of the Robert H. Pierson Institute of Evangelism and World Missions. He is a founder of the SALT Program and developed the Master of Ministry in biblical counseling at Southern. His passion is helping people apply the gospel to heart issues in a way that transforms lives.

Topics:

Conflict Resolution
Counseling
Evangelism Training
Relationship Seminars
Sexuality and Scripture
Spirituality and Holiness

Formats:

Lecture
Workshop



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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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Bio:

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, then he 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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Bio:

Adrienne Royo, PhD, has resided in Mexico and Spain and taught Spanish for more than 30 years at colleges and universities. Part of Southern's faculty since 2009, she 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 conducts bilingual sermons, presentations, and seminars.

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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Bio:

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 Leadership
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 business management/organizational development from Spring Arbor University in Michigan and a master's degree in cybersecurity from Southern New Hampshire University. 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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Bio:

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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Bio:

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:

Active Brain
Emotional Intelligence
Financial Health
Fitness
Health and Wellness
Nutrition
Values, Decision Making, and Time Management

Formats:

Church Service
Lecture
Vespers
Workshop



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Bio:

Tina Smith, '89 and '23, graduated summa cum laude from Southern twice—first with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a business minor, and later with a Master of Ministry in biblical counseling. After a decade in corporate communications, she joined the university in 2000 as an admissions adviser and then again in 2011 as Marketing's project manager. Her current communication role involves event promotion, writing and editing, and student mentoring. After a long struggle through infertility and early pregnancy loss, she and her husband were blessed with a son and a daughter and, more recently, a daughter-in-law. Smith is devoted to ministering to young couples on the cusp of marriage as well as women in crisis who are seeking wisdom and direction from God's Word.

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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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 (WSU). 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, and she began teaching on campus in 2001. Snyder has three children and enjoys hiking, camping, backpacking, and hosting groups of students.

Topics:

Nutrition

Formats:

Lecture



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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



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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:

A Christian Critique of Artificial Intelligence and Other Technology
Teaching English as a Second Language for Outreach
Teaching English Overseas
Mission Experiences in China, Costa Rica, and Korea

Formats:

Lecture
Vespers
Workshop



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Bio:

Matthew Tolbert, PhD, has extensive experience lecturing, leading workshops, presenting, and facilitating learning opportunities. For more than 19 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:

Academic Research
Game-based Learning
Healthy Human Sexuality
Leadership
Learning Strategies
Mental Health Issues
Religion and Psychology

Formats:

Lecture
Small Groups
Workshop



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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. He 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



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Southern alum Katelynn Webster earned a bachelor's degree in English literature with minors in music and history while serving as a student leader on campus. Throughout her life, she has remained very involved in music as a miscellaneous instrumentalist and soprano vocalist, devoting more than 10 years to classical and operatic training. She has been a part of multiple small groups and ensembles, including the university's own Bel Canto, I Cantori, Southern Ringers, and Steel Band. She is also passionate about literature, specifically poetry and fiction works, and has spent time researching various connections within poetry—including structure, form, and style—in relation to history, art, and music. In her free time, she enjoys reading, planning events, and dabbling in design.

Topics:

Event Planning
Literature
Poetry
Vocalist

Formats:

Concert
Lecture
Small Groups
Vespers
Workshop



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Tron Wilder, PhD, is the director of Southern's undergraduate psychology program and a provisionally licensed psychologist working toward independent licensure. 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. He is well-versed in both psychological evaluations for adults and psychoeducational evaluations for children across various developmental and learning needs.

Topics:

Autism Spectrum Disorder
Classroom Management
Developmental/Psychoeducational Evaluations
Education
Experiential Therapies
Mental Health
Parenting
Psychology and Religion/Adventism
Restorative Practices

Formats:

Lecture
Retreat
Workshop



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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



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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 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



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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



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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



TRAVELING PERFORMANCE GROUPS



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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
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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:

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Die Meistersinger

Laurie Redmer Cadwallader, 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:

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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

Laurie Redmer Cadwallader, 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

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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

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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


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ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES



Adventure Programming

Tyler Hedges, Adventure Programming Director

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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

Info:

Across campus, 1,200 trees and woody plants have been identified and tagged as part of Southern's arboretum. This collection includes 93 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 individuals who were instrumental in Southern's past. Another beautiful spot is the small garden between the Hickman Science Center and Thatcher South, which features some White Oaks and Eastern Hemlocks.

