

MEET THE FACULTY



**Department of Education, Chair**  
**[Jan Westrick](#)**

Associate Professor of Education Ed.D.,  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis,  
2002 Telephone: (219) 464-5074 Email:  
[Jan.Westrick@valpo.edu](mailto:Jan.Westrick@valpo.edu)



**Associate Professor of**  
**Education Kurt D. Acton**

Ph.D., University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign, 1983 Email:  
[Kurt.Acton@valpo.edu](mailto:Kurt.Acton@valpo.edu)  
(on sabbatical, Spring 2008)



**Coordinator of Multicultural**  
**Education [Jose Arredondo](#)**

Ed.D. Indiana University, Bloomington,  
1973 Email: [Jose.Arredondo@valpo.edu](mailto:Jose.Arredondo@valpo.edu)



**Professor of Education Allan R.**  
**Brandhorst**

Ph.D. University of  
Missouri-Columbia, 1973 Email:  
[Allan.Brandhorst@valpo.edu](mailto:Allan.Brandhorst@valpo.edu)  
(Director of VU Cambridge Study Abroad  
Program, 2007-2009)



**Assistant Professor of**  
**Education Lydia Brauer**

Ph.D. The Ohio State University, 2006  
Email: [Lydia.Brauer@valpo.edu](mailto:Lydia.Brauer@valpo.edu)



**Associate Professor of  
Education Doris E. Cole**

Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago,  
1997 Email: [Doris.Cole@valpo.edu](mailto:Doris.Cole@valpo.edu)



**Assistant Professor of  
Education Sherry DeMik**

Ph.D., Purdue University, 2006 Email:  
[Sherry.DeMik@valpo.edu](mailto:Sherry.DeMik@valpo.edu)



**Associate Professor of  
Education Maryann Dudzinski**

Ed.D., Northern Illinois University, 1989  
Email: [Maryann.Dudzinski@valpo.edu](mailto:Maryann.Dudzinski@valpo.edu)



**Assistant Professor in  
Education and Biology Delphina  
(Del) Gillispie**

M.S., Eastern Kentucky University, 1975  
Ph.D., Purdue University, West Lafayette,  
May 2008

Email: [Del.Gillispie@valpo.edu](mailto:Del.Gillispie@valpo.edu)



**Assistant Professor of  
Education Christina Grabarek**

Ph.D., Ball State University, 1994 Email:  
[Christina.Grabarek@valpo.edu](mailto:Christina.Grabarek@valpo.edu)



**Assistant Professor of  
Education John Harrison**

M.S.Ed., Indiana University Email:  
[John.Harrison@valpo.edu](mailto:John.Harrison@valpo.edu)



**Instructor in Education Ruth A.  
Johnston**

M.Ed., Valparaiso University, 1996  
Email: [Ruth.Johnston@valpo.edu](mailto:Ruth.Johnston@valpo.edu)



**Associate Professor of  
Education Ann L. Reiser**

Ph.D., Michigan State University, 1978  
Email: [Ann.Reiser@valpo.edu](mailto:Ann.Reiser@valpo.edu)



**Associate Professor of  
Education Perry W. Riffel**

Ed.D., Oklahoma State University, 1990  
Email: [Perry.Riffel@valpo.edu](mailto:Perry.Riffel@valpo.edu)



**Assistant Professor Of  
Education Paul W. Tougaw**

Ph.D., Southern Illinois University  
at Carbondale, 1993 Email:  
[Paul.Tougaw@Valpo.edu](mailto:Paul.Tougaw@Valpo.edu)