

**COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
FACULTY AREAS OF EXPERTISE BY DEPARTMENT**

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Mattingly, Hayden Professor	hmattingly@tntech.edu (931) 372-3698	Ecology and conservation of stream fish and crayfish • Endangered species recovery and management
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Hajdik, David Lecturer	dhajdik@tntech.edu (931) 372-6439	Leadership and conservation • Public lands management • National parks and protected lands • Research strategies for finding academic/scholarly sources
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Frye, Steve Director/Associate Professor	sfrye@tntech.edu (931) 372-6241	Adult learning • Adult higher education • First-generation and non-traditional students • Conceptual frameworks • Learning resistance • Adult religious education
Bull, Brad Lecturer	bbull@tntech.edu (931) 372-6757	Gender issues • Rapport building with students • Religion from developmental perspective
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SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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DEPARTMENT – Communication Department

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