Scan the posted QR codes by trees and plants to learn more about them.



Campus Trails

Maintained by Landscape Services

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 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

Jeremy Francisco, General Manager



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Info:

Under the umbrella of the School of Journalism and Communication, 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 for visiting groups. The production 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 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

Tyler Hedges, 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

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Info:

Visit our website for information 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:

Visit our website for hours and availability.



McKee Library

Deyse Bravo, Director



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Info:

Since 1970, McKee Library has served students, staff, and faculty as 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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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 5 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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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

Tyler Hedges, Adventure Programming Director



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Info:

Once known as the Potato Cave, the cavern on campus provided cool storage for vegetables from Southern's 1970s farm—as many as 50,000 potatoes one year. Legend says that before going on the Trail of Tears, members of the Cherokee tribe hid belongings in this cave that they later returned to retrieve. Today, the site is used for recreational and educational purposes and also available for groups to tour with an approved guide.



Teaching Materials Center

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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, books 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

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.



Village Market and Deli

Jackie Rose, Store Manager



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Info:

Village Market is greater Chattanooga's leading vegetarian and natural foods store. Owned and operated by Southern and located on campus, the market offers a large selection of meat-substitute and gluten-free products as well as vitamins and supplements, plus bulk and vegan alternatives.

The Deli inside the Village Market offers hot breakfast and lunch options every Monday through Friday and brunch on Sundays. A fully stocked salad bar is available on weekdays, and salads for grab-and-go are available in cold cases. Delicious sandwiches and sandwich spreads made fresh daily are also available in cold cases.

Store Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deli Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7-9 a.m. (hot breakfast)

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (salad bar)

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (hot lunch)

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Visit Campus

Marco Swaisgood, Campus Experience Coordinator



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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 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. Inquire about reimbursement for lodging and meals. Schedule online to make your appointment.

Directions:

From Interstate 75

- Take the Volkswagen exit (#9). Take a right (if coming from I-75 South) or left (if coming from I-75 North) onto Volkswagen Drive.
- Go straight at the stoplights as the road becomes Apison Pike.
- Continue on Apison Pike into Collegedale and through the next three traffic lights. At the fourth light, make a sharp right onto Old Apison Pike, and 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.



ACADEMIC DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Applied Technology

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

Biology and Allied Health

Biology, AS and BA
Biology, Biomedical, BS
Biology, Research, BS
Biology, Teaching Licensure, BA
Medical Laboratory 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 and BBA
Business Administration, AS and BS
Business-Strategic Communication/PR, BS
Cybersecurity, BBA
Economics, BBA
Finance, BBA
Human Capital Management, BBA
Marketing, BBA

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, Psychology, and Counseling

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

Engineering and Physics

Biophysics, Pre-Professional, BS
Biophysics, Research, BS
Engineering, Computer, BSE
Engineering, Electrical, BSE
Engineering, Mechanical, BSE
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 and Wellness, BS
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation,
Teaching Licensure, BS
Health Science, 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, Communication Studies, BA
Communication, Writing and Publishing, BA
Digital Communication and Media,
Media Production, BS
Digital Communication and Media,
Photography, BS
Digital Communication and Media,
Social Media, BS
Journalism, BA
Media Technology, AS
Strategic Communication, Advertising, BS
Strategic Communication, PR/Business, BS
Strategic Communication, PR/Graphic Design, BS
Strategic Communication, Public Relations, BS

Mathematics

Mathematics, BA and BS
Mathematics, Teaching Licensure, BA

Modern Languages

International Studies, German, BA
International Studies, Italian, BA
International Studies, Spanish, BA
Spanish, BA

Music

Music, BS
Music, Performance, BS
Music, Theory and Literature, BS
Music, Worship Studies, BS
Music Education, Instrumental,
Teaching Licensure, BMus
Music Education, Keyboard,
Teaching Licensure, BMus
Music Education, Voice,
Teaching Licensure, BMus

Nursing

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

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** to access the online version.

GRADUATE DEGREES

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| Business | 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 |
| Computing | Master of Science in Applied Computer Science Master of Science in Computer Science |
| Counseling | Master of Science in Professional Counseling |
| Education | Doctor of Education Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Science in Education Adventist Teacher Certification |
| Nursing | 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 |
| Religion | Master of Arts in Religion Master of Ministry |
| Social Work | 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.





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