

College of Public Service

Department of Public Administration

Faculty Name	Degree	Granting University	Graduate Faculty Level	Semester of Certification	Semester of Expiration
Beach, Forrest	Ph.D.	Valdosta State University	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Chilton, Kenneth	Ph.D.	University of Louisville	Full Faculty	Spring 2026	Spring 2031
Fulks, Mark	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Kessa, Ruth	Ph.D.	University of Central Florida	Associate Level- 1	Fall 2024	Fall 2027
Kim, Cheong	Ph.D.	University of Southern California	Full Faculty, Initial	Spring 2026	Spring 2031
Lippard, Cliff	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct(T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Lovett, Kenyatta	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Marioni, Robert	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Nicholas-Paez, Angela	Ph.D.	University of Kansas	Full Faculty	Spring 2024	Spring 2029
Rodriguez, Janice	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Russell, Regina	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct(T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Samuels, A Dexter	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct (NT)	Spring 2025	Spring 2028
Sekwat, Alex	Ph.D.	Florida Atlantic University	Full Faculty	Summer 2025	Summer 2030

Spears, Robert Andrew	Ph.D.	Tennessee State University	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Stanley, Rodney	Ph.D.	Mississippi State University	Full Faculty	Spring 2024	Spring 2029
Streams, Megan	Ph.D.	University of Kentucky	Full Faculty	Spring 2024	Spring 2029
Thompson, Steven	Ph.D.	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Adjunct (T)	Spring 2026	Spring 2027
Washington, Fredericka	Ph.D.	University of North Texas	Associate Level 1	Fall 2023	Fall 2028

Department of Social Work and Urban Professions

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Bagley, Wongen	DSW	University of St. Thomas	Full Faculty	Fall 2023	Fall 2028
Blackshear, Jessica	MSW	Western Kentucky University	Adjunct	Summer 2025	Summer 2026
Butler, Delores	MSW	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Full Faculty	Fall 2021	Fall 2026
Dopwell, Donna	Ph.D.	Fordham University	Associate Level 1	Summer 2025	Summer 2028
Ekhtator, Keith	MSW	Western Kentucky University	Adjunct (T)	Summer 2025	Summer 2026
George, Cynthia	Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University	Full Faculty	Spring 2024	Spring 2029
Hobbs, Tonya	MSW	Spalding University	Adjunct (T)	Summer 2025	Summer 2026
Hughes, Shone	Ph.D.	West Chester University	Associate Level 1	Fall 2025	Fall 2028
Jones, Gary	Ph.D.	Howard University	Associate Level 1	Spring 2024	Spring 2027

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Otachi, Janet	Ph.D.	University of Kentucky	Associate Level 1	Fall 2023	Fall 2026
Robinson, Cara	Ph.D.	University of Delaware	Full Faculty	Spring 2022	Spring 2027
Slay, ZaDonna	DSW	University of St. Thomas	Associate Level- 1	Fall 2024	Fall 2027

Membership Categories

1. Full Graduate Faculty

- Definition: Full membership is for newly hired full-time tenure track faculty with more than three (3) years of graduate education experience prior to joining TSU, as well as for tenure track TSU faculty with over three (3) years of graduate education experience. Membership must be renewed every 5 years.

2. Associate Graduate Faculty Level II

- Definition: Associate Membership Level II is for faculty who have previously held Full Membership but no longer meet the criteria for re-certification.

3. Associate Graduate Faculty Level I

- Definition: Associate Membership Level I is for newly hired tenure track faculty holding a terminal degree with fewer than three years of graduate teaching experience, hired into departments with graduate programs.

4. Adjunct Graduate Faculty - Teaching

- Definition: Criteria apply to part-time adjunct or full-time temporary faculty members at TSU. Adjunct status must be renewed annually. Adjunct members may not direct theses or dissertations but may serve as committee members.

5. Adjunct Graduate Faculty - Non-Teaching (External)

- Definition: External Graduate Faculty Membership is for individuals who can support master's or doctoral candidates in completing their research. Status must be renewed every 3 years.

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