A Guide to Speakers and Sources

The UT Martin Guide to Speakers and Sources features the wide range of talent and expertise found among the university’s faculty and staff. News media and other organizations can reference this information for subject-matter experts who can serve as speakers for meetings and events or as resources to answer questions on many topics.

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry contains contact information and topics. This list is searchable by name or keyword.

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- Developing drafts
- Composition
- Rhetoric
- Creative writing

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- Atomic, molecular and optical physics (including biophysics applications)
- Lasers; optics (applied and fundamental problems)
- Physics education research
- Applied physics or history of technology-related topics

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- Humanities
- Importance of humanities studies
- Literature; women writers; Victorian novels
- Women/gender studies
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- Current legal issues
- State and federal law
- Constitutional law
- Energy and natural resources law
- Environmental law

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- Civil rights
- Racial relations
- Civil rights history
- History of the 1960s
- African-American history

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- Government and politics; courts
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- Distance learning
- Dual enrollment

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- Agriculture education
- Youth organizations
- Positive youth development
- Teaching methods
- Leadership education
- History of American agriculture

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- Disability services
- Special education (IEP/504)
- Student transition from high school to college
- Framework for accommodations vs. modifications
- University design
- UT Martin testing opportunities
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• Community corrections
• Correctional training
• Memorializing victims of lynching
• Leadership and management
• Horse rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming in West Tennessee

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• Philosophy
• History of philosophy
• Catholic philosophy and theology

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• Community health nursing
• Health promotion; wellness; disease prevention
• Holistic nursing
• Medical-surgical nursing
• Leadership and management in nursing
• Nursing education
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- Animal science
- Beef cattle production
- Livestock evaluation
- Breastfeeding support and breastmilk donation

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- Technical communications
- Resume writing; career building
- Urban planning
- Declaration of Independence

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- Essay writing
- Songwriting
- Topics in American literature from beginnings to present
- Coordinating community reading programs/book clubs
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- The Silk Road of the 21st century
- The European Union today
- Stalin, Hitler and the Holocaust
- Popular culture in Europe, 19th – 20th centuries
- The Huguenots
- West Tennessee in World War I
- Europe 1945-present
- Poetry and translation
- Memorialization and poetry: The case study of the Holocaust

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- High school athletics
- Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA)
- Refereeing high school sports
- Collegiate athletics
- Coaching
- Recruiting
- Collegiate experience

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- Leadership styles inventory
- Goal setting for your organization
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- Business management
- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Small-business startups

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- Supply chain management
- Operational efficiency
- Health-care management
- Data science
- International business/culture

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- American history; Civil War, military history and related issues
- Latin American and Mexican history; current events and culture
- Military history and issues
- Politics and international relations
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- Leadership and interpersonal communications
- Public-speaking skills
- Self-esteem
- Conflict resolution
- Women’s issues

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- Molecular biology
- DNA technology

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- Evolution
- Physics
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- Achievement motivation
- Exercise psychology
- Motivation
- Sport psychology
- Swimming

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- Business communication
- Professional presence
- Professional attire
- Career paths
- Resume and job interview tips and techniques
- Teaching students writing skills
- Business grammar
- Presentation skills

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- Health issues
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- Adult education; degree completion
- Forensics
- Law enforcement/police: operations, training, policy

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- Parenting
- Successful aging
- Gerontology
- Family caregiving
- Elder mistreatment
- Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- Childhood resilience

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- Team Building
- Veteran and dependent student support
- Military-to-civilian transition support
- Physical fitness programs
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- Chaos applied to financial markets  
- Gifted education  
- Heartbeat; EKG research  
- Elementary particle physics  
- Nonlinear dynamics and chaos  
- Physics education  
- Robotics

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- Specter of the Federal Reserve System  
- Alexander Hamilton, father of the U.S. economy  
- Economics of good and evil  
- Ethics and the U.S. economy  
- Ethics and the U.S. financial system  
- The unique role of philanthropy in the U.S.  
- Banking in the rural U.S.

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- Coaching females  
- Pitching at the collegiate level  
- Fast-pitch pitching  
- Healthy habits and body image
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- Understanding international students in the mainstream classroom
- Enhancing instruction to support international students in the mainstream classroom
- Immigration terminology and status expectations
- What is culture and what kind of feelings/beliefs do we have?
- Engaging international students in rural communities: research and practice

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- Health assessment and care

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- Television production
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- Photojournalism (video and still)
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- Wetlands; land use
- Composting
- Environmental education
- Agroecosystems
- Sustainability
- Resource and energy conservation
- Biotechnology
- Applications of biotechnology

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- Sexually transmitted infections
- Smoking cessation; substance abuse
- Substance dependence
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- Evolution
- Fossils and earth history
- General topics in geology and paleontology
- Geology of Tennessee
- Geoscience education
- Marine geology and oceanography
- Natural disasters
- Global change

