



# Academic Convocation

September 1, 2021

# Welcome the 2021 New Faculty

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### **Troy Bender, Dean and Associate Professor, Physician Assistant Studies**

B.S., University of Phoenix, 2000  
M.S.P.A.S., Missouri State University, 2009  
D.M.Sc., University of Lynchburg, 2020

### **William Thompson, Associate Professor, History**

B.A., Linfield University, 2005  
M.Div., Multnomah Biblical Seminary, 2009  
M.A., Portland State University, 2012  
Ph.D., University of California, 2019

### **Matthew Vraa, Dean and Associate Professor, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**

B.A., Carroll University, 2001  
M.P.T., Carroll University, 2002  
M.B.A., Argosy University, 2009  
Ph.D., Nova Southeastern University, 2018

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### **David Troupe, Visiting Assistant Professor, Business**

B.S., University of Washington, 1974  
M.Ed., Western Washington University, 1996  
Ph.D., Walden University, 2010

## COLLEGE OF NURSING

### **Ashley Ott, Visiting Associate Professor, Nursing**

B.S.N., Northwest University, 2005  
M.S.N., Grand Canyon University, 2021

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

### **Brian Humphreys, Visiting Assistant Professor, International Community Development**

B.S., Multnomah University, 2006  
M.A., Northwest University, 2009

### **Elizabeth Irwin, Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology**

B.A., Northwest University, 2001  
M.A., Seattle Pacific University, 2007

### **Esther McCartney, Associate Professor, Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

B.S., North Greenville University, 2012  
M.Ed., William and Mary, 2015  
Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2021

### **Rachel Partsch, Assistant Professor, Research Psychology**

B.A., Northwest University, 2011  
M.A., Northwest University, 2014  
Ed.S., Regent University, 2018

## CREATIO CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY

### **Kate Orr, Assistant Professor, Creatio**

B.F.A., Northwest University, 2018  
M.F.A., University of North Carolina School of the  
Arts, 2021

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Brodin Pavilion

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Processional

Welcome ..... James Heugel, Ph.D.  
Provost

Invocation ..... Clarisse van der Feltz, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor, Biology, Biochemistry

Scripture Reading ..... Michael Boling, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor, Communication

Congregational Hymns ..... Brenda Rasmussen, B.A.  
Instructor, Music

Introduction of New Faculty Members ..... James Heugel, Ph.D.

Dr. Sarah Drivdahl, College of Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Rowlanda Cawthon, College of Business  
Dr. Erin-Joy Bjorge, Buntain College of Nursing  
Dr. Matt Nelson, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Mr. Steve Smith, Creatio Center for Technology

Installation of New Faculty Members. .... Joseph Castleberry, Ed.D.  
President

Holsinger-Hartje Faculty Award for Excellence ..... Cherri Seese, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor, Faculty Council Chair

Convocation Address ..... Joseph Castleberry, Ed.D.

Alma Mater ..... Brenda Rasmussen, B.A.

Benediction ..... Bill Oliverio, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor, Theology

Recessional

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## **AMAZING GRACE**

### **Verse 1**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

### **Verse 2**

Was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
And Grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### **Verse 3**

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
We have already come  
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far  
And Grace will lead us home  
And Grace will lead us home

### **Verse 4**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

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## **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

### **Verse 1**

Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

## **ALMA MATER**

*Lyrics by Northwest University Alumni and  
Faculty, Music by Rev. William Owen*

### **Verse 1**

Let God's light shine from the great Northwest,  
Go tell the Savior's love.  
We carry the call into all the world,  
Bring hope from God above.

### **REFRAIN**

Lord, bless Northwest University,  
Head, heart and hand set free.  
Lord, send us out and  
Lead us on to promised victory!

### **Verse 2**

God's Word approved in the lives of those  
Who've trained at Northwest U,  
The Spirit sought for pow'r and truth,  
To keep our calling true.



**Northwest**  
UNIVERSITY.