



College of Osteopathic Medicine - Faculty Research Interests 2024

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Faculty	Research Interests
Kathleen Becker, PhD <i>Assistant Professor</i> kbecker3@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bone formation and cross-talk between bone, fat, and the nervous system Becker lab: https://www.une.edu/people/kathleen-becker
Ling Cao, M.D., PhD <i>Professor</i> lcao@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neuroimmune mechanisms of chronic pain and HIV-associated neurological disorders Chronic pain related clinical/population studies Cao Lab: https://www.une.edu/people/ling-cao
Stuart N. Damon, DO, MS <i>Associate Clinical Professor</i> sdamon@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the NASA TLX to determine optimal cognitive load in high fidelity simulation among Osteopathic medical students Identifying & confirming properties of counterstrain points using ultrasonography
Russ Ferland, PhD, Professor; Chair, Dept. of Biomedical Sciences rferland2@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetics & mechanisms of epileptogenesis (epilepsy) Primary cilia in developmental disorders FMI: https://www.une.edu/people/russ-ferland
Charilaos (Harry) Filippakis, PhD <i>Assistant Professor</i> cfilippakis@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancer metabolism and mechanisms of aberrant mTOR activation Filippakis lab: https://www.une.edu/people/charilaos-harry-filippakis
Diana Goode, PhD <i>Assistant Professor</i> dgoode@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neuron – CD4+ T cell communication Chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy Goode lab: https://www.une.edu/people/diana-j-goode
Eliza Grlickova-Duzevik, MD, PhD <i>Asst. Clinical Professor</i> egrlickovaduzevik@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bioinformatics Neuroscience Molecular and cellular biology Culinary Medicine FMI: https://www.une.edu/people/eliza-grlickova-duzevik
Marilyn R. Gugliucci, MA, PhD, Professor <i>Dir. of Geriatrics Research</i> mgugliucci@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 Hour Hospice Home Immersion Research Balancing Act Falls Prevention Research Virtual Reality Education Research MMC Gender Institute Student Research Liaison
Benjamin Harrison, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> bharrison2@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neuroplasticity and Genomics Harrison lab: https://www.une.edu/people/benjamin-j-harrison
Selma C. Holden, MD, MPH, MS <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> s Holden1@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy in the General Population MDMA Assisted Psychotherapy for Post Traumatic Stress FMI: https://www.une.edu/people/selma-holden
Karen Houseknecht, PhD, Professor and Associate Provost khouseknecht@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Dr. Houseknecht’s vast research interests: https://www.une.edu/people/karen-l-houseknecht
Tamara King, PhD <i>Professor</i> tking6@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanisms underlying cancer-induced bone pain Mechanisms underlying advanced osteoarthritis induced pain King lab: https://www.une.edu/people/tamara-king
Ian D. Meng, PhD, Prof.; Director of COBRE & Ctr for Excellence in Neuroscience imeng@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry eye disease Trigeminal pain Neuroplasticity and chronic pain Meng lab: https://www.une.edu/people/ian-d-meng
Derek C. Molliver, PhD, Prof.; Director of COBRE dmolliver@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell signaling Mitochondrial dynamics Proteomics in chronic pain Molliver Lab: https://www.une.edu/people/derek-molliver

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Stacey Pierce-Talsma, DO, MS, FNAOME <i>Assoc. Dean, Academic Affairs</i> spiercetalsma@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osteopathic manipulative medicine Innovation in medical education Yoga FMI: https://www.une.edu/people/stacey-l-pierce-talsma-0
Luis Queme, MD, PhD <i>Assistant Professor</i> lqueme@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peripheral Mechanisms of Somatosensation, Musculoskeletal Pain, Stress, Neuroimmune interactions. Queme lab: https://www.une.edu/people/luis-f-queme
Rebecca J. Rowe, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> rrowe@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Education Research
Mark Schuenke, PhD mschuenke@une.edu <i>Professor; Associate Chair, Biomedical Sci. Dept</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomical and biomechanical relationships related to lumbopelvic pain Peripheral nerve entrapment Countermeasures to age-related muscle atrophy and diabetes
Kyle R. Scully, PhD <i>Associate Clinical Professor</i> kscully3@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prehospital emergency medicine and natural products
Douglas Spicer, PhD, MMEdL <i>Professor</i> dspicer@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovations in medical education Active learning pedagogies in medical education Clinical reasoning skills For more information FMI: https://www.une.edu/people/douglas-b-spicer
Joel M. Talsma, MS <i>Assistant Clinical Professor</i> jtalsma@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical approaches in pediatric surgery Neurovascular anatomy of human joints Relationship of fascia and connective tissue in sports related injuries
Kerry L. Tucker, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> ktucker2@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary cilia and pain processing Primary cilia and brain development and function Mouse models of congenital heart defects Tucker Lab: https://www.une.edu/people/kerry-l-tucker
Susan Wehry, MD swehry@une.edu <i>Director, AgingME, Geriatrics, Primary Care</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Pandemic Growth and Recovery Cognitive Changes with Aging Optimal Engagement of People Living with Dementia Age Friendly Communities and Dementia Inclusivity
Frank Willard, PhD <i>Professor</i> fwillard@une.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neurovascular anatomy of the cervical & lumbosacral spine Myofascial & ligamentous support system of the lumbosacral spine & its dysfunction in patients with low backpain

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