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- Algae
- Human impact on freshwater ecosystems

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- Public relations planning
- UT Martin overview and update
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- Option and futures markets
- Market structures, pricing, forecasting and microstructure
- International and Middle East issues

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- Construction project management
- Leadership
- Women's issues
- Teenage/college-age issues
- Marriage and family
- Sign language (not a licensed interpreter)
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- What can music do for children?
- Music and young children
- Piano
- Flute
- Music for the trio of piano, flute and clarinet
- Time management for busy people

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- Being an effective communicator
- Conflict prevention and management
- Diversity training
- Grief issues
- Suicide prevention and awareness; QPR training
- Alcohol and drug topics
- Emotional health and wellness; mental health topics
- Positive living
- Relationships
- Positive parenting
- Decision-making skills
- Test/performance anxiety
- Stress management
- Time management

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- Early Christianity; church history  
- History of Christian/Muslim relations

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- Comparative immigration politics  
- Niche political parties

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- Media and culture  
- Community life  
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- Teamwork
- Employee motivation
- Goal setting
- Customer service
- Business management

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- Motivation; inspiration
- Dress for success
- Career exploration
- Multicultural issues

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- U. S. foreign policy
- U. S. national security policy
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- Programs that contribute to the internationalization of UT Martin
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- Computer/media arts
- 3D printing technology

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- Management
- Leadership
- Small-business management

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- Irish literature and culture (especially James Joyce)
- Film studies
- 19th and 20th Century British literature (emphasis on Modernist and Romantic periods)
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- Singing; opera; vocal music
- Effective/dynamic use of the speaking voice
- Care and maintenance of the voice

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- Resume and cover letter writing
- Personal branding/building a Linked-In profile
- Networking, job search and interview strategies
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- Human resource management
- Organizational effectiveness and environmental sustainability
- Business ethics; power and politics in organizations
- Leadership
- Organizational communication; employee motivation; teams; industrial psychology
- Stress management
- Time management

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- History of Ireland
- American Revolution; Lincoln and the Civil War; Declaration of Independence; United States Constitution; founding fathers; Revolutionary and Civil Wars
- Current politics; politics in Chicago and Boston

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- Experiential learning activities for team building, leadership and communication skills
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- Agriculture policy issues
- Agricultural management and marketing issues
- International agriculture
- Biofuels
- Energy economics
- Teaching technology
- Online education

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- Print and online journalism
- Community journalism
- Mass media and society
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- History and phonetics of the Spanish language
- Mexican history and literature
- Mexican cinema
- General Latin American history and literature
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- Marriage and family relationships  
- Sex education

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- Medical hypnotherapy as a means of alleviating pain

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- Natural resources management  
- Sustainability issues
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- Livestock marketing
- Agricultural commodity markets
- Farm management and marketing
- Agricultural price analysis

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- Nursing education
- Physical examination
- Health topics

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- Radio broadcasting
- College radio – WUTM
- Mass media changes and trends
- Mass media history
- Broadcast news media
- Propaganda efforts; political media campaigns
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- Maps; cartography; geographic information systems
- “Gas-food-&-lodging”

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- Habitat for Humanity
- History of mathematics
- Point-set topology
- Catholicism

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- Breast cancer issues
- Women’s health issues
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- Service-learning implementation
- Lions Quest curriculum training
- Classroom organization and management program
- Social and emotional learning (adults and students)

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- Drone technology
- State parks and national parks
- Forestry
- Natural resources
- Heritage interpretation
- Tennessee Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences

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- Special education
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Applied behavior analysis
- Classroom management
- Social skills
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- National and regional American politics

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- Enhancing self-esteem  
- STEM activities  
- Creating summer camp opportunities  
- Teacher computer training  
- Community computer training  
- Higher-education leadership  
- Teacher efficacy  
- How to apply for grant funds  
- Grant writing for non-profits  
- Motivating leaders through mentoring  
- Servant leadership

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- Public speaking  
- Rhetoric  
- Political communication  
- Conspiracy theories  
- Multicultural communication  
- Debate
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- Small animal medicine
- Marriage enrichment classes
- Motivational or inspirational talks

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- Business management
- Mediation
- Conflict resolution
- Human resources
- Discrimination
- Workplace bullying
- Organizational behavior
- Networking

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- Severe weather
- Winter weather
- Climate
- Weather-related topics
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- Animal husbandry  
- Animal science  
- Veterinary sciences

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- College readiness  
- Leadership

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- Various topics related to birds  
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- World War I – American perspective  
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- Suicide  
- Trauma  
- Sex

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- International Phonetic Alphabets (IPA)  
- Kinesthetic approach to vocal techniques  
- Vocal “yoga,” literature and health